

OBITUARIES



SARAH LOOK

PORTLAND - We sit tonight to write Sarah's obituary. Bach is playing. Her paintings fill the room. The details of her life can and will be enumerated but Sarah rose above the details of life. Her vision was transcendent. She overcame the shackles of illness and continued with her drawing, painting and writing until her last day. Her work was fueled by a love of life. So she painted flowers.

The flowers open to blue skies and ocean meadows. They sing in the chorus of color and form which Sarah felt somewhere deep in the kind, passionate and Thoughtful person that she was blessed to be.

Blessings are bestowed. What we make of them is the quilt, the fabric that we weave. Sarah's quilt covers many, her family, her friends and her caregivers. Sarah wove with appreciation, love and the wonder of living, of living a full and contributory life. We all remain warm and secure under the quilt she has left us.

Sarah Elizabeth was born the day of a howling snow blizzard, Feb. 17, 1952, Bangor, Me. That ominous entry set the tone for her capacity to appreciate and engage in life. As she often referred to herself, she was the middle child, entangled between two sets of brothers and sisters; she, the go-between, peacemaker...the 'blonde' one.

She attended University of Maine, Orono and Augusta, having been a student at both Jonesport and Narragus High Schools. Since a child, Sarah doodled, trails of pen and inks following her throughout her life. Those doodles led to the beginnings of her life portfolio, from her intricate depictions in biology lab workbook to her canvases of oil, acrylics, charcoal, pen and inks, pastels, now hanging worldwide in private collections, galleries, libraries, schools, hospitals.

Sarah's pursuit of the painterly life led to study under master artist Bill Moise, of Hancock, Me. Under his tutelage, she commanded the impressions of nature in her watercolors, rendering delicate botanicals, stormy seascapes, pastorals. Her passion and energy for expression led to a warehouse of work, later becoming her own art gallery in Ellsworth, ME.

Sarah's creative muse didn't stop with painting, however. She consulted low income women in how to 'dress for success', designed a line of women's fashions,

threw clay, produced a line of greeting cards, modeled a brief stint in Boston, worked retail in Palm Beach and Boston, ultimately accepting a position of lead designer for an international home goods company in Portland.

After 10 commercially successful years there, Sarah combined her visual sense to the literal world, writing and illustrating her works of poetry and prose and consulting others in the field as well.

Pastimes for Sarah included football (forever Brady fan), basketball, golf, creative cooking, caring for her many cats, being with her family but especially creating and just having fun with her dear friend, creative collaborator and spiritual sidekick Dr. John Driscoll.

Sarah's devotion to her family, particularly to her nieces and nephews and her nephew's children 'her babies' was unwavering, as was her dedication to her place of worship: St. Luke's. Her dry and sarcastic wit, sought and savored; her talents, unbounding; her zest for life, unstoppable 'til her last breath.

Sarah was born with incurable heart disease, overcame breast and ocular cancer, was projected by doctors' to not live beyond the age of 2, possibly 3 years old.

Sarah's family especially thanks Dr. Kaminow, Neurologist and Cardiologists Dr. Sawyer, Dr. Corsello, Dr. Shao for their caring and empathy and most especially, Dr. John Love, for his care, guidance, support and love given to Sarah.

Sarah is survived by sisters Jane Abbott Look and Kathryn Grace Caler, brother Robert Arthur Look, nieces Hannah Elizabeth Abbott Look and Kristin Caler Hernandez and husband Timothy, nephew Christopher Robert Caler and wife Stephanie and their children Andrew and Addison. She is predeceased by her parents Virginia Abbott Look and Oscar Lowell Look, Sr., brother Oscar L. Look, Jr. and nephew Vance Emerald Caler.

Services to held at St. Luke's Cathedral, Portland, Nov. 16 at 4:00 PM and at Community Church, South Addison, ME, Nov. 22 at 1:00 PM. Flowers accepted and/or donations given to the Maine Heart Association, Scarborough.

Please visit www.advantageportland.com to sign Sarah's guestbook and leave memories and condolences for the family.

Death Notices

BLETHEN, Nellie L. (Drew), 95, Brewer and Bangor; at Bangor, November 8, 2015. Service 2 p.m., Sunday, November 15, 2015 at the Brewer Chapel of Brookings-Smith, 55 South Main St., Brewer.

BODWELL, Larry, 61, Portland; at Portland, November 5, 2015. Advantage Funeral & Cremation Services.

CAMERON, Rev. H. Raeburn, 84, Moultonborough, NH; at Manchester, NH, October 30, 2015. Service 1 p.m., Saturday, November 28, 2015 at Moultonborough United Methodist Church, Moultonborough, NH. Mayhew Funeral Home.

