

OBITUARIES



CLAUDETTE BOUCHARD MCNEIL

WATERVILLE - Claudette Bouchard McNeil, 82, of Waterville, passed away peacefully at her home with her family at her side on October 28, 2015. She was born on December 18, 1932, in Upper Frenchville, Maine.

After losing her parents at a young age, Claudette was raised by her sister, Lilly and brother-in-law, Romeo Roy. In 1951 she graduated Valedictorian from Mount Meric. Claudette attended the University of Maine at Fort Kent, where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education. Shortly after beginning her teaching career in Lewiston, she met Joseph (Jerry) McNeil at her cousin's wedding. They married on June 24, 1961, and raised their family in Caribou. Claudette was a devoted 6th grade math teacher whose passion and enthusiasm left a lasting impression on her students. In 1988 they moved the family to Waterville, where she resumed her teaching career filling many different positions in the Waterville Public Schools. As soon as she retired, she began volunteering in the community by visiting people as she delivered Meals on Wheels. Claudette was a competitive bridge player who enjoyed her weekly bridge outings at the Muskie Center. In their retirement, Jerry and Claudette made many friends during their winters in Myrtle Beach. Claudette was best known for making everyone feel special. She believed in the importance of capturing special moments as she was always seen with a camera in hand. Claudette was never one to miss an opportunity to send a card or hand written note. She was known for remembering and celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, births and other special occasion in the lives of neighbors, friends and extended family. Nothing brought Claudette greater joy and pride than her role as a Mimi to her seven grandchildren.

She is survived by her children and their spouses: Tom and Cindy McNeil of Waterville, Sue and Bruce Pelletier of South Portland, Shelly and Jonathan Moody of Oakland; grandchildren, Ryan, Matt, Meghan, Sarah, Jacob, Grace and Olivia; sisters, Claire Martin, Theresa Roy, Irene MacDonald and Lucille O'Donnell; and brothers, Lucien Bouchard and Paul Bouchard; and more than 50 nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her spouse, Joseph McNeil; sisters, Lillian Roy, Bernice Bowtruczky and Rolande Bouchard; and brothers, Rosaire Bouchard and Roger Bouchard.

The family would like to thank the caring and compassionate professionals from Care and Comfort, and Bridges Homecare, who provided 24 hour support to Claudette for the past 20 months.

Visitation will be held on Monday, November 2, 2015, from 4-7 p.m. at Veilleux Funeral Home, 8 Elm St., Waterville. A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, at 11 a.m. at Notre Dame Church, 116 Silver St., Waterville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Muskie Center, Meals on Wheels Program, 38 Gold Street, Waterville, ME 04901. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Veilleux Funeral Home. www.veilleuxfuneralhome.com.



THERESA KATHLEEN (DOWNING) GERVAIS

HOULTON - Theresa Kathleen (Downing) Gervais, 87, died peacefully after a long illness on October 27, 2015, with her devoted family at her side. She was born February 14, 1928, in Limestone Siding, New Brunswick, the daughter of Allen Joseph and Cecilia Rose (Hartt) Downing.

She was the tenth of twelve children. In 1952, she became a naturalized American citizen and settled in Maine with Milton (Pete) Gervais. With six children at home, life was busy, but she was never happier than when surrounded by her family. Holiday gatherings with thirty or more seated around the dinner table and time spent with her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren at the family camp at Drews Lake filled her with joy and gratitude. Her family was the most important part of her life. In the 1960s, she worked at Madigan Memorial Hospital in the X-ray Department. In 1975, she and Pete took ownership of the Shiretown Motel from his parents. Together, they developed it from the 24-room motel his father and mother had started in 1953, to the Shiretown Inn and Suites of today. In 1992, they officially retired from the family business, though Terry continued to keep the books for the motel and a family apartment complex in Caribou.

A creative artist, Terry found outlets in oil painting, knitting, and quilt making. She created beautiful quilts for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Tucked among the Christmas presents each year were hand-made mittens and socks.

Terry was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and sister. She will be deeply missed by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Carol, Richard and Jess Speake; Sally and Brian Cole and Emily, Dan, Collin and Jacob Lilley; Katherine, Bruce and Greta Currie; Linda Goodall and Becky, Jeff, Alexis, Jackson and Blake Cowie; Mark Gervais and Carolyn Campbell, Hannah and Olivia Gervais, Megan and Connor Arnott, Heather, John, Jazmine, John Jr. and Micah Curtis; Marty, Leslie, Porter and Ian Gervais; Judy and Dana Williams and Dana, Casey, Saige O'Keefe and Justin and Benjamin Wisniewski; Rachael, Chris, Anna and Gavin Yarsevich; Carie, Spencer, Orley and Vita Garrett; Elizabeth and Kristen McIntire; Hayley, Dan, Willow and Rowan Newman; George Eyerer and Andrew Gervais; her sister, Mary Graham; her sister-in-law, Nancy Ellis; and several nieces and nephews. Terry was predeceased by her husband, her parents, her husband's parents and ten brothers and sisters.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. November 2 at St. Mary of the Visitation Church in Houlton. A reception to celebrate Terry's life will be held immediately following at Saint Mary's Family Center. Interment will be at St. Mary's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make gifts in Terry's memory to the Theresa K. and Milton J. Gervais Scholarship Fund, care of Dunn Funeral Home, 11 Park St., Houlton, ME 04730. Guest book and condolences at www.dunnfuneral.com.

