

OBITUARIES



JEANNETTE ADA (CRANE) MARTELLE

HERMON - Jeanette Ada (Crane) Martelle, 68, of Hermon passed into eternal rest on January 7th, 2016 at the home of her son and daughter in law in Winslow after a courageous and graceful battle with lung cancer.

"Jan" was born on March 3rd, 1947 in Stetson, Maine to parents, Lester and Marjorie (Jellison) Crane. Jan married Albert "Pete" Martelle and they had a long and happy marriage until the time of his death in 2011.

Surviving are her son, Richard Martelle, wife Andréa and her son Avery Mills of Winslow. Jan's grandchildren Elizabeth and Adam Martelle of Bangor were her inspiration for living. She enjoyed countless Saturday mornings of "coffee-cereal talk" in the sunroom with Elizabeth as well as watching Adam build many NASCAR racetracks in her Hermon home. Survivors also include her loving brother, David and wife, Kathy of Lamoine; her devoted sister, Margaret Ferris and husband, Bill of Bucksport along with 3 nieces and their families-Jennie Bridges of Verona, Tracie Moon of Hancock and Kim Edgecomb of Mariaville.

Jan graduated from Ellsworth High School in 1965. She later graduated from the D'Lor Beauty School in Brewer. Jan owned a hair studio in her home and most recently retired from J.C. Penny salon in Bangor where she made many cherished friendships over the years. Her salon girls were a second family and continued to include Jan on adventures after her retirement. Jan was appreciative of the love, laughter and support over the years. Special thanks to Kim Rosen, Sonja Bragdon, Donna Greenlaw and Linda Mullen for being her dearest friends. Additionally, Jan was recognized as a Master Gardner through the University of Maine cooperative extension program. Her beautiful gardens highlighted her green thumb.



JOHN E. ACHORN

BREWER - John E. Achorn, 81, husband of Frances E. Achorn, died peacefully on Jan. 7, 2016 after a long struggle with cancer. He was born Jan. 16, 1934 in Fort Fairfield, the son of Lewis and Nedra Achorn.

John served his country for 41 years retiring from the Maine Air National Guard in 1994, the last years of which he served as the Senior Chief for the State of Maine reporting to the Adjutant General. He was a communicant and long standing church angel at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Frances of Brewer are his children, Stephen and his wife, Maryann of Tujungua, CA, Timothy and his wife, Kim of Bangor, John and his wife, Sharon of Chesapeake, VA; grandchildren, Kristin Fortin and her husband, Richard, Nathaniel and his wife, Tonya, Jason Achorn and his wife, Jessica, Eric Achorn and his wife, Whitney, Jessica Achorn, Lauren Restaino and her husband, Stephen, Peter Achorn and his wife, Emily and Joshua Achorn; great grandchildren, Andrew, Ethan, Calvin, Emma, Thomas and Charlotte; his

In the weeks prior to her passing, Jan had the opportunity to visit with many family members and friends. She shared how blessed she felt to be able to thank many people in person for their contributions to her life. Jan is especially grateful to her former daughter in law, Marcella Martelle and partner, Kevin Kenny of Bangor who had been supportive in getting her to appointments and ensuring she was able to spend as much time as possible with her grandchildren. Jan spoke of her son, Rick and his wife Andréa, AKA "nurse Ratchet" as her angels, moving her into their home to support her needs. Special thanks goes to Dr. Locke and the entire staff at the Harold Alford Center for Cancer Care in Augusta. Their knowledgeable and compassionate care along with Jan's courage and strength afforded her an additional 3 years with her family and friends. Jan wanted to be sure to acknowledge the nurses who covered Andréa's last 2 weeks of shifts so she could be home with her family helping run the "Rick and Andréa Bed and Breakfast /Hospice House," as Jan lovingly referred to their home. The family also appreciates the care received from the wonderful staff on 2 West at the Alford Center for Health and MaineGeneral Home Care and Hospice.

At the request of the deceased, a private burial will take place in the spring at Woodbine Cemetery in Ellsworth. Memorial donations may be made to The Harold Alford Center for Cancer Care, PO Box 828 Waterville, Maine 04903 or HealthReach Home Care & Hospice PO Box 828, Waterville, Maine 04901.

At the family's request there will be no funeral or visitation hours. Arrangements under the care and direction of Dan & Scott's Cremation & Funeral Service, 445 Waterville Road, Skowhegan.



YVONNE GRAY FORD

BREWER AND FALMOUTH - Yvonne Gray Ford, 95, died peacefully in her sleep at home following a brief illness. Yvonne grew up in the small town of Groveton, NH, and during WWII married the love of her life, Fred Rodney Ford, of Guildhall, Vt. during his tour of duty in the US Navy. They spent 62 wonderful years together raising four children and enjoying a lifetime of experiences and explorations. She was a loving mother who always put her family first, and throughout the years taught them values of life, love of family and friends, and respect for all.

