

OBITUARIES



PAUL W. HAMMOND
CONOVER, WI AND BAR HARBOR - Paul William Hammond, 29, of Conover, Wisconsin, and with roots in Maine, died Tuesday, December 1, 2015, in a motor vehicle accident near Wausau, Wisconsin. Paul was born on June 21, 1986, in Portland, ME, to Scott S. and Debra W. Hammond and was lovingly named in memory of his maternal great grandfather Paul C. Marston, MD, and in honor of his maternal grandfather William E. Waye. At a very early age, he developed a love of language and learning that he pursued throughout his life. He graduated from Mount Desert Island High School in 2004, from Rice University with a B.A. in 2008, and from the University of Memphis with a Ph.D. in 2014. In 2005, at Rice's Baker College, Paul met Karen Spitzfaden, his partner in all things. Paul was a professor of philosophy.

To write only about Paul's accomplishments is to misrepresent all that he was as a person. Paul was a brilliant scholar and a devoted teacher, but more importantly, he was kind, humble, caring, and generous to everyone he encountered, and especially to his friends and family. At Rice and at Memphis, Paul established himself as an enthusiastic student leader, both in and out of the classroom, and a friend to everyone. With his sharp wit, easygoing nature, and quick laugh, Paul was an unparalleled conversation partner and frequent board-game champion. Paul was always willing to join and help organize any adventure and liked to spend time reading, writing, baking, traveling, and being outside. Most of all, though, he enjoyed discussing ideas and current events; he was passionate about promoting well-reasoned and logical arguments and debate.

He will live in the hearts of so many people, including Karen of Minneapolis, MN; parents of Bar Harbor, ME; sister Tricia (Jamie) Thurlow and nephew and niece Gavin and Abigail of Bass Harbor, ME; maternal grandmother Mary Waye of Scarborough, ME; paternal grandparents Janet and Lee Hammond of Pine Grove, California; Karen's father Tom Spitzfaden of Moline, IL; Karen's siblings Kim and David Spitzfaden of Minneapolis, MN; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and beloved friends. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather William Waye, paternal grandmother Patricia Hammond, and Karen's mother Cathy Spitzfaden.

Two Celebration of Life services will be held. One will be at 2:00 PM on Thursday, December 10th at Bar Harbor Congregational Church in Bar Harbor, ME. The other will be at 1:30 PM on Sunday, December 13th at Bethany Lutheran Church on Franklin Avenue in Minneapolis, MN. Receptions will follow both services. Paul's family and friends encourage that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made in Paul's memory to the Paul Hammond Memorial Fund at Rice University (addressed to Rice University, Office of Development MS-81, PO Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251-1892) or to the Paul Hammond memorial, created to fund a local community need (addressed to The First, P.O. Box 258, Bar Harbor, Me 04609).

Arrangements in care of Jordan-Fernald, 1139 Main St., Mt. Desert. Condolences may be expressed at www.jordanfernald.com

LINDA M. UPTON

BREWER - Linda M. Upton, 67, passed away on December 1, 2015.

She is survived by her husband, Bob; and two daughters, Brenda and Angela, all of Brewer. She is also survived by several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and one brother and two sisters.



RUTH E. BARNES

PRESQUE ISLE - Ruth Elizabeth Barnes, 67, passed away Saturday Dec. 5, 2015 surrounded by her family at a Bangor hospital. She was born June 11, 1948 in Presque Isle, the daughter of Basil and Alberta (Bell) Wright.

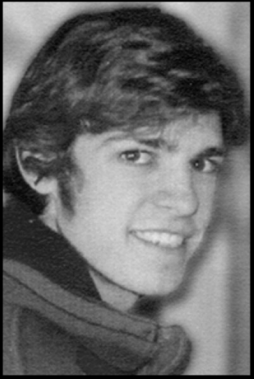
She worked for 38 years at Maine Public Service Co., mostly recently as a payroll executive. Ruth was a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, a member of PROBUS, and volunteered with her husband at the American Folk Festival in Bangor.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years Philip E. Barnes of Presque Isle, a son Kevin Barnes and his wife Tricia of Presque Isle, a daughter Penny Jones of Fort Fairfield, a brother Robert Wright and his wife Leslie of Orono, two brothers Sonny Doherty and his wife Edith of Elliot Lake, Ont. Canada, Wiley Doherty and his wife Shirley of Mars Hill, three sisters; Mary Jane Caron of Bangor, Carol Manson of Hancock, and Rita Gustin of Branford, CT, three grandchildren; Jessica and Colin Goshorn, and Shyanne Barnes, several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, two brothers David and Albert Wright, and a sister Dixie Langley.

