

# OBITUARIES



LUCIENNE LACASSE

SKOWHEGAN - Lucienne Amanda Amelia (Cayouette) LaCasse died peacefully at her home in Skowhegan, Maine on Oct. 23, 2015. She was born on July 3, 1914 in Waterville Maine, the first of three daughters born to Arthur and Cora Cayouette. After the untimely death of her father in 1919, Lucienne and her two sisters moved with their mother to Skowhegan where she lived for the rest of her life.

Lucienne was a very good student and graduated from Skowhegan High School and Bloomfield Academy at the age of 15 in 1930. She was the salutatorian of the first graduating class at the new high school. She wanted to attend college but her mother felt she was too young, so she then worked in several secretarial/ administrative positions in Skowhegan. She competed in a number of typing contests throughout the state, and was proud of several victories. Several of her children now credit her typing skills for their academic success, even typing papers for them when they were in college.

Lucienne was married to Ralph LaCasse on June 21, 1937 and moved to the home where she passed away 78 years later. She was an avid reader and took her children to the Skowhegan library each week in the summer to make sure that they would have new books to read. She made sure that her children knew that education was important and always celebrated academic achievement with family parties. She also told them to treat everyone as you would like to be treated, which was sage advice. She was very proud that all of her children attended college. She was a superb cook and baker, and every meal included a freshly baked pie, cake or cookies. She was an enthusiastic fan of the Skowhegan High School athletic teams, spending many freezing days in the stands cheering for them. She always attended band concerts and her children's other school activities. She loved Notre Dame football and The Patriots, watching every game that she possibly could and cheering from the living room couch at age 101! She did crossword puzzles well into her nineties and crocheted many beautiful afghans for her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Lucienne became a member of the Daughters of Isabella in June, 1930 and she held many officer positions, including Past Regent. In

2013 she was recognized for her 83 years of service to the organization, longer than anyone else in the state of Maine. She was a devout Catholic and encouraged her children to live by Christian principles of honesty, charity, industry and compassion. Lucienne attributed her longevity to daily prayer, along with daily walks and a daily glass of wine; a good combination of spirituality, secularity and pleasure.

Lucienne and Ralph traveled widely after he retired in 1979 and their home was decorated with many mementos of trips to national parks, a train trip across Canada and foliage trips in New England. They also had been alpine skiers all of their lives, taking their children to Eaton Mountain and other areas every weekend. They continued to ski into their seventies and cross country skied into their eighties. Lucienne talked frequently in the last few years about skiing from where the armory is now located all the way to the Great Eddy.

Lucienne and Ralph were married for 65 years until Ralph's death in 2002. She and Ralph had seven children, all of whom now reside in Maine: Constance Craven and her husband, Richard, John and his wife Susan, Nancy Gallant and her husband Walter, David and his wife Pandora, Richard and his wife Rachel, William and his wife Lucy, and Thomas and his wife Lorie. Lucienne will also be missed by her 18 grandchildren, many great and great, great grandchildren, cousin Hortense Chagnon, nieces Carolyn Fultz and Aldea LeBlanc and nephews Arthur LeBlanc, Gerald LaCasse and his wife Dorothy.

Our family would like to thank Cindy Gagnon and her wonderful, considerate team of caregivers who made it possible for our mother to remain in the home she loved these past five years.

Family and friends are invited to visit from 4-7pm, Friday, October 30 at Smart & Edwards Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10am, Saturday, October 31 at Notre Dame de Lourdes Catholic Church followed by interment at Calvary Cemetery, Skowhegan.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to your favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Smart & Edwards Funeral Home, 183 Madison Ave, Skowhegan.

## Death Notices

**ALEXANDER JR., Lee F.**, 82, Bangor; at Bangor, October 24, 2015. Service 10 a.m., Friday, October 30, 2015 at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

**BACKMAN, Lucille**, 91, Jonesport, October 22, 2015. Service 2 p.m., Sunday, November 1, 2015 at the Congregational Church in Jonesport. Bragdon-Kelley Funeral Home.

**CARLSON, Declan S.**, 18, Camden; at Camden, October 24, 2015. Long Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 9 Mountain St., Camden.

**CRAWFORD, Lainie**, 32, Camden; at Camden, October 25, 2015. Long Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 9 Mountain St., Camden.

**DILWORTH, John J.**, 94, Jonesboro, October 22, 2015. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

**ELEY, Thelma G.**, 94, Blue Hill, October 20, 2015. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

**GAGNON, Albert R.**, 76, Benedicta; at Benedicta, October 15, 2015. Bowers Funeral Home.

**HADFIELD, David T.**, Whiting, October 15, 2015. Service 11 a.m., Saturday, October 31, 2015 at Machias Christian Fellowship, 3 Davis Ln., Machias.