COMBER, Pauline C., 87, Bangor, Nov. 11, 2015. Greenlawn Funeral Directors of Bangor.

CROWLEY, Julia D., 98, Brewer and Jonesport; at Brewer, November 6, 2015. Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 69 State St., Brewer.

CUTLIFFE, Stella A., 94, Milford; at Bangor, November 11, 2015. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

EMERY, Joan R., 81, Danforth; at Danforth, November 11, 2015. Memorial Alternatives, 205 Center St., Bangor.

GRIFFITH, Winthrop, 84, Deer Isle; at Deer Isle, November 4, 2015. Jordan-Fernald Funeral Home.

HIGGINS, Stephen E., 61, Bangor; at Hampden, November 13, 2015. Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 299 Union St., Bangor.

KING, Cyrus W., 87, Lincoln; at Bangor, November 12, 2015. Service 2 p.m., Friday, November 20, 2015 at the First Bible Baptist Church of Lincoln. Clay Funeral Home.

LAMSON, Rena Mae (McCauslin), 95, Hartland, November 6, 2015. Service 10 a.m., Thursday, November 19, 2015 at Jones Rich and Hutchins Funeral Home, 199 Woodford St., Portland.

LOOK, Sarah, Portland. Service 4 p.m., Monday, November 16, 2015 at St. Luke's Cathedral, Portland. Advantage Funeral & Cremation Services.

MARQUIS SR., Robert L., 76; at Bangor, October 30, 2015. Service 11 a.m., Saturday, November 14, 2015 at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

MCALPINE, Rhoda Elizabeth, 82, Monroe; at Belfast, November 10, 2015. Service 1 p.m., Sunday November 15, 2015 at the Monroe Community Church, 28 West Main St., Monroe. Hampden-Gilpatrick Chapel of Brookings-Smith, 45 Western Ave., Hampden.

MICHAUD, Fern Elizabeth, Caribou and Winslow; at Winslow, November 12, 2015. Service 11 a.m., Monday, November 16, 2015 from the Parish of the Precious Blood Holy Rosary Church. Mockler Funeral Home, 24 Reservoir St., Caribou.

MORESHEAD, Edmund J. Sr., 86, Bangor; at Bangor, Nov. 11, 2015. Service 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, at the Maine Veterans Cemetery, Mount Vernon Road, Augusta. Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 299 Union St., Bangor.

QUELLETTE, Marion B., Jonesport, November 11, 2015. Service 1 p.m., Thursday, November 19, 2015 at Sawyer Memorial Congregational Church.

POULIN, Gilda St. Thomas, 85, Howland, November 13, 2015. Service 10 a.m. Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at St. Leo Catholic Church. Clay Funeral Home.

SMITH, Marilyn Bernice (Lovell), 87, Hermon and Dover-Foxcroft; at Dover-Foxcroft, November 7, 2015. Service 10 a.m., Saturday, November 14, 2015 at the Hermon Baptist Church, 2496 Route 2, Hermon. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

SMITH, Phyllis A., 97, Bangor; at Bangor, November 12, 2015. Service 11 a.m., Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, St. John's Catholic Church, 217 York St., Bangor. Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 299 Union St., Bangor.

TROTT, Roger Lee, Bradford, October 21, 2015. Service 2 p.m., Thursday, November 26, 2015 at Bradford Town Hall.

WOOD, Virginia Lenora, Bangor, November 8, 2015.



WINTHROP GRIFFITH

DEER ISLE - Win Griffith, writer, father, appreciator died before dawn on November 4, 2015 on Deer Isle, Maine, his son beside him. He was 84. Of all the words, gratitude was his favorite. Here is why:

Dear people: Parents Evan and Florence of California. Siblings John, Jean and Tony. Son Kevin and his family-Natalie,Liam,Amelia,Charlotte. Daughter Christina and her family-Peter, Liam. His former wife with whom he shared an uncategorizable love, Patricia. Nephews and nieces Mark, Anne, Sarah, James, Peter, Robert, Adam. Later seasons' Loves. Those who bagged his groceries, changed his oil, brought his mail. Caregivers. All within the penciled pages of his treasured blue, taped-together address book including kind sisters-in-law and cousins and childhood, Stanford, Carmel Valley and Vermont friends.

Cherished places: The Golden Gate Bridge. Nephthe, Big Sur. Monhegan Island. Mt. Ascutney. Penobscot Bay. Montana. Oregon. Einstein Statue, D.C. Portofino, Italy. An oak called The Thinking Tree. Libraries. Protest lines. Newsrooms. His writing desk. Coffee shops. Cross-country drives, windows down, road unfolding.