The family lived in Virginia, Connecticut, and New Hampshire, finally settling in Brewer, Me in 1961. She was a volunteer at a school for the disabled children, designed dance costumes, was a Brownie Scout and Cub Scout den leader, volunteered in the schools, and never missed the athletic events of her children, always cheering them on. She sang in the choir of the United Methodist Church. Family winter vacations at Saddleback, ME were highlighted by the breaking and eating of her skillfully designed gingerbread houses, skiing and much laughter. Acadia National Park and Bar Harbor, ME were among her favorite places to camp, hike, picnic, and enjoy the beauty of nature. She and her husband traveled extensively both internationally and nationally, exposing their children to many wonders of this country.

Most of all she enjoyed being with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren at Cape Cod, MA; Sebec Lake, ME; on "Top of the Hill" in Raymond, ME, as well as exploring the southern country of Louisiana and Texas. Other highlights of her retirement years were spending winters in Gulf Shores, AL where she and her husband made

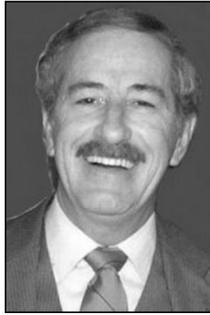
many long-lasting friendships and celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in Australia and New Zealand where at 74 she snorkeled on the Great Barrier Reef.

In later years Yvonne lived at Ocean View in Falmouth, Maine where she participated in many of the activities of this senior living community and continued to make friendships. She enriched all our lives with the stories of days gone by and her lasting love, a gift to all her family.

Beloved wife of the late Fred R. Ford of Brewer, ME, Yvonne was the devoted mother of Janis Swain and her husband, the late Douglas Swain of Medfield, MA; Darlene McCall and her husband John McCall of Raymond ME and their family, Sarah, Loren, Leo and Lex Selvaggio of Carlsbad California; her son Rodney Ford and his wife Rev. Janice Ford of Uxbridge, MA; and her son Randall Ford and wife Judy Ford of Falmouth, ME. Yvonne delighted in her grandchildren the late Ashleigh Yvonne Tennet and Rory Tennet; Darren Swain and his wife, Kelly Swain of Scituate, MA and Darcy Walsh and husband Brian Walsh of Vienna, VA; Eric Ford and his wife Jennifer of Arlington, MA; Nicholas Ford of Brighton, MA; Jameson Ford of Bangor, ME; and Christian Ford of Falmouth, ME. Yvonne was also the beloved great-grandmother of Trevor Swain and Cyrus Walsh.

The family would like to acknowledge the exceptional care and family support from Care Tree Healthcare, South Portland, ME and Beacon Hospice, South Portland, ME.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Morrison Center- building a brighter future for people with disabilities (www.morrison-ME.org), 60 Chamberlain Rd, PO Box 1539, Scarborough, ME 04070-1539. A celebration of life will be held in the spring.



CHARLES R. BARTON

HAMPDEN AND BANGOR - Charles R. Barton, 83 of Avalon Village in Hampden passed away peacefully at the Maine Veteran's Home in Bangor on January 7, 2016 after a brief illness. "Charlie" was born in Bangor, Maine on August 28, 1932 the son of George and Grace (Hughes) Barton.

He was a graduate of John Bapst High School and Bentley College in Waltham, Massachusetts. After serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, he worked in various roles and capacities that led him to live in Boston, Micronesia, and California eventually retiring as Controller for the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Jose, California. He returned to Maine in retirement to return to his roots and be closer to family.

Charlie was a man of faith who realized the importance of God, family and friends. We who love him, pray that he will experience the love and mercy of God and that he is now joined with those he loved in eternal life.

He was predeceased by his parents; his brother Wal-

ter and his wife Elizabeth; sisters Barbara (Barton) Dufour and Sister Grace Joyce Barton, RSM; brother in-law Dennis "Don" Soucy, and a special nephew, Mark Dufour. He is survived by his sister, Constance (Barton) Soucy of Bangor; brother in-law, F. Philip Dufour of Camden; several nieces and nephews as well as many grand and great-grand nieces and nephews. Charlie also leaves many friends, especially those who he reconnected with and new ones made after returning to the Bangor area. He had a lifelong affection for dogs and leaves his most recent companion "Toby."

A funeral mass will be celebrated 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 16, 2016 at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, St. John's Catholic Church, 207 York Street, Bangor. Those who wish to remember Charlie in a special way may make gifts in his memory to the Bangor Humane Society 693 Mt. Hope Avenue, Bangor, Maine 04401. Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.BrookingsSmith.com.

JACQUELYN L. BEAUPRE CARIBOU - Jacquelyn L. Beaupre, 86, wife of Norman J. Beaupre, passed away unexpectedly January 8, 2016 at Caribou. A complete obituary and funeral arrangements will be announced in the Monday edition of the Bangor Daily News by the Mockler Funeral Home Caribou as well as online at www.mocklerfuneralhome.com



JAMES F. "JIM" SPELLMAN

OLD TOWN - James F. Spellman, 89, passed away peacefully in his home January 7, 2016, surrounded by his family. James was born June 11, 1926, in Bangor, ME, the son of James K. and Catherine E. Spellman.

