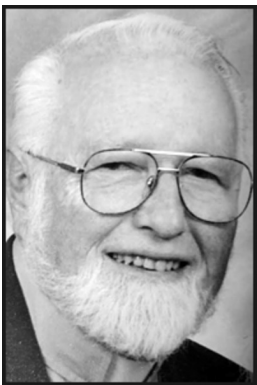


# OBITUARIES



**REVEREND  
RALPH T. DURGIN**

BANGOR - The Reverend Ralph Durgin, beloved husband of Kathleen Durgin, passed away on October 9, 2015, after a long illness. Father Durgin was born on July 4, 1928, in Braintree, MA.

After graduating from high school in 1946, he joined the Coast Guard, attending cook and baker school and then serving for three years as a cook aboard a light ship on Lake Erie.

During his adult life he excelled at a variety of endeavors, including computer programming and systems analysis, before realizing his lifelong ambition to join the priesthood. In December of 1972, he received holy orders from the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City, NY.

In 1974, he received his first appointment as rector of St. James Church in Old Town, ME, and also founded St. Patrick's Mission in Brewer, ME. In 1980 he became parish priest of St. James Church in New Haven, CT, a position he held until 1995. In response to the needs of the New Haven community, Reverend Durgin established a Latino ministry at St. James. Many families new to this country were welcomed to the church and were able to hear sermons in their native language, as Reverend Durgin had mastered Spanish by attending a language-immersion program in Mexico and Spanish classes at Southern Connecticut State University. This ministry greatly enriched his spirituality for the rest of his life.

Ralph and Kathleen shared a life-long love affair with Cape Cod and retired to Eastham, MA, in 1995. During their long retirement there, Father Ralph frequently acted as interim rector at several churches, including The Church of the Good Shepherd in New Bedford, MA, and a mission church in the Turks and Caicos. They also traveled extensively, including trips to Spain and Ireland. They moved to Winterberry Heights in Bangor, ME, in 2012.

The Reverend Durgin was a man of wide interests and sympathies. He was a skilled swimmer and loved to sail his sunfish on Cape Cod Bay; a handyman; enjoyed the study of languages, including Greek as well as Spanish; loved to cook; and with his wife frequently attended the opera.

Father Ralph is survived by his wife and love of his life, Kathleen; by his children, Mary Merly of Milford, CT, Geraldine Stinson of Orrington, ME, Christine Durgin of Augusta, ME, and David Durgin of Bloomfield, CT; and by six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are invited to call 6-8 pm, Friday, October 16, 2015 at the Brewer Chapel of Brookings-Smith, 55 South Main St., Brewer, ME. Funeral services will be held 1 pm, Saturday, October 17, 2015, at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 21 Holyoke St. Brewer. Interment for family and friends will be at Evergreen Cemetery in Eastham, MA at a later date. Condolences to the family may be expressed at [www.BrookingsSmith.com](http://www.BrookingsSmith.com).

**HILDA FAYLENE  
(POOLER) WOODARD**

STILLWATER AND MOSCOW - A graveside service will be conducted 12 Noon, Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at the Union Cemetery in Moscow.



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**TERRENCE "TERRY"  
RICHARD LYONS**

VEAZIE AND MILLINOCKET - Terrence "Terry" R. Lyons, 73, put up a long and courageous battle with cancer and passed away at home with his wife at his side on October 9, 2015. He was born October 28, 1941, in Millinocket, the son of the late William R. and Shirley (McGrath) Lyons.

Terry was educated in the Millinocket Schools. He was an active member of Local Union #152 East Millinocket. Terry was a member of the East Branch Snowmobilers for many years, and a life-long member of Elks Lodge #1521 of Millinocket. He retired from Bowater, East Millinocket Mill, in 1999 after 40 years of service. He relocated with his wife Mary and moved to Veazie in 2002. Terry was an avid Patriots fan. He was known far and wide for his famous Italian spaghetti sauce that everyone loved. Terry loved gardening and going camping in his fifth wheel and listening to music.