**HARLOW, Judith Weeks**, Brewer, October 24, 2015. Service 11 a.m., Thursday, October 29, 2015 at All Souls Congregational Church, 10 Broadway, Bangor. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

**HOPPS, Ann B.**, 87, Camden; at Rockland, October 25, 2015. Long Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 9 Mountain St., Camden.

**LACASSE, Lucienne**, Skowhegan; at Skowhegan, October 23, 2015. Service 10 a.m., Saturday, October 31, 2015 at Notre Dame de Lourdes Catholic Church. Smart & Edwards Funeral Home, 183 Madison Ave., Skowhegan.

**LAFRANCE, Florence Anne**, 70, Presque Isle; at Bangor, October 22, 2015. Service 11 a.m., Saturday, October 31, 2015 at Duncan-Graves Funeral Home, 30 Church St., Presque Isle.

**MOSS, Wayne**, Holden, October 25, 2015. Service 11 a.m., Saturday, October 31, 2015 at Otis Baptist Church, 9 Chuch Ln., Otis. Brookings-Smith.

**PARENT, Anthony**, Eagle Lake, October 26, 2015. Daigle Funeral Home, Fort Kent.

**PICKERING, Judith M.**, Winterport, October 21, 2015. Service 11 a.m., Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at Oak Hill Cemetery, Lebanon Rd., Winterport. Hampden-Gilpatrick Chapel of Brookings-Smith.

**RAVEN JR., Floyd "Manny" E.**, 63, Freedom; at Bangor, October 23, 2015. Service 12 p.m., Saturday, October 31, 2015 at Raven Private Cemetery, 169 Raven Rd., Freedom. Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

**SMITH, David E.**, 59, Pittsfield; at Skowhegan, October 23, 2015. Shorey-Nichols Funeral Home, Pittsfield.

**SNELLINGS, Dorothy L.**, 95, Brooklin and Milbridge; at Milbridge, October 23, 2015. Jordan-Fernald, 113 Franklin St., Ellsworth.

**ST. PETER, Normand**, 41, October 25, 2015. Daigle Funeral Home, Fort Kent.

**STANLEY, Fred "Junior" C.**, 74, Houlton; at Houlton, October 24, 2015. Service 1 p.m., Thursday, October 29, 2015 at Dunn Funeral Home, 11 Park St., Houlton.

**THIBODEAU, Freda**, 84, Washburn, October 23, 2015.

**YONKIN JR., Maurice L.**, 82, Guilford; at Guilford, October 23, 2015. Crosby & Neal, Guilford.



LEE F. ALEXANDER, JR.

BANGOR - Lee F. Alexander, Jr., "Leebo," died peacefully at home surrounded by his family and friends on October 24, 2015 at the age of 82. He was born May 10, 1933, in Hudson, the son of Lee F. Alexander Sr. and Arlene (Davis) Alexander.

Lee is survived by his wife, Mae L. (Ballanger) Alexander of Bangor; his three daughters: Cindy Leen and husband Buster, Brenda Mulligan and husband Kevin, Gayle Quirk and husband Tom; sisters: Joyce Karp, Irene Hastey and friend Tom Snelgrove, Mildred Kinens, Lois Ann Knowles and husband Melvin, and brother Artie Alexander; six grandchildren: Ashley Ellis and husband Dave, Sean Mulligan and wife Heather, Melissa Quirk-Coburn and husband Jon, Ryan Mulligan and friend Hilary Thibeault, Chris Quirk and friend Katie Day, and Emily Leen and friend John Kiel; great-grandson, Jacob Coburn; sisters-in-law: Janet Brown and Barbara Johns, and brothers-in-law: Gerald and Jim Ballanger. Lee was predeceased by his parents; sister, Geraldine Coppola; brothers-in-law: Harry Karp, Bruce Hastey, and Harry Kinens; and sister-in law, Patsy Alexander.

Lee met the love of his life, Mae, at the age of five. He demonstrated his young love by carving their initials in the barn and on every tree he came across. Lee was a compassionate man who touched the lives of every person he met and will be greatly missed. Lee attended Husson College. Lee joined the Air Force in 1952 during the Korean War and was stationed in Landsberg, Germany. Lee retired from the Air National Guard as a Staff Sergeant in 1978. Lee was an active and dedicated member for over 50 years of the Glenburn Evangelical Church. He was a selectman in Glenburn and a member of the VFW. A special thank you to Kristen, Jean, and Amanda of Beacon Hospice for their care of Lee and his family.

