

OBITUARIES



NATHAN LEE SMITH

BLAINE - On November 28, 2015 our father, Nathan Lee Smith of Blaine, ME, died unexpectedly in a car accident. He was born February 7, 1951, in Mars Hill, to Keith Everett Smith and Sandra (Barrett) Smith Leighton. Dad grew up in Robinson, ME and spent the majority of his life on his family farm. He graduated from Central Aroostook High School in 1969 and earned a bachelor's degree from University of Maine Presque Isle in 1973. He continued taking classes for years to come, as he believed in life-long learning. He was a brilliant man, and people often spoke to each of us about how impressed they were with the depth of his intelligence. He was proud of each of us and believed in our education and dreams as much, if not more than we did. Our father enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping and farming. He was a member of the Maine Trappers Association and he received the Outstanding Conservation Farm award in 2004 from the Central Aroostook Soil and Water Conservation District. He leaves behind five children and eight grandchildren: His oldest daughter, Amy Gillen of Blaine and husband Shawn Gillen and their children Elizabeth, Natalie and Isaac; his daughter Echo Dixon, of Westbrook, ME, and husband Tom Dixon and daughter Sadie; his only son, Pippin Smith of Mars Hill, ME, and his children Pepper, Pippin, Jr and Piper; his daughter Natasha Brewer, of E Plantation, ME, and husband Steven P. Brewer, Jr, and son Ryder; his youngest daughter, Naomi Smith, of Boston, MA, and partner Cameron Chateauf. Nathan was predeceased by his wife Ruth M. Smith; his father, Keith E. Smith; his brother, Jeffery H. Smith; and his brother David M. Smith. He is survived by his mother, Sandra B. Leighton; brothers, Keith

"Bart" Smith and wife, Sharlene, Kevin W. Smith and wife, Sandra; sisters, Kim S. Delano and husband, Peter, Chloe B. Shaw and husband, Calvin, Leslee S. Mahon and husband, Timothy and his first wife Molly Shaw and husband Reginald "Bub" Shaw. All of Nathan's nieces and nephews were special to him, they are: Allison Smith Charette, Matthew Smith, Michael Allen, Samuel Delano, Jacob Delano, Andrew Shaw, Amy Shaw, Julie Shaw, Jonathan Shaw, Carly Smith, Gabrielle Smith, Erik Smith, Johannah Mahon and Michael Mahon. He had 19 great-nieces and great-nephews: Riley, Megan, Kaden, Cole, Abbigail, Max, Iverson, Bianca, Barrett, Harper, Abby, Ethan, Haley, Samuel, Liam, Grayson, Brayden, Jace, and Isabella. Many special aunts, uncles and cousins loved Nathan, including Aunt Norma Tweedie, Aunt Margaret Murdoch, Aunt Joyce Withereil, Uncle Ivan "Buzzy" Smith and Uncle Carl, and their families. He was very close to his special cousin Laurie Murdoch. Many friends and family were special to Dad and his constant teasing will always be remembered. Family and friends will gather for visitation 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, December 5, 2015, at United Baptist Church, Church Street, Mars Hill, where a funeral service will begin at 12 p.m. officiated by Pastor Mitch Ross. A reception will be held at the church following the service. There will be a private family burial at the Bridgewater Corner Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Nathan's memory to: AMHC-RTF at PO Box 1018, Caribou, Maine 04736 or the Walter T. A. Hansen Library at PO Box 1008, Mars Hill, Maine 04758. Online condolences may be made to www.dunnfuneralhome.com.

Death Notices

ALBERT, Joan (Bouchard), 81, Fort Kent; at Fort Kent, Nov. 29, 2015. Service 10 a.m., Friday, Dec. 4, 2015 at the St. Louis Catholic Church, Fort Kent. Daigle Funeral Home, Fort Kent.

AYER, Dorothy B. Moon, 93, Etna and Cumberland; at Etna, Nov. 29, 2015. Service 1 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 3, 2015 at Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Service Center, 34 High St., Newport.

BELANGER, Daniel "Dan" A., 66, Kenduskeag; at Bangor, Nov. 29, 2015. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

BERNIER, Martha E., 72, Limestone; at Caribou, Nov. 28, 2015. Service 11 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 3, 2015 at Parish of the Precious Blood, St. Louis Catholic Church, 100 Main St., Limestone. Giberson-Dorsey Funeral Home.

