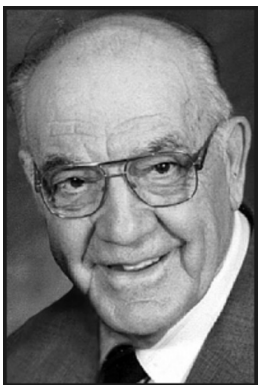


OBITUARIES



ROLAND EDMOND BOLDUC

ORONO - Roland Edmond Bolduc died on December 2nd 2015 of natural causes. He was 97 years, eight months and 25 days old. He was born on March 7th, 1918, in Rang Langevin, St. Côme, Québec into the family of Godfroid Bolduc and Marie Louise Mercier. He completed his License to teach Commercial Studies at the College Ste Marie de Beauce, at age 17, and later completed a course in Logging at the Duchesnay School of Forestry.

Roland married the late Venney Marquis in August of 1945, and they raised a family of five children in the Maine woods, in Fort Kent and in Rumford.

Roland worked as a wood-cutter, scaler, operations manager and superintendent of Logging throughout Maine and southern Quebec. He worked with horses, river drives, trucks, skidders - and computers. His specialty was the design of woods operations in undeveloped areas. He took great pleasure in the work, and was delighted when he solved problems of transportation, staffing, wood measurement, control of water and accounting. His layout of access roads won him the name of "Straight Roads Bolduc." He displayed artistic and creative flair in his use of equipment, including polaroid photography to measure truck loads.

His last employer, then Boise Cascade, brought him and his family to Rumford, Maine, where they spent forty years. They were active in that community and Roland was a beloved figure and Pèpère. Upon retirement, he worked as consultant to logging and other enterprises for fifteen years, most especially for the Brochu family of Stratton.

He is survived by his four children: Claire Bolduc, Claude Bolduc and wife Louise, Paul Bolduc and wife Julie and Suzanne and husband David Laflamme. His grandchildren remember an engaged and loving Pèpère:

Kevin, Paul II, Daniel, Joshua, Joanna, Will, Adam and Adrian, as will his great grandchildren Caleb and Jacob and Avery. He will be missed by his nieces and nephews, with whom he maintained close ties. His charm, intuition and gift for friendship brought him lasting, intimate relationships with colleagues, neighbors, former teachers, extended family and young workers he mentored.

He was predeceased by his wife of 67 years, Venney, a daughter, Louise, his parents, his brothers Eugene and Willard, his sisters Yvonne, Nôella and Germaine, and a special nephew, Fernand Simard.

In lieu of flowers, in his memory, his children invite you to plant a tree, grow some tomatoes, pick fiddleheads, bake bread, sing Loudly, watch the Canadiens play hockey, write a letter longhand, read, pretend spar with your children, find gravels, teach a child to ride a bike, refinish an old chair or make contributions to the Salvation Army of Bangor, 65 S. Park St., Bangor, ME 04401 and the Covenant House (for Louise) www.covenanthouse.org or to the Iris Network c/o Contributions Office, 189 Park Avenue, Portland, ME 04102 www.theiris.org (for Venney).

The family wishes to thank all the friends who visited and the care givers who served Roland during his last six years, when he lived in Orono. He never lost his curiosity and joie de vivre in large measure because of your generous presence.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10AM Saturday December 19, 2015 at Parish of the Resurrection, Holy Family Church, Old Town. Friends may call at the Birmingham Funeral Home, 438 Main St., Old Town beginning 8AM until time of dismissal to church. Immediately following the service, a light luncheon will held in the Parish Hall.

Death Notices

BOLDUC, Roland Edmond, 97, Orono, Dec. 2, 2015. Service 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015 at Parish of the Resurrection, Holy Family Church, Old Town. Birmingham Funeral Home, 438 Main St., Old Town.

CANFIELD, Jonathan P., 68, Bangor, Dec. 8, 2015. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

COX, June I., 90, Medway, Dec. 10, 2015. Service 12 noon, Tuesday, Dec.15, Calvary Temple Assembly of God. Clay Funeral Home, Lincoln.

INGRAHAM, Roy C., 88, Littleton, Dec. 8, 2015. Service at Dunn Funeral Home, 1:00PM, Dec. 14, 2015.

LOPER, Carl L., 86, Holden, Dec. 9, 2015. Service 12 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2015 at St. John's Catholic Church. Greenlawn Memorial Funeral Home, 300 State St., Bangor.

MCPHERSON JR., Harold W., 88, Bangor and Winterport; at Bangor, Dec. 5, 2015. Service 12 noon, Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2015 at the Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Mt. Vernon Rd., Augusta. Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 299 Union St., Bangor.