A funeral service to celebrate Lee's life will be held 10am Friday, October 30, 2015 at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center Street, Bangor, with the Rev. Jack Dowling officiating. The family invites relatives and friends to share conversation and refreshments at the Family Reception Center of Brookings-Smith, 163 Center Street, Bangor immediately following the service Friday. Interment with military honors will be held in Mount Hope Cemetery, Bangor following the reception. Those who wish to remember Lee in a special way may send donations in his memory to the Glenburn Evangelical Church, 911 Hudson, Rd., Glenburn, ME 04401. Memories and condolences may be expressed at [www.BrookingsSmith.com](http://www.BrookingsSmith.com).

### FRED "JUNIOR" C. STANLEY

HOULTON - Fred "Junior" Carl Stanley, 74, passed away October 24, 2015 in Houlton.

A time of remembrance and refreshments will be held Thursday, Oct. 29, 2015 from 1:00 to 4:00PM at the Dunn Funeral Home. Interment will take place 11:00AM Friday, Oct. 30, 2015 at the Butterfield Cemetery, Prentiss. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be in Fred's memory payable to the Fred C. Stanley Memorial Fund c/o Dunn Funeral Home 11 Park Street Houlton, 04730. Online condolences and guest book: [dunnfuneral.com](http://dunnfuneral.com)



FLOYD "MANNY" E. RAVEN JR.

FREEDOM - Floyd "Manny" E. Raven Jr., 63, of Freedom passed away on Friday October 23, 2015 at Eastern Maine Medical Center with many family members by his side. He was born on August 19, 1952 in Bath the son of Floyd and Julia (Doughty) Raven Sr.

Manny attended Mt. View High School in Thorndike. He started his career with his father in concrete foundations, later taking over his business and continuing the family business with his son Luke. Manny was a avid hunter and enjoyed fishing, and cooking. He loved tending his garden and canning the vegetables from it for winter, as well as his pigs and chickens. Manny was known affectionately to his mother as her "little man." In his retirement he enjoyed reading, playing cards, and watching MTV with his granddaughter BreAnne.

He is predeceased by his spouse Marguerite Raven in 2006; father Floyd Raven Sr. "the old man"; brother in law Fred Overlock; and longtime friend Dwight Hotham.

Manny is survived by his beloved mother Julia Raven of Unity; his ten loving children Lucas Raven, and Brandy Raven both of Freedom, Joanna Hotham and partner Craig Lancaster of Unity, Linda Gardner and husband Wayne, and Billy Hotham and wife Beth all of Patten, Patricia Hotham of Waterville, Sam Hotham and wife Melinda of Newburgh, Sarah Landry and husband Richard, and Dawn Tower and husband Ervin, and Lana Tucker and husband Aaron all of Patten; his siblings Dee Overlock and family, June Raven, Mark Raven all of Freedom, and Karen Seehafer and husband Larry of Wisconsin, Jean Jones and husband Scott and family of Freedom, and Shawn Raven and family of Knox; 19 grandchildren, Valorie, Keith, Bubs, Allison, Andy, Anthony, Brittany, Brandon, Aaron, Ryan, Amy, Shayla, Bradley, Jake, Ross, Chris, Shyanne, Dustin, CJ, and BreAnne; close nephew Dakota; lifelong friend "like a son" Galen Neal Jr.; several great grandchildren.

Manny will be placed in a tomb he built with knowledge on his private family cemetery, next to his wife, in a casket built by his brother Mark with Manny's concrete forms that he used for all his years in business, at 12pm on Saturday October 31, 2015, Raven Private Cemetery 169 Raven Rd. Freedom, ME.

Arrangements are under the care of Riposta Funeral Home 182 Waldo Ave. Belfast, ME. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at [www.ripostafh.com](http://www.ripostafh.com)

### ALBERT R. GAGNON

BENEDICTA - Albert R. Gagnon, 76, died October 15, 2015 in Benedicta. He was born July 15, 1939 in Lawrence, MA, the son of Roland & Dorothy (Delaware) Gagnon.

He was a woolen mill worker all of his life. After his retirement he and his wife, June, enjoyed going to fairs, horse races and traveling.

Albert is survived by his wife, June (Conrad) (Gantnier) Gagnon of Benedicta & Patten; 6 sons: Jeff, Rickey, Stephen, Roland, Dennis and Ronald; 6 daughters: Lisa, Sandy, Ann, Peggy, Yvonne and Donn; 2 step children: George and Claudine and several grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, a son, Albert and a sister, Yvonne.