CARTER, Alice J., 82, Franklin; at Franklin, Nov. 28, 2015. Service 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Franklin Fire Department, Route 182, Franklin. Jordan-Fernald, 113 Franklin St., Ellsworth.

DOYON, Stella Weeda, 98, Winterport, Nov. 27, 2015. Service Saturday, Dec. 12 at 11 am, Calvary Apostolic Church, 1 Main Road, Hampden.

DYER, Marion M., 80, Bar Harbor; at Bar Harbor, Nov. 29, 2015. Jordan-Fernald, 1139 Main St., Mt. Desert.

GILMAN, Lawrence A., Sr., 89, Verona Island; at Bangor, Nov. 23, 2015. Service 12 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015, at Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home, 28 Elm St., Bucksport.

HARVEY, Leslie M., 80, Carmel; at Carmel, Nov. 30, 2015. Service 1 p.m., Friday, Dec. 4, 2015 at 21 South Shore Road, Glenburn. Crosby & Neal, Newport.

KEEF, Margaret Frances, 97, Milo; at Dover-Foxcroft, Nov. 29, 2015. Service 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015, at Lary Funeral Home, Milo.

KIRSCH, Guila Anne (Armour), Howland, Nov. 26, 2015.

MCMANUS, Kathleen "Kate" F., 85, Springfield, Va., Nov. 27, 2015. Service 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Annandale, Va.

NORTON, Millard "Skip", Jr., Bangor, Oct. 19, 2015. Brookings-Smith, Bangor.

OUELLETTE, Theresa (Dubois), Fort Kent; at Fort Kent, Nov. 28, 2015. Service 10 a.m. Monday at St. Louis Catholic Church, Fort Kent.

PARSONS, Pauline "Polly" A., 97, Presque Isle and Bangor; at Bangor, Nov. 25, 2015. Service 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

RICHTER SR., Richard, 80, Belmont; at Bangor, Nov. 27, 2015. Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

RICKER, George, 88, Dover-Foxcroft; at Dover-Foxcroft, Nov. 26, 2015. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

SMITH, Nathan Lee, Blaine, Nov. 28, 2015. Service 12 noon, Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015 at United Baptist Church, Church St., Mars Hill. Dunn Funeral Home, Houlton.

SMITH, Regina, 89, Bucksport, Nov. 28, 2015. Service 11 a.m., Friday, Dec. 4, 2015 at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Power Line Rd., Bucksport. Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home.

TURMEL, Florence E., 86, Meddybemps; at Daytona Beach, FL, Nov. 22, 2015. Service 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015 at Immaculate Conception R. C. Church, Calais. Mays Funeral Home, Calais & Eastport.

WEST SR., Brent Emery, 71, Holden, Nov. 28, 2015. Service 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015, at the Church of Christ, 516 Union St., Bangor.



BRENT EMERY WEST SR.

HOLDEN - Brent E. West, Sr., 71, died peacefully on November 28th, 2015 following a brief illness. As a devout Christian, he worshiped his Lord for nearly 50 years as a member of the Church of Christ in Bangor. Brent was born in Milo, ME on February 6, 1944, the eldest son of Paul and Thelma (Pratt) West. While growing up he traveled the country with his parents and brothers as his father, Paul, worked pipeline construction, living in nearly every state in the contiguous U.S. They eventually returned to Maine, where he attended Winterport High School and then Milo High School where he graduated. He went on to earn a Bachelors Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Maine, Orono and worked for the J.W. Sewall Company in Old Town as a licensed professional engineer for nearly 30 years. Although his accomplishments as an engineer were many, he was most proud of the waste water treatment facilities he designed for several communities throughout eastern and northern Maine. Additionally, as a determined and skillful "jack of all trades", he could problem solve, fix, repair or build anything he set his mind to. Brent enjoyed rounding out his career employing his many talents at the Allen Farm Fence Company in Hermon working for his dear friend, and brother in Christ, Ralph Allen. Brent made the most of his time here on Earth that God granted him. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who loved his family deeply. He poured much love, blood, sweat and tears into the house he provided for his wife where they raised their children and called home. He devoted much of his life to studying Bible scripture and teaching others God's word. Recreational activities included sailing and exploring the coast of Maine and playing golf with his wife and close friends as a member of Traditions Golf Course in Holden. Brent faithfully practiced yoga, appreciating its many benefits, and has been an in-

