

OBITUARIES



LINDA L. BEIDELMAN

CARIBOU - Linda Dorman Beidelman, 68, passed away October 17, 2015 at Bangor as the result of an automobile accident. She was born in Caribou, September 26, 1947 the daughter of the late Glen and Louise (Nadeau) Dorman.

Linda was a graduate of Van Buren High School and she married Charles Beidelman. Prior to her retirement, she was employed as a case-worker for the Maine Department of Health and Human Services in Caribou.

Surviving in addition to her husband, Chuck of Caribou are her son and daughter in law, Gregory and Andrea Beidelman of Caribou, one brother Galen Dorman and wife Patricia of Caribou, two sisters, Shirley Kramarz and husband Walter of Connecticut and Marlene McBreairey of Caribou. Her two grandchildren whom Linda was especially proud of and adored, Seth and Luke Beidelman. Many nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at the Mockler Funeral Home 24 Reservoir Street Caribou 6-8 pm Wednesday. Funeral services will be held 11:00 am Thursday October 22, 2015 from the Chapel of the Mockler Funeral Home with the Rev. Jean-Paul Labrie, officiating. Interment will be in the Evergreen Cemetery. www.mocklerfuneralhome.com

MARYJANE MCNAMARA

CHICAGO, IL AND MILLINOCKET - Maryjane McLean McNamara, "MJ" 84, formerly of Millinocket, died peacefully on September 30, 2015.

Born in Millinocket May 1, 1932, she was the daughter of Mary Elizabeth Weatherbee and Angus Bain McLean. She was a long time resident of Shelton, CT and retired in Cape Coral Florida prior to moving to Chicago. Maryjane graduated from Stearns High School in 1948 and attended Mary Washington College and graduated from the University of Maine in 1952. Beloved wife of the late John McNamara (1998) who she married in 1953 in Lincoln, Maine. Maryjane taught elementary school in Maine and Connecticut before retiring in 1983.

She is survived by her daughter Bette McNamara and son-in-law Sumner Cohen of Chicago, IL; son, John McNamara and daughter-in-law Michelle of Beaver Bank, Nova Scotia; granddaughters Heather McNamara of Albany, Oregon and Rachael Cohen of Chicago IL; grandsons Luke, Victor and Arthur McNamara of Nova Scotia and great grandchildren Brayden and Alyson of Oregon; sister in law Sylvia Ann McNamara of Millinocket and nieces Nancy Moscone and Gail Fanjoy.

A graveside service will be held 10 AM Saturday, October 24, 2015 at the Millinocket Cemetery. Arrangements are by Lamson Funeral Home, Millinocket. Messages of condolence may be expressed at www.lamsonfh.com.



JESSIE E. (PORTER) BRANN-HERING

PALMYRA AND NEWPORT - Jessie Brann-Hering, 96, died October 17, 2015 at a Bangor hospital. She was born September 14, 1919, a daughter of Raymond and Lilla (Myrick) Porter.

She graduated from Pat-ten High School. She was the oldest living person in Palmyra and was the holder of the Boston Post Cane.

She is survived by a son Ronald Sweet, Sr. of Newport, Randy and wife Robin Sweet of Grindstone; a daughter, Constance Arsenault and husband Wayne of Clinton, CT; a sister, Beatrice and husband James Fraser of Millinocket; many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren. Jessie was predeceased by her husbands Joe Brann and Frank Hering; and her great grandsons, Logan and Joseph Sweet.

A memorial service will be held at 2 P.M. Thursday, October 22nd, at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 1213 Dexter Road, Dover-Foxcroft. Arrangements are by Crosby & Neal, Newport. Those who wish may leave written condolences at www.CrosbyNeal.com

ELSIE F. KALER

CAMDEN & SAN DIEGO, CA - Elsie F. Kaler, 74, passed away on Monday, October 12, 2015.

Elsie was born in Newburgh, August 5, 1941, the daughter of Edgar and Flora Ames. She married Sidney Kaler on May 2, 1998, and lived for many years in Camden, where she worked as a caregiver. She also lived in Pittsfield, where she raised her two sons, Rick and Nick, with her former husband, Richard Wells. In April 2014, she moved to San Diego, California with her oldest son, Rick, and his family.

Elsie was a member of the Harmony Bible Church in South Thomaston, where she played the accordion. She loved music and animals, and enjoyed following national politics. She was known as a very kind and generous woman who greatly valued family and friendship.

Elsie was predeceased by her husband, Sidney Kaler; youngest son, Nick Wells; and brother, Harold Ames.

Elsie is survived by her oldest son, Rick Wells; daughter in law, Veronica Juarez-Wells; grandson, Ricky Wells; former husband, Richard Wells and wife Natalie Cressy-Wells; three sister in laws and their extended family; and many cherished cousins and friends.