Terry leaves behind his wife of 31 years of marriage and best friend, Mary (Thompson) Lyons of Veazie; a daughter, Debra Kelley of South Carolina; a son, Greg Lyons of East Millinocket; step children, Don Scott and wife Cindi, Michael Scott, Deborah Thompson and husband David, all of Bangor; grandchildren, Angela Smith, Bryan Lyons, Matt Lyons, Christopher Scott, Sam Scott, Anthony Landry, a very special grandson he helped raise, Nicholas Scott, he called his pip squeak buddy; three great-grandchildren; sisters Lynda Tomassi of CT, Ruth Becotte and husband Paul of Lisbon, CT; special uncles, Joe Lyons of Millinocket and James Lyons of Bangor; several nieces and nephews as well as many cousins. He was predeceased by two brothers, Ronnie and David Lyons. The family would like to give a special thanks to Don and Cindi Scott for all they did during Terry's illness, as well as a special thanks to Dr. David Koffman of St. Joseph Health Care, also Karin, Pat, and Felicia, as well as Jan, and all the crew of New Hope Hospice; and David and Deborah Thompson.

Friends may call from Noon to 1 PM, Wednesday, October 14, at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center Street, Bangor, where funeral services will be held at 1 PM, with Rev. Jan Matter, Chaplain of New Hope Hospice, presiding. Interment will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Bangor, following the service. In lieu of flowers gifts in his memory may be made to New Hope Hospice, P.O. Box 70, Eddington, ME 04428. Condolences to the family may be expressed at [www.BrookingsSmith.com](http://www.BrookingsSmith.com).



**BERTHA "MICKEY"  
GRAFFAM**

BANGOR - The family of Mickey Graffam who passed away September 18, 2015 invites relatives and friends to share in conversation and refreshments, 5-7 pm, Thursday, October 15, 2015 at the Family Reception Center of Brookings-Smith, 163 Center Street, Bangor.



**CLAYTON M. HARDY**

ORRINGTON - Clayton M. Hardy died peacefully surrounded by loving family and friends on Wednesday, October 7, 2015.

The factual side of his life is that he was born to Frank and Lillian Hardy on June 3, 1931 in Concord, Massachusetts. He grew up in Orrington, ME. He was a member of the Air National Guard and was deployed to the Philippines during the Korean War. He attended the University of Maine and graduated from there with a degree in wildlife biology and worked for the US Fish and Wildlife Service from 1958 to 1989. On June 7, 1958 he married Charlene Sprague, who he met when they were both working at the Seaside Inn in Seal Harbor. A year later their son, Frank Hardy was born and 2 years after that their daughter, Ellen Hardy. His job moved him and his family from Maine to New Jersey to Delaware to New York to Alaska and then after retirement back to Maine. He was a volunteer driver for Togus for many years following his retirement. He was a member of the Kiwanis, The Odd Fellows and the Grange. In 2005 he and his wife sold their house and bought a 5th wheel and RV-Ed all over the USA spending summers with their family at their camp in Island Falls, Maine and winters in Mission, Texas.

Those are the facts - here is the man. Clayton was a good, intelligent, gregarious person with an excellent sense of humor (he really enjoyed a good pun.) He loved his wife, Charlene, more than anything on earth and she loves him. He was a kind and fair father who loved and taught his son and daughter well (mostly by setting a wonderful example of what it meant to be a good human being) and his son and daughter love him so very much. He was a wonderful brother who enjoyed spending time with his sisters, Thelma Brunner and Kathleen Nutter and his nephews and nieces Mark Nutter, Kerin Clevidence, Eric Nutter, Holly Overmyer and April Burris, Lisa Radcliff and Lori Sweeney, their spouses and their children. He loved his son-in-law, Peter Morse, and adored his 2 grandsons,

Devin Morse and Morgan Morse and was immensely proud of them. He was a great big brother-in-law to his wife's sisters Susan Everett and Mary Ann Edwards and was a steadfast comfort to Charlene when her sisters passed away. He had the ability to make and keep friends of all ages that was unsurpassed. He was an artist, photographer, woodworker, boat builder (the True Blue canoe), instrument builder, putterer, tinkerer and amazing knot tie-er (ah, the double-running half tangle...) His memory was amazing and he could recite many stories and poems by heart entertaining his children and various nieces and nephews every summer with his rendition of "Gerald McBoing Boing". He loved the great outdoors, camping, and fishing. He was an avid birder and had a life list of over 600 birds. He enjoyed doing crossword puzzles and figuring out conundrums. He always seemed to be able to come up with a solution to every problem (like starting a fire using a VW hub cap, a wad of toilet paper, Coleman fuel and jumper cables...). He loved music and some of his favorite times were when the family sat around and sang and played together. The sound of him playing "Hard Times Come Again No More" on the hammered dulcimer that he made will always linger at camp. His tag line on every Facebook post he made was LIG...Life is Good.