A private service will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Waterville Humane Society, 100 Webb Rd., Waterville, ME 04901. Arrangements by Bowers Funeral Home Island Falls. For online condolences please visit [www.bowersfuneral.com](http://www.bowersfuneral.com)

## In Memoriam

In Loving Memory Of  
**BRENT BARRY SKOLFELD**  
Oct 27, 1967 - Mar 19, 2013



Happy Birthday Brent  
It will never be the same without you. It will never get better. I would love to see you come through the door, sit down and have a beer with me. We do have the glory of our life with your granddaughter Maija Jane Skolfeld. She makes her visit to the cemetery quite often, bring you some little trinket. We all miss you so much; you are thought of every day. Love you, Dad, Mom, Renee, and your family

In Loving Memory Of  
**BOB PERREAULT**  
Dec 16, 1972 - Oct 27, 2004



Forever loved.  
Forever missed.  
Love, Mom, Dad, Kent, Dean, Patti and Families

## Correction Notice

### JUDITH WEEKS HARLOW

BREWER - A memorial service for Judith Weeks Harlow who passed away October 24, 2015 will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, October 29, 2015 at All Souls Congregational Church, 10 Broadway, Bangor.



FLORENCE ANNE LAFRANCE

PRESQUE ISLE - Florence A. LaFrance, 70, passed away Thursday October 22, 2015 at Eastside Center for Health and Rehab in Bangor due to complications from kidney disease. She was born in Presque Isle on September 8, 1945, the daughter of Edmund and Estelle (Boutot) LaFrance.

She attended schools in Presque Isle and graduated high school in Plainville, CT. She was employed in the banking business in the Hartford CT. until her return to the County. She was employed at Symthe's IGA until she retired.

She is survived by her brothers Elmer LaFrance of Sturbridge, MA, Carl and his wife Joy LaFrance of Oldsmar, FL., and a sister Beatrice Jones and her husband Ben of Moreno Valley, CA, a brother-in-law Gilford Berube of Presque Isle, and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her sisters Marie Berube and Florina Cote both of Presque Isle and a brother Wilmer (Kit) LaFrance and his wife Joan of Jefferson, Me.

Funeral services will be held at Duncan-Graves Funeral Home 30 Church Street Presque Isle on 11AM Saturday, October 31, 2015. There will be no calling hours due to Florence's wishes. Interment will be at Fairmount Cemetery. Donations may be made in memory of Florence to the County Dialysis, 121 North Street, Presque Isle, ME 04769

The family would like to thank the staff at County Dialysis, EMMC and Eastside Center for Health and Rehab. Online condolences may be shared at [www.duncan-graves.com](http://www.duncan-graves.com)

### MAURICE L. YONKIN, JR.

GUILFORD - Maurice L. Yonkin, Jr., 82, died October 23, 2015, at his home in Guilford. He was born September 7, 1933, in Dushore, PA, the son of Maurice and Elaine (Huntsinger) Yonkin, Sr.

He served in the U.S. Air Force, retiring as a Master Sergeant. He worked for many years for Guilford Industries as Plant Engineer.

Maurice was active in the community and was a valuable member of several boards, including many years as a director for the Guilford Sangerville Water District. He was very well liked and was always willing to share his wealth of knowledge on so many issues. He will be sorely missed by all.

He was predeceased by his wife of 45 years, Louise (Fogg) Yonkin in 2009.

He is survived by 6 sons, Larry McAfee and his wife, Kathleen of York, Frederick McAfee and his wife, Joan of Dover-Foxcroft, Maurice Benjamin Yonkin of AZ, Mory Yonkin of Bangor, Bruce Yonkin and Penny Brown of Sangerville, and Brian Yonkin of Guilford; 2 daughters, Charlotte Turner of NC, and Rhonda Valle of AZ; 7 grandchildren, Dawn, Eric, Ryan, and Matt McAfee, Cassie and Dustin Yonkin, and Joey Grunin; 8 great grandchildren, Declan McAfee, Todd Wark, Ashley Wark, Chase, Paul, and Lennon McAfee, Julie and Robin McAfee; great great grandchildren, Skylee, and Summer Yonkin; several nieces and nephews.

At his request, there will be no public services. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be sent to Hibbard Nursing Home, P.O. Box 150, Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426.

Arrangements by Crosby & Neal, Guilford. For an online guest register, go to [www.CrosbyNeal.com](http://www.CrosbyNeal.com).

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