A memorial service will be held at the Harmony Bible Church in South Thomaston on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at 1:00 pm. A graveside service at the Pilgrims Home Cemetery in Winterport will be held on Monday, October 26, 2015 at 11:00 am.

Arrangements by Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 299 Union St., Bangor.

Death Notices

BARKER, Barbara C., Farmingdale, October 19, 2015.

BEIDELMAN, Linda L., 68, Caribou; at Bangor, October 17, 2015. Service 11 a.m., Thursday, October 22, 2015 from the Chapel of the Mockler Funeral Home, 24 Reservoir St., Caribou.

BRANN-HERING, Jessie E. (Porter), 96, Palmyra and Newport; at Bangor, October 17, 2015. Service 2 p.m., Thursday, October 22, 2015 at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 1213 Dexter Rd., Dover-Foxcroft. Crosby & Neal, Newport.

KALER, Elsie F., 74, Camden and San Diego, CA, October 12, 2015. Service 1 p.m., Saturday, October 24, 2015 at Harmony Bible Church, South Thomaston. Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 299 Union St., Bangor.

MCNAMARA, Maryjane, 84, Chicago, IL and Millinocket, September 30, 2015. Service 10 a.m., Saturday, October 24, 2015 at the Millinocket Cemetery. Lamson Funeral Home, Millinocket.

OAKES JR., Carlton "Chuck" C., 55, Howland, October 16, 2015. Service 12:45 p.m., Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at Christ the Divine Mercy Parish, St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church, 19 Colby St., Millinocket. Lamson Funeral Home, Millinocket.

STAPLES, Hazel, 98, Presque Isle; at Presque Isle, October 18, 2015. Service 3 p.m., Thursday, October 22, 2015 at Duncan-Graves Funeral Home, 30 Church St., Presque Isle.

STROUT SR., Donald Albert, 78, Corinth, October 17, 2015. Service 11 a.m., Thursday, October 22, 2015 at Bangor Baptist Church, 1476 Broadway, Bangor. Brookings-Smith.

TARDIF, Armand J., 77, Madawaska; at Van Buren, October 17, 2015. Service 10 a.m., Thursday, October 22, 2015 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Madawaska. Lajoie Funeral Home, Madawaska.

VENEZIANO, Bridget Maureen, Hampden, October 19, 2015. Hampden-Gilpatrick Chapel of Brookings-Smith.



ARMAND J. TARDIF

MADAWASKA - Armand J. Tardif, 77, died peacefully Saturday, October 17, 2015, at a Van Buren healthcare facility. He was born November 11, 1937, a son of the late Thomas and Anna (Gagnon) Tardif.

Armand owned and operated Tardif Electric in Madawaska for approximately 50 years, helping many area residents with their electrical needs. Previously, he worked as an electrician for several years with the Fraser Mills. He was a lifetime member of the Knights of the Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree Assembly, and the American Legion, and volunteered his talents with Mizpah and Madawaska's Four Corners Park. In his limited spare time, Armand could be found doing woodwork in his workshop.

He is survived by: his wife of 25 years, Marie (Lizotte) Tardif of Madawaska; two children, Janice Gray and her husband Bill of Baltimore, MD & Jean Waltz of Madawaska; four step children, Jay Pittman and his wife Gwendolyn "Dean" of Vidalia, GA, Rita Branan and her husband Larry of Senoia, GA, Stan Pittman of Natches, MS, Tammy LaBonty and her husband Andrew of Cape Elizabeth; three siblings, Lucille Paradis of Frenchville, Ester Gill and her husband Jim of Millinocket, Rita Long and her husband Bill of Chillicothe, OH; six grandsons, Matthew, Keith, Connor, Cody, Jacob Ryan & Nicholas; four great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, Armand is predeceased by his first wife, Florence Parent, four siblings, Yvette Tardif, Pricille Paradis, Mary Anne Lowney, and Edgar Tardif.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 AM on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Madawaska. Relatives and friends may greet the family Wednesday evening, 6-8:00 PM and Thursday morning 8:30-9:30 AM at Lajoie Funeral Home, 114-10th Ave., Madawaska. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family at Maine Veterans Cemetery, Caribou. In lieu of flowers, donations in Armand's name may be made to: The Edgar J. (Guy) Paradis Cancer Fund, Northern Maine Medical Center, 194 East Main Street, Fort Kent, ME 04743 To share condolences online, please visit www.LajoieFuneralHome.com



HAZEL STAPLES

PRESQUE ISLE - Hazel Staples, 98, passed away October 18, 2015, at the Presque Isle Nursing and Rehab Center. She was born, September 1, 1917, in Perham, Maine, the daughter of Frank and Mae (Nesbitt) Conley.