spiration in his granddaughter's love for yoga. Brent loved walking in the woods and being with God's creation that is so abundant in this beautiful State of Maine. Sometimes nature would come to him when he would contently watch and admire deer that made their way into his backyard at home, allowing all but one to make it safely back into the woods. More recently, he enjoyed spending winters with his wife in Fort Myers, Florida where he could be found on the golf course most days. He got great satisfaction from helping his sons figure out and work on various projects at their homes. Additionally, he was a devoted caregiver to his mother-in-law, in the last years of her life, whom he loved dearly. His humble nature, words of wisdom, helpful deeds, hearty laugh, and love and appreciation towards his loved ones and friends will be greatly missed and always cherished. Brent is survived by his wife of 48 years, Geraldine (Simpson) West, two sons and their wives, Brent Jr. and Barbara West of Stockton Springs, and Joel and Christie West of Clifton. Three beautiful granddaughters he loved dearly and was very proud of; Bailey, Bethany and Jacquelyn, two brothers and their wives George and Kathy West and Gary and Teresa West, all of Milo. Brother in-law John Simpson and his wife Betsy of Hampden, his aunt Phyllis Hamilton of Texas and many special nieces, nephews and friends. Brent was predeceased by his parents Paul and Thelma, mother and father-in-law Millard and Marguerite Simpson, grandparents Clarence and Edith West, sister and brother in law Marie and Clayton Quint as well as several Aunts, Uncles and special friends. A memorial service celebrating Brent's life will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 5th, 2015 at the Church of Christ building located at 516 Union Street in Bangor. A private burial will be held at the Milo Cemetery on a separate occasion.



DOROTHY B. MOON AYER

ETNA AND CUMBERLAND - Dorothy B. Moon Ayer, 93, died Nov. 29, 2015 at her Etna home following a period of ill health. Dorothy was born in Newport on Sept. 15, 1922 the daughter of Alphonzo and Thirza (Young) Conant. She graduated from Newport High School in the class of 1940. While in high school she enjoyed playing basketball. Following her graduation she moved to the Portland, Maine area and worked at National Biscuit Co. and then moved on and started her career as a secretary for Maine Bonding Ins. Co. for many years. She also worked under an apprenticeship to learn hair dressing and earned her license to operate in Maine. Dorothy worked for Cook Concrete, Ramada Inn, and as a flagger for Lane Construction Co. She was the widow of Raymond Ayer Sr. who predeceased her on July 23, 2013. After moving back to Etna she and her husband Ray had a little shop where they sold wood Crafts and Ceramics, that she enjoyed making. She enjoyed going to yard sales where she bought treasures, (that she didn't want to part with). She is survived by her son and his wife Ronald and Diane Moon, her daughter Nancy Moon, several grandchildren and great grandchildren, her brother, Vincent

Conant of Etna, and her sisters, Gloria Wilson, of Etna and Joyce Bubar and her husband Verne of Etna, several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Raymond Ayer, her son Tommy Moon, her daughter Diane and her sister Elaine. Dorothy will also be fondly remembered by her friends and caregiver Respah Graves and her husband Allen, "her boys" Ashton and Maddox Graves, that had come to love as her own grandsons. A special thank you to the employees of "Buds Shop N Save" in Newport and the crew at "McDonalds" in Newport for their love and friendship to Dot. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to the Newport Community Food Bank, 26 High Street Newport, Me 04953. Friends may call from 11 am to 1PM Thursday December 3, 2015at the Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Service Center 34 High Street Newport where funeral services will be conducted at the completion of the visitations, at 1 PM with Rev. Vasha Piermont officiating. Burial will be in the family lot at Riverside Cemetery Yarmouth, Me on Friday 11am, Dec. 4, 2015. To sign an online guest book and leave written condolences please visit: www.PhilipBrownFuneralHome.com