Friends may call 12 noon Wed. Dec. 9, 2015 at Duncan-Graves Funeral Home 30 Church St. Presque Isle where funeral services will be held at 1PM with Rev. Larry Palmer officiating. Immediately following the service a reception will be held at the funeral home. Spring interment will be in Estes Park Cemetery, Easton. Those who wish may donate in her memory to the American Cancer Society One Bowdoin Mill Island Suite 300 Topsham, ME 04086 or to a charity of one's choice. Online condolences may be shared at www.duncan-graves.com

In Memoriam

In Loving Memory Of
JEFFREY MICHAEL WARD
Sept. 10, 1985 - Dec. 8, 2013



Forever in our hearts.
Love Mom, Dad, and Kelly.

Death Notices

BARNES, Ruth E., 67, Presque Isle; at Bangor, Dec. 5, 2015. Service 1 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015 at Duncan-Graves Funeral Home, 30 Church St., Presque Isle.

CASSIDA, David W., 80, Belfast, Nov. 26, 2015. Service 1 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015 at Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

FISHER, Helen M. (Delano), 91, Milo; at Brewer, Dec. 6, 2015. Service 11 a.m., Friday, Dec. 11, 2015 at the Lary Funeral Home, Milo.

GERBER, Phyllis, 94, Houlton, Dec. 7, 2015. Service 11 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015 at Hodgdon Cemetery. Bowers Funeral Home, Houlton.

HAMMOND, Paul W., 29, Conover, WI and Bar Harbor; at Wausau, WI, Dec. 1, 2015. Service 2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 10, 2015 at Bar Harbor Congregational Church, Bar Harbor. Jordan-Fernald Funeral Home, 1139 Main St., Mt. Desert.

JOZEFOWICZ, Joshua A., 23, Glenburn, Dec. 1, 2015. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

KENNEY SR., Robert A., 80, Green Lake and Brewer; at Bangor, Dec. 1, 2015. Service 6 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015 at the Fellowship Hall of the Calvary Baptist Church, 61 State St., Brewer. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

MOIR, Matilda M., 89, Woodland; at Caribou, Dec. 5, 2015. Mockler Funeral Home, 24 Reservoir St., Caribou.

NORWOOD, Dorothy B., 88, Orrington, Dec. 2, 2015. Service 12 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015 at Marston Cemetery, Snows Corner Rd., Orrington. Brewer Chapel of Brookings-Smith, 55 South Main Str., Brewer.

SAVARY, John W., 82, Ashland; at Ashland, Dec. 3, 2015. Service 11 a.m., Friday, Dec. 11, 2015 at Union Congregational Church, Sheridan Rd., Ashland. Lajoie Funeral Home, Ashland.

STROUT, Anne Marie (Telfer), 97, Winchester, MA and Milbridge, Dec. 4, 2015. Service 1 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015 at the First Congregational Church of Winchester, 21 Church St., Winchester, MA. Costello Funeral Home, Winchester, MA.

UPTON, Linda M., 67, Brewer, Dec. 1, 2015.

ANNE MARIE (TELFER) STROUT

WINCHESTER, MA AND MILBRIDGE - Anne Marie (Telfer) Strout, age 97, of Winchester, MA and Milbridge, ME, passed away on Dec. 4, 2015. She was the beloved wife of the late Russell B. Strout, and the loving mother of Jeffrey Strout and his wife Kathleen of Bangor, ME, Daniel Strout and his wife Joyce of Lincoln, NE, and Eric Strout and his wife Sarah of Orange City, FL.

She was also the dear sister of the late Pauline Flickinger and John Robert Telfer, and is further survived by four granddaughters; Jennifer Dickinson, Courtney Strout, Kelley Strout and Elizabeth Rodgers, and four great-grandchildren; Ashley and Chelsea Dickinson, Russell Brian Strout, Hailey Trainor, and niece Daphne Flickinger Bradford.

Visitation was held in the Costello Funeral Home, 177 Washington St., Winchester, MA on Monday, Dec. 7th from 4-6PM. A Celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday, December 8th at 1 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Winchester, 21 Church St. (on the Common). Interment will be held in Evergreen Cemetery in Milbridge, ME on Wednesday, December 9th, at 1:00 p.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the En Ka Society of Winchester, 1037 Main Street, Winchester, MA 01890. www.enkasociety.org www.costellofuneralhome.com



MATILDA M. MOIR

WOODLAND - Matilda M. Moir, 89, wife of the late Thomas Moir, Sr. passed away December 5, 2015 at Caribou. She was born in Alagash May 10, 1926 the daughter of the late Nizar and Ida Hafford.