She married Philip A. Staples, December 31, 1939 and became a loving and proud homemaker and farmer's wife.

She was a life member of the Grant Memorial United Methodist Church and was very active in United Methodist Women. She was a Sunday school teacher and a 4-H Leader. She enjoyed baking, feeding anyone that came to their home, gardening, knitting and playing bridge. But she was happiest when she was with Family.

She is survived by her two sons, David and Linda Staples, of Palm Harbor, FL, and Gregory and Connie Staples, of Presque Isle; her granddaughter, Jennifer and Heath Pierce, of Saco, her Grandsons: Shannon and Bethany Staples, Philip and Amy Staples of Presque Isle and Todd and Jessica Staples, of Lincoln, MA; her thirteen Special Great-Grand Children: Blake, Brynn, Cole, Alec, Adrian, Lily, Jonathan, Isaac, Elijah, Martin & Maya Staples, Camden York, Brady Pierce; one special sister, Kay and Harold Adams and one special brother and sister-in-law, Philip and Janice Conley; sister-in-laws: Marion and Lorraine Conley, Iona, Janet and Joan Staples and brother-in-law: Dana Nickerson and many special Nieces and Nephews.

She was predeceased by three sisters: Helen Wineski, Hilma Nickerson, Dorothy Edens; six brothers: Milford, Elwood, Linwood, Delbert, Donald and Gifford Conley.

Family and Friends may call, 2pm, Thursday, October 22, 2015, at Duncan-Graves Funeral Home, 30 Church Street, Presque Isle, where funeral services will be held at 3 pm with Rev. Christopher Dare, officiating. Interment will follow the service at Fairmount Cemetery, Presque Isle and a reception will follow at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Hazel's memory to Grant Memorial United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 992, Presque Isle, ME 04769 and Souls Harbor Ministries, Souls Harbor, PO Box 275, Corinth, ME 04427. Online condolences may be expressed at www.duncan-graves.com.



CARLTON "CHUCK" C. OAKES JR.

HOWLAND - Carlton "Chuck" C. Oakes, Jr., 55, passed away October 16, 2015. He was born May 12, 1960, in route to the Lincoln hospital inside Dr. Morey's car. He is the son of Carlton C. Oakes, Sr. and Marilyn R. (Tapley) Oakes-Vose.

Chuck grew up in Millinocket and was raised by his aunt and uncle Zelma & Gerry Ayotte and later, his aunt Rowena Voisine. He graduated from Stearns High in 1979. He married Gayleen Davis in 1981 and had two children, Jerry Lowell Oakes and Danielle Lynn Oakes. He worked for Bangor Hydro starting in 1978 and finished with Emera after working with them for 36 years. He ended as a lead foreman of the Northern Division and belonged to the Quarter Century Club.

Chuck enjoyed working on home projects, like building a fireplace from the rocks his children picked. He took his home from being a small camp to a beautiful home over the years. He was hard-working and dependable. He loved his family and was a very honest man who was proud of his accomplishments.

He is survived by his children, Jerry Oakes and wife Kelsy of Bangor, and Danielle Oakes of Howland; grandchildren Kyler and Kayden; mother of his children, Gayleen Cummings of Howland; fiancée Charlotte Harper of Howland and her two children, Alysha Braley and husband Steven of VA and Marchel Tyler of Howland; siblings, Carla Carter and husband Fred of Dublin, GA, Karyn Oakes- Keeper of Hollis, NH and Matthew Oakes of Old Town; mother Marilyn (Tapley) Oakes- Vose of Reedley, CA; special friend, Mama June Pineau of Millinocket; special cousin Zemmie Saucier of Millinocket; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Chuck is predeceased by his father, Carlton; his aunt and uncle, Zelma And Gerry Ayotte, aunt Rowena Voisine; and stepfather, Don Vose.

Friends are invited to visit with the family 11am-12:45pm, Wednesday, October 21 at Lamson Funeral Home, 11 Tamarack St., Millinocket. Funeral services will immediately follow at Christ the Divine Mercy Parish, St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church, 19 Colby Street, Millinocket. The family asks that gifts in Chuck's memory be sent to the Katahdin Area Support Group, PO Box 374, Millinocket, ME 04462 or the Shriner's International, 1404 Broadway, Bangor, ME 04401.

Messages of condolence may be expressed at www.lamsonfh.com.



BARBARA C. BARKER FEB. 3, 1934 - OCT. 19, 2015

FARMINGDALE - Barbara passed away peacefully at Heritage Rehab and Living Center on October 19, 2015.