MORONG, Dorothy E., 91, Camden; at Rockport, Dec. 10, 2015. Long Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 9 Mountain St., Camden.

NICHOLS, Gloria June, 88, Bangor; at Bangor, Dec. 6, 2015. Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 69 State St., Brewer.

NICKERSON, Merle R., 80, Dade City, FL and Mapleton, Dec. 7, 2015. Whitfield Funeral Home, Zephyrhills, FL.

PATTERSON, Loretta "Retta" (Gourley), 76, Harmony; at Portland, Dec. 8, 2015. Service 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015 at Chadbourne Cemetery, Harmony. Crosby & Neal, Dexter.

RACKLIFF, Dale E., 69, Wed, December 9, 2015, in Harmony. Service 11 a.m., Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at Shorey-Nichols Funeral Home, 191 Hartland Avenue, Pittsfield

SWAZEY, Ann, Dec.10, 2015, Bucksport. Arrangements are under the care of Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home and Cremation Services.



HAROLD W. MCPHERSON JR.

BANGOR AND WINTERPORT - Harold Walter McPherson, Jr., 88, passed away Dec. 5,

2015 at the Maine Veterans Home in Bangor. He was born Jan. 22, 1927 in Bangor, the son of Mary Helen (Elbridge) and Harold Walter McPherson, Sr. He was commonly referred to as "Mac" by his friends and as "Uncle Bud" by his family.

As a boy, Mac grew up with a large family during the Great Depression. He referred to this period as "tough times." Just after his 17th birthday, he enlisted in the US Navy and served during World War II. Upon his retirement from the US Navy he returned to Bangor. For 23 years he worked for the Bangor School Department as a custodian, primarily at 5th Street School. In his later years, he worked for his good friend Gabby Price at Fairmount Market and The Corner Store.

Mac liked to keep busy, he was always tinkering around the house, such as painting or mowing. When he wasn't keeping busy Mac liked to read, especially history. Even though he traveled the world during his time in the Navy, he never got his driver's license. He took great pride in his appearance, always dressed-up when heading out. Although he valued his privacy, he had fond memories of going "out on the town" with his friends, going out to eat, telling stories and playing cards with family. He enjoyed watching sports, especially the 5th Street Bulldogs and high school basketball. Mac was always giving and never expecting anything in return.

Mac was predeceased by his parents and his siblings Alice, Evelyn, Mickey, Norman, Charlotte, and Bibbi. He will be greatly missed and thought of often by his friends, nieces and nephews.

A time to honor and celebrate Mac's life will be held 5 - 7 PM Monday, Dec. 28, 2015 at the Bangor Elks Lodge, 108 Odlin Road, Bangor. A graveside service with full military honors will be held 12 Noon Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2015 at the Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Mt. Vernon Rd., Augusta. For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675 or woundedwarriorproject.org.

Arrangements by Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 299 Union St., Bangor. Condolences may also be offered at

kileyandfoley.com.



LORETTA "RETTA" (GOURLEY) PATTERSON

HARMONY - Loretta "Retta" (Gourley) Patterson, 76, passed away peacefully with family by her side on December 8, 2015 at Maine Medical Center in Portland.

She was born March 20, 1939 in Kingsbury to Arlie and Effie (Chadbourne) Gourley. She graduated from Harmony High School in 1957, and in that same year married Bob Patterson. Loretta and Bob started their family in 1959. Loretta had different jobs throughout her life, but the one she found most rewarding was raising her four children. She was devoted to her family, and took pride in the moments spent with grandchildren. She loved watching them with all their activities, but those who knew her, knew that basketball was her favorite. She thought it was quite entertaining schooling us all at her favorite sport. Loretta also enjoyed music, playing her guitar, and writing poetry.

Loretta was predeceased by her parents; her husband, Robert; a brother, Gregory; a sister, Patricia; and a son, Robbie.

She is survived by her children, son, Jesse Patterson and wife Jodie of Harmony; 2 daughters, Molly Deane and husband, Chip of Scarborough, and Teresa Pratt and husband Chris of Harmony; 8 granddaughters, Amanda Patterson of Wellington, Morgan Patterson of Lincoln, Nyari Patterson of Bangor, Kristin Rogers of South Berwick, Mariah Page of Biddeford, Mackenzie Peatfield of Harmony, Cidney Pratt of Harmony, and Reagan Patterson of Harmony; 3 grandsons, Scott Robert Page and wife Ali of Harmony, Robbie Pratt of South Carolina, and Jacoby Pratt of Harmony; 4 great grandchildren, Kyla Knights, Delyla Knights, Gage Page, and Tanner Page; a brother, William Gourley and wife Barbara of Canaan; a sister, Brenda Monahan and husband Jim of New Hampshire; a special friend, Trung Banh; and several nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be held 6 to 8 PM, Friday, December 18, at Crosby and Neal, 61 Main Street in Dexter.