Mrs. Moir was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her children, Thomas Moir, Jr. and wife Merilda, Janet Rohn and husband Ronnie all of Caribou, Ida Drew of Woodland, Nancy Wyman and husband Scott of Caribou, Richard Moir and wife Maggie of Woodland and James Moir of NJ, 17 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, including a special niece Jenny Clark. Mrs. Moir was predeceased by her husband in 1987, two sons Alan and Roger, and a son-in-law, Dana Drew, Sr.

Graveside services will be held in the spring at the Woodland Cemetery at a date and time to be announced at a later date. www.mocklerfuneralhome.com



HELEN M. (DELANO) FISHER

MIL0 - Helen M. Fisher, 91, wife of the late Stanley Fisher, passed away December 6, 2015, at Woodlands Senior Living in Brewer. She was born March 14, 1924, in Lee, the daughter of Lee Durwood and Ethel Mae (Thur-low) Delano.

She is survived by two sons, Glenwood Hatch, Jr. and his wife, Joey, of San Diego, CA, and Danny L. Hatch and his wife, Mary Louise, of Bangor; four grandchildren, Scott J. Hatch and his wife, Kristy, of Fairfax County, VA, Debra L. Bell and her husband, William, of Herman, Tommy Hatch and his wife, Linda, of Eureka, CA, and Terry Hatch and his wife, Crystal, of Colorado; a sister, Jean Grant and her husband, Harold, of Bangor; 6 great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; numerous nieces, nephews, and their families.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Stanley; two sisters, Olive Maxine (Delano) Warren and Marion E. (Delano) Salisbury; two brothers, Dean Delano and Raymond Delano; two brothers-in-law, Phillip Warren and Roy S. Salisbury; two grandchildren, Timothy Hatch and Mary Hatch.

A memorial service will be conducted 11am, Friday, December 11, 2015, at the Lary Funeral Home, Milo, with Pastor Phil McLaughlin officiating. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to Alzheimer's Association, Maine Chapter, 383 US Route One, Suite 2C, Scarborough 04074. Burial will be in the family lot in Evergreen Cemetery. A complete obituary can be viewed at www.laryfuneralhome.com.

PHYLLIS GERBER

HOULTON - Phyllis Gerber, 94, of Houlton died December 7th 2015. She was born May 15th 1921 in Buffalo New York, the daughter of Henry and Anna (Samuel) Morris.

She is survived by three sons, Sam of Long Island, Ray of Brunswick and Seth of Houlton; and several grand and great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by one sister, Mae Goldman.

A graveside funeral service will be held today December 8th at 11 a.m. at the Hodgdon Cemetery. Arrangements by Bowers Funeral Home, Houlton.



JOHN W. SAVARY

ASHLAND - John W. Savary, 82, died unexpectedly Thursday, December 3, 2015, at his home. He was born May 7, 1933 in Quincy, MA, son of the late William and Gladys (Lister) Savary Sr., graduated from Ashland Community High School, and Wentworth Institute, Boston, MA.

John enlisted with the US Army during the Korean War, serving stateside for several years. Upon returning to Ashland, he went to work as a mechanic and auto body technician with his father at Ashland Motors. He was a Deacon with Union Congregational Church for many years and a member of the National Rifle Association, American Legion and AmVets.

He is survived by: three brothers, William K. Savary Jr. of Lakeland, FL, Charles Savary and his wife Roberta, and Gary Savary, all of Ashland; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be celebrated at 11:00 AM on Friday, December 11, 2015 at Union Congregational Church, Sheridan Rd., Ashland. Relatives and friends may greet the family Friday morning 10AM until the time of service at the church. Spring interment will be in the Ashland Municipal Cemetery, Ashland. Arrangements are entrusted to Lajoie Funeral Home, 114 Exchange St./PO Box 39, Ashland. To share condolences online, please visit www.LajoieFuneralHome.com



JOSHUA A. JOZEFOWICZ

GLENBURN - Joshua Allen Jozefowicz, 23, died unexpectedly December 1, 2015 in Bangor. He was born July 10, 1992 in Pittsburgh, PA.

He is the loving son of Lisa Korey of Glenburn. Also surviving are one brother, Austin and a sister, Shelby Kleffman, both of Trenton; a niece, Kira Simpson and his extended family of Pittsburgh including his aunts and uncles. Joshua is predeceased by a brother, Neil Kleffman.