Barbara was born in Bangor, Maine, on Feb. 3, 1934 to Dorothy Simpson Colpitts and Harold David Colpitts. Barbara's father passed away when she was seven years old. Barbara's mother remarried and relocated to Houlton, where Barbara met the love of her life, Elwood (Bud) Barker. Elwood and Barbara were married on April 18, 1952 and remained devoted to each other for 63 years.

Barbara was a very talented musician. She had a beautiful singing voice, played the piano and guitar, taught classical guitar, and was an interim Choir Director in her church. Barbara remained at home to raise her children, but following that, she became involved in the medical field, working first as an EKG technician, and later as an Office Manager and Assistant Materiel Manager for different medical facilities.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Elwood; children, David and wife, Laurel; Deborah and husband, Michael Wing; Dorothy and husband, Jeff Cooper; Douglas and wife, Monique; and Diane and husband, Tom Acousti. She is also survived by siblings, Richard Colpitts and wife, Mildred; Pamela Perry and husband, Alden; and brother, Fred Buell and wife, Donna.

Barbara was completely devoted to her family and loved spending time with her five children, 14 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Donations in memory of Barbara may be sent to the Lewy Body Dementia Association at: www.lbda.org/go/donate

DONALD ALBERT STROUT SR.

CORINTH - Donald Strout, 78, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, October 17, 2015 and went home to be with the Lord.

Relatives and friends are invited to call from 1 - 3 pm and 5 - 8 pm Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor. Funeral Services will be held 11am Thursday, October 22, 2015 at Bangor Baptist Church, 1476 Broadway, Bangor with Rev. Dr. Jerry Mick, pastor, officiating. The family invites all to share conversation and refreshments immediately following service at Bangor Baptist Church. Interment will immediately follow refreshments at the Corinthian Cemetery, Exeter Rd., Corinth.

A complete obituary will be published in the Wednesday's edition of the Bangor Daily News.

Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.BrookingsSmith.com.

Alvin Adams, former ambassador, dies at 73

BY TONY HERNANDEZ
THE OREGONIAN

PORTLAND, Oregon — Former Ambassador Alvin P. Adams Jr., whose foreign service took him to Southeast Asia, Africa, the Caribbean and South America, died Saturday in Portland of an apparent heart attack. He was 73.

Adams helped Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide escape into exile with the Venezuelan government during a military coup in 1991.

"He spent his life in danger in one place or another starting at the height of the Vietnam War and in Haiti during a military coup," cousin Timothy Phelps said Friday.

He moved to the Northwest in 2011, after retiring from a 31-year career, much of it with the U.S. Department of State.

Adams started his career in 1968 during the Vietnam War as a district senior adviser for the State Department. Friends and family said Friday the former ambassador was known for his wit and love of history.

"He likes his views but at the same time he was a good listener on what I had to say on various issues," friend Hiroshi Furusawa, Consul General of Japan in Portland, said. "As a human being, I thought he was very considerate. I was always impressed by his knowledge."

He was special assistant to secretaries of state Al Haig during the Falklands war and Henry Kissinger during his shuttle diplomacy between Egypt and Israel, Phelps said.

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Pat Woodell, actress known for 'Petticoat Junction,' dies

BY DAVID COLKER
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Actress Pat Woodell, who starred as one of a trio of sisters in the wholesome 1960s sitcom "Petticoat Junction" before she went on to be featured in a series of not-so-wholesome exploitation films, died Sept. 29 at her home in Fallbrook, California. She was 71.

Known as Patricia McDade off screen, she had battled cancer for more than 20 years, said her husband, Vern McDade.

She was born July 12, 1944, in Winthrop, Massachusetts. Her initial aim in show business was to be a singer, and she had early gigs at resorts in the Catskills. In 1962, gossip columnist Harrison Carroll wrote, "Everybody wants to hear 18-year-old singer Pat Woodell."

Woodell, a statuesque brunette, was signed to a contract by Warner Bros., and her first network TV credit was on a

1962 episode of the Western series "Cheyenne." She followed that up with appearances on "Hawaiian Eye" and "77 Sunset Strip," and had a role in a government-sponsored anti-communism drama, "Red Nightmare," narrated by Jack Webb.

Her best-known role came in the hit series "Petticoat Junction," set near the bucolic town of Hooterville. Many of the plots revolved around the misadventures of the three teenage daughters of widow Kate Bradley, played by veteran TV actress Bea Benaderet, as they tried to keep the slightly run-down Shady Rest Hotel afloat.

The show made its debut in 1963 on CBS, with Woodell playing Bobbie Jo, the smart, studious daughter. (The trio was rounded out by Linda Kaye Henning, who portrayed tomboy Betty Jo, and Jeannine Riley, who was boy-crazy Billie Jo.)