Words: Steinbeck. Thoreau. Pink Floyd. The Declaration of Independence. Neruda. Pete Seeger singing Guantanamo. The Dictionary. Wendell Berry. Ecclesiastes 3:4. The Shaker Spiritual, "Tis the gift to be simple tis the gift to be free." Letters. This sweetly spoken truth: "I love you granddad." Any effort, by any person, to put life to words. His own block letter on yellow legal pad printed or Underwood then computer typed words: Hubert Humphrey, A Candid Biography, New York Times Magazine articles, Rutland Valley News columns, speeches, haiku, books in progress.

Resilient faith: Weston Priory. St. Dunstan's Episcopal

Church. Quaker Meetings. D.C. Baptist church choirs. Woods' fallen log pews. Eucalyptus cathedrals. The sermons of shorelines.

And too: Welsh roots. Early mornings. Conviction. Dafodils. Aaron Copland. Making pesto. Cesar Chavez. Helen Caldicott. Serene Christmas scenes. Guinness. His rescue Bassett, Hopeful. The Treasure of The Sierra Madre. Political campaigns. Hysterical mishaps. Found rocks,sticks,shells. Compassion amid private struggles, painful choices. Belonging. Cheerful greetings. Gentle snowfall. Pie.

We know he appreciates how we remember him here. We know, too, that he is the one who steps from these words toward the company of those with whom he shares this page. He is introducing himself, asking their names. He is wanting to hear their stories. Genuinely, he is glad to meet them. This makes us smile, brings tears. This is why we will miss him.

But here's what he would say: Feel. It's okay. Now put your boots on and walk your sadness out under this day's sky. See the newly open spaces between the leafless branches. Listen for the owl. Take your time along this trail. Smell the pines. Watch the squirrel gather what he needs. Let the sun warm your face. Greet the one who passes. Breathe deeply. Continue on along.

We will honor his request to scatter his ashes in a peaceful, loved Vermont spot. And in one of our final conversations, he hoped aloud that we would all "keep trying to better some little corner of the world." In this spirit, donations may be sent to Island Nursing Home (587 N. Deer Isle Rd, Deer Isle, ME 04627-"Win Garden Gift") for the tending of the beautiful garden where he often sat, and in his final days, just the thought of which brought comfort.

Condolences may be expressed at www.jordanfernald.com

ROGER LEE TROTT

BRADFORD - There will be a celebration of life for Roger Lee Trott of Bradford, Maine on November 21st from 2-6 p.m. at the Bradford Town Hall. There will be memories shared, photos, food and refreshments.

STEPHEN E. HIGGINS

BANGOR - Stephen E. Higgins, 61, died Nov. 13, 2015 in Hampden. A complete obituary with service arrangements will be published in Monday or Tuesday's Bangor Daily News by Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 299 Union St., Bangor. www.kileyandfoley.com



LARRY BODWELL

PORTLAND - Larry Bodwell, 61, of 371 Forest Ave, Portland, ME passed quietly on the night of November 5, 2015.

A celebration of his life will held at a wake on December 28th at Forest Gardens. A graveside service will be held at a future date with information to follow.

For a complete obituary, to sign Larry's guestbook and leave memories and condolences for the family please visit www.advantageportland.com.

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missed, but never forgotten.
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Happy Birthday, Sweetheart
Love and miss you a lot,
Fred



PAULINE C. COMBER

BANGOR - Pauline C. Comber, 87, died November 11, 2015, at a Bangor hospital. She was born in New Gloucester, ME, April 20, 1928, the daughter of Ernest and Lelia (Mills) Combella.

Pauline grew up in Bolster Mills and was a graduate of Edward Little High School in Auburn, class of 1946. She received her B.S. degree in Home Economics Education at Farmington State Teachers College 1950, and in June of that year married Edward R. Comber. They lived briefly in Bar Harbor and she worked as a Teenage Program Director at the YWCA. She lived in Jackman, ME, for 33 years, being very active in community activities. They then moved to Vassalboro and owned the Grandview Motel

from 1985 to 1993, then lived in Millinocket on Ambajejus Lake and wintered in Venice, Florida.

She is survived by her husband, Edward of Bangor; one son, Randall and his wife, Lucy, of Pittsfield and their two sons, Aaron and wife, Brooke, and great-grandsons, Jack and Edward of Granby, CT, and Jonathan and Lindsay and their son, Andrew, of Dover-Foxcroft; one sister-in-law, Ellen Merrill and her daughters, Nancy and Shirley. She was predeceased by a son, Todd; and daughter, Ruth Ellen.

Spring graveside services will be announced by the Greenlawn Funeral Directors of Bangor. Donations may be made to the charity of ones choice in memory of Pauline.

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