Services will be held at a later date to be announced. A service of Brookings-Smith, 133 Center Street, Bangor.

Japanese-American WWII Medal of Honor recipient dies

BY JILL LEOVY
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES — “Roly-poly” is how George T. Sakato described his teenage self. To hear him tell it, he was almost a parody of a heroic figure — small, round and none too fit.

He was slimmer by the time he joined the Army but still so short that he had to march double-time to keep up.

He had brio. He was funny — he got in trouble for jokes he cracked at his superiors' expense — and he had volunteered for service during one of the bloodiest periods of World War II. But he was too puny even to carry his own gear. When they marched uphill, buddies carried his pack for him. Even so “I’m always the last one up that hill,” he said.

Six decades later, Sakato still appeared bewildered that his combat days ended as they did, with his belated receipt of the Medal of Honor for his actions in France in 1944. He received it, for, of all things, climbing a hill.

“How I got the medal, I don’t know,” Sakato said in an interview with PBS. “Others deserve this much more.”

Sakato, a private in Com-

pany E, Third Platoon, 442nd Regimental Combat Team — a segregated Japanese-American unit — died Wednesday in Denver. He was 94.

He had earlier been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his actions on Oct. 29, 1944. But 55 years later, he got a call from a general inviting him to Washington.

The general said his cross would be upgraded to the Medal of Honor, the military’s highest honor, and he would receive it with nearly two dozen other Japanese-American servicemen — including U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye of Hawaii.

“Dad didn’t respond,” recalled his daughter, Leslie Sakato. “The general said, ‘Are you there? Are you there? Are you OK?’ ”

Sakato traveled to the White House in 2000. The ceremony there capped efforts to highlight the wartime heroism of Japanese-American soldiers who advocates argued had previously been overlooked.

Sakato returned to Washington again in 2010 when his Nisei unit and two others received the Congressional Gold Medal.

George “Joe” Taro Sakato was born Feb. 19, 1921, in Colton, California, the son of Hatsu and Yoshitaka Sakato, who were born near Hiroshima, Japan, Sakato’s daughter said.

The elder Sakato came to California to work on railroads, then opened a barber-shop, bathroom and pool hall with his wife. George Sakato was one of seven children. He graduated from Redlands High School.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, the family fled to Phoenix to avoid internment. Sakato was never put in a camp, but he delivered groceries to one and decades later recalled its towers and armed guards.

By 1944, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the 100th Infantry Battalion had been formed — both units manned with Nisei soldiers and sent to fight in mountainous territory in France.

Battling their way north, these soldiers met some of the fiercest fighting of the war, said Peter Wakamatsu of Lancaster, California, son of a 442nd veteran and independent researcher of the period.

“They were on the line for

about a month,” he said. “By the time the battle ended, they had lost half their men. A lot to trench foot and illness, but also battle casualties.”

Theirs would become the most decorated regimental combat unit of the war.

Outside the town of Biffontaine, Sakato and his fellow soldiers surprised German troops from the back of a ridge. They chased them off the hill and took prisoners, but the Germans counterattacked. Sakato flung himself into one of their abandoned foxholes, with weapons he had found. There was a lull. A friend stood up for a better view and was hit.

“He was gurgling and his body went limp on me and he died. I sat there and held him. Why?” Sakato recalled. Five decades later he wept as if his friend’s corpse was still before him.

Sakato then rushed up the hill — a one-man assault. “Where I got the energy to run that hill ...,” he said later, trailing off. “I could never climb a hill before.” He spoke as if talking of someone else.

His citation says he galvanized his comrades and took charge after his squad leader

was killed, using an enemy rifle and a pistol to repel an attack. He killed 12 German soldiers and took four prisoners. In total, the unit took 34 prisoners that day.

In interviews Sakato twinkled with humor about many aspects of his military service. But his face fell when he discussed his heroic battle. He told reporters of dead comrades. He talked of hearing the cries of an injured German soldier.

In one post-medal interview, he described poking the ground before his face with a bayonet. He was inching forward on his belly, hoping a land mine wouldn’t explode in his face. Almost six decades later, his breath grew short at the memory.

He was wounded in a subsequent action. Back home, he joined a friend in Denver and went dancing. He met Bessie “Bess” Sachiko Saito, and the two were married.

He went to work as a clerk for the U.S. Postal Service, and she in a print shop.

The two were married nearly 60 years, their daughter said. They were first-rate ballroom dancers who “would float across the floor,” she said.