A Celebration of Clayton's life in Songs and Poetry will be held 11a.m. Saturday, October 17, 2015 at East Orrington Congregational Church, 38 Johnson Mill Road, Orrington.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Fields Pond Audubon Center, 216 Fields Pond Road, Holden, ME 04429.

The family would like to thank the nursing staff, other hospital staff and the doctors at EMMC for their kindness and comfort to Clayton and to his family during his last 3 weeks of life and to Jerry Smith, his wife Judy, and to Heather McLeod for all their help and support during this most difficult time. Condolences to the family may be expressed at [www.BrookingsSmith.com](http://www.BrookingsSmith.com) - LIG



**CHARITY LOUISE  
CAMPBELL**

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA - Charity Louise Campbell, 89, died October 9, 2015 after a brief illness. She was born to Everett Messer and Lillian Tinkham Messer in Passadumkeag, ME on August 17, 1926.

She was predeceased by her husband of 67 years, Robert L. Campbell, and their son, Mark E. Campbell.

She leaves behind her sister, Maxine Quackenbush (Jack), and brother, Samuel Messer (Kathy), of Rochester, NY; her sons, Michael (Rose) of Virginia Beach, and Matthew (Shelley) of San Antonio, TX; twelve grandchildren: Jason (Danielle), Jennifer, Tracy, Charity, Mark Joseph, Francis, Brian, Maeve, Evan, Elizabeth (Jesse), Robert, and Sandra; and eleven great-grandchildren.

Charity lived a full and productive life, devoting herself to her family and community. She ensured that a home was maintained throughout a number of military postings that Robert was assigned throughout his career in the United States Air Force. Charity was ac-

tively involved in numerous school functions and organizations throughout the boys' school years. She was an active member of the Norfolk Valley of Scottish Rite Ladies and a past member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 pm on Thursday, October 15th at the chapel of H. D. Oliver Funeral Apartments, 2002 Laskin Road, Virginia Beach. A visitation will be held at the funeral home on Wednesday, October 14th from 6:00-8:00 pm as well as one hour prior to Thursday's service.

The family wishes to give great thanks to Shirley from Jewish Family Services, Monica from Heartland Home Health, and the staff of Ward 3 East at Virginia Beach General Hospital. A very special Thank You to Kelly and James.

Donations in Charity's honor may be made to Norfolk Valley of Scottish Rites or The Masonic Home of Virginia. Online condolences may be made to the family at [hdliver.com](http://hdliver.com).



**LEON L. ST. LOUIS**

SEBRING, FLA. - Leon L. St. Louis, age 90, passed away on September 24, 2015 at Highlands Regional Hospital in Sebring, Florida. He was born on April 15, 1925 in Milford, son of Leo and Gladys (Bouchard) St. Louis and was the fifth of thirteen children. He grew up in Carmel and after graduating from Carmel High School in 1943, served in the U.S. Navy and was a Sea Bee in WWII.

He began working at Webber Oil Co. in Bangor in 1946, starting out in construction and working his way up to Maintenance Supervisor and then Projects Manager. He built over 15 service stations throughout central Maine and oversaw the renovations and maintenance of all of the company's facilities. He retired in 1990.

Leon married Rita Thibodeau of Old Town in 1948. Skilled in carpentry, he built a home in Carmel, where he and his wife raised four children. He was known around town as a Jack-of-all-trades and was often called upon for help. He enjoyed piloting his small-engine airplane, hunting, fishing, playing cards, and spending time at the camp he built in Bingham. He loved having family singalongs and sharing jokes, and he spent many hours on woodworking projects in his workshop. He and his wife moved to Florida in 2012 to live near two of their children.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 67 years, Rita (Thibodeau) St. Louis of Sebring, FL.; three daughters, Victoria Reger and her husband Michael of Monroe, GA, Sandra St. Louis of Buffalo, NY, and Cynthia Klein and her husband Jeffrey of Avon Park, FL; one son, James St. Louis and his partner Betty Small of Orange City, FL; four grandchildren, Bridgette and Michael Reger, Matthew Reger and his wife Jamie, Joshua Fox and his wife Barbara; five great-grandchildren, Ryan, Gabrielle and Patrick Holmes, Joseph Reger, and Andrew Fox; one sister, Jeanette Sylvester and her husband Roger of Carmel; one brother, Richard St. Louis and his wife Donna of Brewer; and many nieces and nephews.