A graveside service will be held 11 AM, Saturday, December 19, 2015, at the Chadbourne Cemetery in Harmony, with Pastor Henry Thibodaux officiating.

For an online guest register, go to www.CrosbyNeal.com.

In Memoriam

In Loving Memory Of
JAMES SILVERMAN
Jun 27, 1940 - Dec 12, 2013
Gone is the face we loved so dear. Silent is the voice we loved to hear. Too far away for sight or speech but not too far for thought to reach. Sweet to remember him who once was here and who though absent is just as dear.
Sandi, Robin, Marcy and families.



JUNE I. COX

MEDWAY - June I. Cox, 90, wife of the late Arnold Cox, passed away December 10, 2015, at a Lincoln health-care facility. She was born March 13, 1925, in Medway, the daughter of Richard and Lillian (Thompson) Powers. June was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She worked as a nurse's aide at Millinocket Regional Hospital and was Sunday School Superintendent and taught Sunday School at Calvary Temple Assembly of God in East Millinocket. June enjoyed traveling and spending winters in Florida.

June is survived by three sons, Toby Cox and Sheryl, of Stockton Springs, Tony Cox and Lynn, of Woodville, and Gregg Cox and Lorna, of Melbourne, Fla.; her long-time companion, Donald Ep-

ke and his family; siblings, James Powers, Wayne Powers, Richard Powers, Emma Ireland, Billie Fiske and Coleen Grantham; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, and her husband, Arnold, she was predeceased by her daughter, Paula LaBrecque, and several siblings.

Friends may call from 10 am-12 noon Tuesday, December 15, at Calvary Temple Assembly of God where a memorial service will be held at 12 noon, with the Rev. Reginal Adams officiating. Interment will be in Grindstone Road Cemetery, Medway.

Condolences may be expressed at www.clayfuneralhome.com

Merle grew up in Crouseville, attended Washburn schools, and served in the National Guard. On November 11, 1954, Merle married his high school sweetheart, Lois (Umpfrey) Nickerson. Together they raised four children, Roxie, Lynn, Brent, and Kelly. They initially settled in Crouseville and eventually established the family homestead in Mapleton in 1969. A special place was their camp on Portage Lake where many memories were made. In 1990, Merle and Lois relocated both their residence and business to Dade City, Florida although Aroostook County was always home.

Merle was often a man of few words, though his work ethic, commitment to friends and family, and diverse interests spoke volumes. Merle and Lois owned and operated M.R. Nickerson, Inc. in Maine and Florida for over 55 years specializing in residential and small commercial construction. One of Merle's proudest accomplishments was obtaining the State of Florida Class A Construction License. After retiring in 1999, you could find Merle in his workshop creating woodworking projects surrounded by his many special friends. His last major project was the restoration of a 1928 Ford Model A Woody. This proved to be challenging as he rebuilt the entire vehicle from the basic frame crafting

many of the parts by hand. Merle had a passion for flight and enjoyed flying his Aeronca Champion 85 airplane. He loved animals and had many special pets over the years. Merle and Lois were always interested in new places and visited most of the fifty states. They also appreciated greatly their "snowbird friends" and hosted many gatherings at their home.

Merle is survived by his wife of 61 years, Lois (Umpfrey) Nickerson and is the proud father of four children: Roxie and Chad Putnam of Mapleton, Lynn Nickerson of Orrington, Brent and Susan Nickerson of Castle Hill, and Kelly and Matt McHatten of Mapleton, nine grandchildren: Chris and Philip Putnam, Dayna Carpenter, Andrew and Carter Boyles, Chelsie and Joshua Nickerson, and Shaye and Paige McHatten and three great-grandchildren: London, Camdyn, and Colt Putnam, two brothers: Dana Nickerson of Presque Isle and Jerry Nickerson of Caribou, many treasured cousins, nieces, nephews and a very special little girl Emma.

Merle was predeceased by his parents, his sister Christine King, brother Dean Nickerson, and sister-in-laws Hilma Nickerson, Marilyn Nickerson and Patricia Nickerson, and a nephew Scott and a niece Darcey Nickerson.

A celebration of Merle's life was held at Whitfield Funeral Home, Zephyrhills, Florida on Friday, December 11, 2015 and a celebration of life will be held in Mapleton next summer. In lieu of flowers, donations in Merle's memory can be made to the Salmon Brook Historical Society, PO Box 71, Washburn, Maine 04786.

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