KATHLEEN 'KATE' FLANAGAN MCMANUS

SPRINGFIELD, VA - On November 27, 2015, Kathy, 85, a mother, grandmother to many, and friend to all, joined her siblings and her ancestors to see the face of God. Born the seventh of eight children in Bangor, Maine, she met the love of her life, Reginald, at 14 years of age whom she married twelve years later. Graduating as salutatorian from John Bapst High, she would have been valedictorian, but because "it was the boys year" (they alternated years for the honor) her future husband took the honor. She obtained a nursing degree, finishing at the top of her class. After marriage, she moved to Washington, DC where she began her primary vocation raising her family. She also provided nursing care and worked in the family practice. Always the epitome of caring, humility and service, she was loved by all whose lives she touched. Her wisdom was only outdone by her compassion and purity of heart. An unkind word never passed her lips. She engaged everyone she met, even strangers on the street, and if she found out you were from Maine - hope you have a few minutes to chat. The family and many friends she leaves sorely miss her, but she will be welcomed happily by the multitude of others who have passed before her. She is survived by her husband of sixty years, Reginald McManus, M.D.; her five children and their

spouses, Christopher McManus, M.D. (Laurie), Kathy McManus, Ph.D. (Jorn Flatvoll), Patrick McManus, M.D. (Mary Elizabeth), Anna Hayes (Dan), and John McManus, J.D. (Deborah). Her life was blessed with 13 grandchildren whom she loved and adored - Paul Ryan, Caitlin, Kelsey and Charlie McManus; Maitland Holbrook (Austin), Elizabeth "Cameron" Wortham DPT (Coleman), and Daniel McManus; Megan Hayes FSA, CERA, Katie Hayes Ozarowski, D.O. (Alan) and Molly Hayes; and grandsons, Sean, Patrick and Aidan McManus. She was also blessed with one great-grandchild, Grace Ozarowski, with her sibling on the way. Her viewing and visitation is set for Friday, December 11, between 2:00-4:00 pm and 6:00-8:00 pm at Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home. Her funeral Mass is scheduled at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Annandale, VA on Saturday, December 12 at 11:00 AM. She was deeply committed to her vocations as a mother, caregiver and to her faith as a servant of God, Jesus. Her example more than her words was instrumental in instilling that same spirit in those in her life. Condolences and further commentary can be expressed at www.fmfh.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Reginald P. and Kathleen F. McManus Scholarship Fund, Bowdoin College, Development Office, 4100 College Station, Brunswick, ME 04011-8432.



MARTHA E. BERNIER

LIMESTONE - Martha E. Bernier, 72, wife of Melvin Bernier, passed away Saturday evening, November 28, 2015 at a Caribou healthcare facility, following an extended illness. She was born April 12, 1943 in Caswell, the daughter of Albert and Eva (Lavoie) Perreault. Martha attended school in Caswell and worked at the Limestone High School Cafeteria for a number of years as well as assisting local farms seasonally. She was a communicant of the Parish of the Precious Blood, St. Louis Catholic Church, Limestone and was married to Melvin Bernier on July 18, 1970. Martha truly had a green thumb and always had a house full of plants and a beautiful flower garden. Her daily routine always included crossword puzzles and she never found one that she couldn't complete. She also greatly enjoyed arts and crafts and was an avid ten-pin bowler. Martha's grandchildren were her life and her family will remember her as having the world's biggest heart and how children were magnetically drawn to her. In addition to her parents, Martha was predeceased by and infant brother, Morris Perreault. She is survived by her husband of forty-five years, Melvin Bernier of Limestone; one daughter, Holly Nadeau;

two grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Monique Nadeau, all of Caribou; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Stephen Perreault of Hamlin, Wallace and Rachel Perreault of Ocala, FL, Conrad and Pauline Perreault of Van Buren; several nieces and nephews including a special niece Stacy Shaw of Easton. Friends may call Wednesday December 2, 2015 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Giberson-Dorsey Funeral Home, 144 Main Street, Fort Fairfield. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the Parish of the Precious Blood, St. Louis Catholic Church, 100 Main Street, Limestone. A time of continued fellowship with refreshments will be held after the service in the church reception hall. Private interment will take place at the Northern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Caribou. Those who wish may contribute in memory of Mrs. Bernier to the charity or organization of one's choice. Envelopes will be available at both the funeral home and church. Online condolences may be expressed at www.gibersondorseyfuneralhome.com