He was pre-deceased by his parents; three brothers, Donald, Harold, and Eugene St. Louis; and seven sisters, Hazel Jarvis, Helen Bonder, Dorothy Overcash, Alice Pitman, Virginia Tracy, Evelyn Dunton, and Phyllis Smith.

A private memorial service will be held in November in Sebring, FL. Interment will be at Highland Cemetery in Carmel at a date yet to be determined.



**MICHAEL TERRY "LUCKY"  
LACHANCE**

SAN ANTONIO, TX - Retired Major Michael "Lucky" Terry LaChance, died at the age of 71 on Sunday, October 4th 2015 in San Antonio, Texas.

Lucky joined the Army as a private at the young age of seventeen in 1961; commissioned as an infantry aviator in 1967; served two tours of duty in Vietnam with his last being in C Troop, 1/9 Cavalry, 1st Cav Division; retired as a Latin American foreign area officer 1987; and in retirement, he served as a city manager for several cities in Maine and Michigan.

He leaves behind Ava, his beloved wife of 53 years, Michael and Mark, his two veteran sons and their families which includes two grandsons Tyler, a veteran himself, Rhys, two lovely granddaughters Courtney and Ashley, and a great grandbaby he had not yet met.

His celebration of life with military honors will take place at Fort Sam Houston Chapel on Saturday Oct 10th 2015. Lucky wrote the following epitaph which will be read at his life celebration.

"War is stupidity wrapped in the guise of national interest, patriotism, fear, greed and self interest. Its only benefactors are those who never really participate except as voyeurs. These voyeurs are quick to send the youth to wage their battles while they reap the profits.

Soldiers are needed now, and forever; as man and his governments will never learn there is no real honor in death by battle, only premature loss of a young man's life to further the interests of persons or ideas that will not alter God's plan for men.

I ask forgiveness of those men I killed in battle. They, like me, wanted no more from life than to live and survive the indignity of being asked to kill or be killed. I was a winner, they losers. I now go to them and must beg their indulgence in permitting me into their house. For the pain and suffering I brought upon them and their families was not their choosing but an uncaring government and my desire to live.

I was a soldier by choice, to all the soldiers of the world, I salute you and I am proud to join all who have died before me, especially those who died through acts of man's own stupidity. As you listen to the saddest song in the world played, I ask you remember; Nobody hates war more than a soldier, remember them and I go in peace."

Lucky was a great husband, father, grandfather, friend, warrior and patriot. He will be sorely missed.



**KATHY H. EDGECOMB**

LIMESTONE - Kathy H. Edgecomb, passed away on Friday, October 9, 2015 with her family by her side at EMMC where she lost her battle with cancer. She was born in Presque Isle, the daughter of Richard and Janet (Welch) Edgecomb.

Kathy graduated from Limestone High School, class of '96. After graduation she attended the Loring Job Corps as the first girl on campus. She was there for two years studying to be a receptionist. Kathy loved working on the farm, every chance she could, to ride in the truck with her father. She loved to spend time on the four-wheeler, camping, and playing Texas Holdem. Kathy was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post

#15 for 20 years. She worked at the Maine Veteran's Home in Caribou for 8 years, then to the Central Aroostook Association for 3 years.

Kathy is survived by her father, Richard A. Edgecomb, her sister Andrea Gorneault and her husband Scott Gorneault, and Kathy's former husband, Freeman Theriault. She will also be missed by a special friend, Sharon G. McLaughlin and her daughter Gabby.

Friends and family may call on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 from 12-1pm at Lancaster Morgan Funeral Home, where a memorial service will be held at 1pm. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at [www.lancastermorgan.com](http://www.lancastermorgan.com)