Death Notices

ALLEY, John M. Sr., 97, Belgrade; at Togus, Oct. 28, 2015. Service 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 2, at Plummer Funeral Home, 16 Pleasant St., Augusta.

CARLSON, Declan Sloane, 18, Camden; at Camden, Oct. 24, 2015. Service 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, at Hedges Hall, Point Lookout, 67 Atlantic Highway, Lincolnville. Long Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 9 Mountain St., Camden.

CROSS, Alvin Ernest Sr., 80, Veazie; at Veazie, Oct. 21, 2015. Service 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, at Twin City Baptist Church, Brewer.

FLETCHER, Marion, 85, Ellsworth; at Ellsworth, Oct. 28, 2015. Jordan-Fernald, 113 Franklin St., Ellsworth.

GERVAIS, Theresa Kathleen (Downing), 87, Houlton, Oct. 27, 2015. Service 10 a.m. Nov. 2 at St. Mary of the Visitation Church, Houlton. Dunn Funeral Home, 11 Park St., Houlton.

GIBSON, Albert, 88, Fort Kent and Allagash; at Fort Kent, Oct. 28, 2015. Service 11 a.m. Monday at Allagash Pentecostal Church. Daigle Funeral Home, Fort Kent.

GRIFFETH, Rex A., 52, Caribou; at Caribou, Oct. 28, 2015. Mockler Funeral Home, Caribou.

KIRE, Lorraine L., 85, St. Albans and Peabody, Mass.; at St. Albans, Oct. 18, 2015. Service 10 a.m. Oct. 31 at St. John the Baptist Church, 17 Chestnut St., Peabody, Mass.

LOCKHART, Emily Christina 'Chris', 86, Ellsworth, Oct. 28, 2015. Service 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2, at Jordan-Fernald, 113 Franklin St., Ellsworth.

MCNEIL, Claudette Bouchard, 82, Waterville; at Waterville, Oct. 28, 2015. Service 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, at Notre Dame Church, 116 Silver St., Waterville. Veilleux Funeral Home, 8 Elm St., Waterville.

YORK, Stephen H., 73, Blue Hill, Oct. 27, 2015. Mays Funeral Home, Calais and Eastport.



EMILY CHRISTINA 'CHRIS' LOCKHART

ELLSWORTH - Emily Christina "Chris" Lockhart, 86, died peacefully October 28, 2015, with family and friends by her side at Courtland Rehab and Living Center, Ellsworth. She was born March 21, 1929, in Holden, the daughter of James M. and Ethel J. (George) Rowe.

Chris graduated from Newport High School and attended Bangor School of Commerce. Chris jointly owned and operated Sunshine Nursery School in Ellsworth for many years. She then went on to work at Downeast Family YMCA as a preschool teacher. Chris attended the United Baptist Church in Ellsworth. Chris enjoyed spending time with her family and going out to breakfast with a special group of friends.

She is survived by three daughters, Deborah Carter and husband, Brad, of Hancock, Karen Merrick and husband, Perley, of Lamoine and Cynthia Petry and husband, Phil, of Westbrook; eight grandchildren, Miranda, Denise, Christie, Lynn, Alex, Ashley, Aaron and Allison; six great-grandchildren, Dennis, Carter, Lauren, Kylie, Addison and Sarah; several nieces and nephews; and a special friend, Jeanne Abbott.

Special thanks to the staff at Courtland Rehab and living Center for their excellent care giving skills.

A service of remembrance will be held 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2, at Jordan-Fernald, 113 Franklin Street, Ellsworth. Interment will be at Woodbine Cemetery, Ellsworth. Those who desire may make contributions in Chris's memory to the Downeast Family YMCA, P.O. Box 25, Ellsworth, ME 04605. Condolences may be expressed at www.jordanferald.com.

In Memoriam

In Loving Memory Of
MARILYN CHARLENE DAIGLE GOULD

Oct 10, 1945 - Oct 30, 2013



If there ever comes a day when we can't be together, keep me in your heart and I'll stay there forever.

Your Loving Family



ALVIN ERNEST CROSS, SR. A FRIEND TO ALL

VEAZIE - Alvin Ernest Cross Sr., 80, passed away peacefully at his home Oct 21, 2015 with his wife Sharon by his side. He was born December 5, 1934, son of the late Doris Mae (Brown) and Edgar Ernest Cross of Bradford.