Jim joined the United States Navy proudly serving during World War II from 1942 to 1945. He was employed by the United States Government for 31 years and was also a fourth degree and past Grand Knight for the Old Town Council of Knights of Columbus.

Jim was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who enjoyed his annual fourth of July fireworks display at his camp on East Grand Lake, his famous St. Patrick's Day parties and his beloved Red Sox and Fighting Irish of Notre Dame. He loved to travel, and being proud of his Irish Heritage, took five trips to Ireland and made every one of them memorable. Jim will also be remembered for his love of singing, and proudly sang The Irish Wedding Song at his granddaughter Shayne's wedding. He was blessed with many friends throughout his lifetime.

James will be missed by his wife of 64 years Marlene (Guitard) Spellman; their sons, Michael and his wife Caroline of Lakewood Ranch, FL, and Timothy Spellman of Gorham, ME; daughters, Sharyn and Finacé James Stevens of Bangor, ME, Pamela and husband Eugene Hamm of Yulee, FL, Lisa and husband Robert Hamm of Brunswick, ME; his grandchildren, Christina Spellman of Yulee, FL, Melissa Spellman of Andover, MA, Shayne Brinda and husband Brian of Aurora, Ohio, Ryan, Zachary, and Molly Hamm of Brunswick, ME, Lauren Spellman of

Lakewood Ranch, FL; great grandchild, Madison Whitmore of Milford, ME; two brothers, John and his wife Lois of Bangor, ME, and William of Bangor, ME, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son, Richard Spellman; grandson, Adam Whitmore; his brother Norman; and his sisters, Janet, Anna, and Patricia.

Friends may call Sunday, January 10, 2016, from 4-7pm at Birmingham Funeral Home 438 Main St. Old Town, ME 04468. Old Town - Orono Council 2537 Knights of Columbus will conduct a prayer service at 6:30pm. The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Assembly 0364 will stand honor guard. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11 AM Monday at Parish of the Resurrection of The Lord, Holy Family Parish Church. Spring interment will be at St. Joseph Cemetery, Old Town. Immediately following the mass all are invited to the Parish hall for a light luncheon and continued fellowship.

The family would like to thank the following for the care given to Jim: Bangor Area Home Health and Hospice and Aging Excellence. A special thank you to Chelsey, Chaplain David Gardner, Margaret Colman and Paul Cote for their kindness and dedication.

Those who wish may make donations in James Spellman name to The Jimmy Fund to support cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284



DONNA MARIE FENNELLY

LAMOINE - Donna Marie (Hopkins) Fennelly, loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, died suddenly while shopping in Ellsworth late Sunday morning, January 3, 2016. Donna, 78, was born in Franklin, Maine on 15 March 1937, daughter of Edwin Thomas Hopkins, Jr. and Catharine Elvie Cousins, deceased.

She was predeceased by her husband of 58 years, Richard E. Fennelly, Sr., on 17 May 2012 and is survived by her children, Richard Jr. and his wife Deirdre; Michael and his wife Diane; Chris; William; and Vicki, all of Lamoine; grandchildren Brandi (Kimball) Candage, Brynn (Kimball) McAllian, Cassina Kimball, Sarah Fennelly, Katrina Fennelly, Kristi Fennelly, Shawn MacGregor, Jacob Fennelly, Angelique Longstaff, Richard Fennelly III, Nathan Fennelly, Amanda (Fennelly) Slater, several great-grandchildren; and half-brothers Bruce Abbott and wife Linda, of Franklin, and Brian Abbott and wife Donna, of Franklin, and their many children and grandchildren. She was also predeceased by her step-brother, Shannon Abbott, and is survived by his children, grandchildren, and family members.

Friends and family are invited to share conversation and refreshments at a celebration of her life at the Elks Lodge at 317 High Street in Ellsworth, Maine at 2:00 PM on Sunday 10 January 2016. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the East Lamoine Cemetery Association, 274 Jordan River Road, Lamoine, ME 04605. A private family interment service will take place next spring at the East Lamoine Cemetery.



GARY F. KETCHEN

BANGOR - Gary F. Ketchen, 63, passed away peacefully January 5, 2016, surrounded by his loving family after his battle with cancer. Gary was born October 10, 1952, the son of Willis E. and Lorraine T. (Fournier) Ketchen.

Gary was a passionate family man who had a special place in his heart for his grand-dogs, Zoe, Mayah, and Annabelle. He enjoyed working around his home and visiting the slots in his spare time.

He is survived by his fiancée, Ruth Allen; his mother, Lorraine Ketchen; two brothers, Ricky and Thomas Ketchen; and sister, Norma Moody; two children, Gary Ketchen, Melissa Schoppee and her significant other, Justin Cyr; stepdaughter, Tammie Allen; grandchildren, Juliana Schoppee, Brandon Ketchen, Luke Allen, Angelina Licata, Zachary Allen; and many nieces and nephews. Gary was predeceased by his father; his sister, Donna Roy; and a stepson, Steven Allen.

Carrying out Gary's wishes, there will be no formal services.

The Family would like any donations in Gary's name to be made to the Old Town Animal Orphanage, 71 Airport Rd., Old Town, ME 04468.



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