Alvin was predeceased by his wife of 35 years Kathleen Alice (Cahill) Cross, and his grandsons Brent Cross and Cain Taylor. He is survived and will be sadly missed by his wife of 23 years, Sharon Cross, his five children; Alvin Cross, Jr., Marjorie Cross, Zelinda Pullen, Donna Taylor and Dennis Cross; his two stepdaughters Jacquelyn and Kem; nine grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.

Alvin worked 30 years for the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad, from where he developed a lifetime love of everything trains. In the 1970s Alvin and his family operated the Bradford General Store, which became a community gathering place for friends and neighbors. The store was open 364 days a year and if you needed something on the 365th day he would open up for you. Loving father of five children, he was an active member of the PTA, local Grange and his community. After Alvin retired from the railroad he worked with the Katahdin Friends, Inc. providing clients rides to medical appointments. Alvin enjoyed traveling, meeting new people and making friends and he especially enjoyed playing Cribbage. Alvin was a regular at the Glenburn Cribbage Club every Monday night.

Alvin was true to the meaning of his name, he was "a friend to all." His family and many friends will miss his quick wit, twinkling eyes and smile.

A memorial service will be held 11am Saturday Oct. 31, 2015 at the Twin City Baptist Church at 559 North Main St., Brewer. A reception will follow, where condolences and memories will be shared.

Sam Sarpong, co-host of MTV's 'Yo Momma,' dies

REUTERS

LOS ANGELES — Actor and model Sam Sarpong, known for co-hosting MTV's "Yo Momma" with Wilmer Valderrama, died Monday, his rep confirmed. He was 40.

Sarpong died after jumping off a bridge in Pasadena, California, according to E! News. The Los Angeles County Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner has ruled his death a suicide, with an autopsy pending.

"It is with great sadness that the family of Samuel Sarpong, Jr. must share the news that Sam has passed away," said his publicist in a statement. "The circumstances surrounding his death are currently under investigation and no additional details are known at this time. Information about final arrangements will be forthcoming. The family appreciates the thoughts prayers and other expressions of sympathy, and request their privacy be respected at this extremely difficult time."

"[Sarpong] had a pure heart and always went out of his way to help others," his rep, J.D. Sobol, told Variety. "We will all miss him dearly."

The British-American star was born in London



ALBERT GIBSON

FORT KENT and ALLAGASH - Albert Gibson, 88, died peacefully surrounded by family on October 28, 2015, at a Fort Kent health care facility. He was born in Allagash on August 1, 1927, the son of the late Samuel and Easter (Hafford) Gibson.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 25 years, Jean (Dow) Gibson of Allagash. Although he had no children of his own, he was a special uncle to his nephews and nieces. He made Christmas special for them by always choosing the perfect gift.

Albert was predeceased by four brothers, Calvin Hafford, John, Samuel and Dwight Gibson; and two sisters, Margaret Hafford and Viola Martin.

Albert served in the U.S. Army from 1945 to 1947, then returned home to Allagash, where he cared for his mother and worked on improving their home. From 1956 to 1988, he worked for the Maine Forest Service, where he held a variety of positions. In 1989 he married Jean Dow. After retiring from the Forest Service he worked for the Northern Maine Woods at the St. Francis Gate for 14 years. He was proud of his service to the state of Maine and shared many stories about his experiences. He was a member to the Fort Kent Masonic Lodge and received his 50 year pin. Family were an important part of his life. Caring for them was a priority. He enjoyed telling stories about hunting, fishing, work and his family. A visit to his home was not complete without at least one spirited discussion about politics.

Friends may call Sunday, November 1, from 6 to 8 p.m., where there will be a Masonic Service held at 7 p.m. at the Daigle Funeral Home, Fort Kent. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Monday at the Allagash Pentecostal Church. Graveside service with full military honors will be held at the Allagash Municipal Cemetery. Those who wish, in Albert's memory, may donate to a charity of one's choice.

and moved to Los Angeles with his father when he was 11. He would go on to book modeling work, including being the face of Tommy Hilfiger for six years, as well as walking runways for Versace, Gucci, Dolce & Gabbana and Donna Karen.

Sarpong's first onscreen role came in an episode of Claire Danes' "My So-Called Life" in 1994. His big TV break, however, came in 2006, when MTV cast him as one of its co-hosts for "Yo Momma." Sarpong and Valderrama traveled across the country for three seasons to find the best trash talkers. After the show ended in 2007, Sarpong hosted BET pre-awards show "All Access."

His other TV credits include "Pacific Blue," "Family Matters," "ER," "Boston Public," "Everybody Hates Chris," "Veronica Mars," "Bones" and "24." He also had a role in FX's heavily buzzed "American Crime Story: The People v. O.J. Simpson," which is set to debut next year.

He appeared in films "Carmen: The Hip Hopera," "Love Don't Cost a Thing" and "Anchor Baby." Sarpong is survived by his father, Samuel Sarpong Sr., and his sister, June.



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