

OBITUARIES



WAYNE L. IRELAND, SR.

EDINBURG - Wayne L. Ireland, Sr., 66, passed away Thursday evening, Feb. 25th at Eastern Maine Medical Center as the result of a sudden and brief illness with his loving family at his bedside. Wayne was born on August 6th, 1949 to Leo and Ella (La-Plante) Ireland of Chester.

Wayne attended Howland schools and graduated from Penobscot Valley High School in 1968. He married his high school sweetheart, Rebecca (Reed) Ireland on April 5th, 1968. In his early adulthood Wayne worked construction with his brothers on various projects including laying the groundwork for the construction of I-95 and Penobscot Valley Hospital. He also worked for Cianbro on various projects both in and out of State. Later, Wayne became a self-employed logging contractor and also owned a logging equipment store in Howland, Ireland's Logging Supplies. He had a knack for operating heavy equipment and took pride in his quality work. In more recent years, Wayne worked his dream job as co-owner of Northeast Forest Products along side his only son, Wayne Jr. "Bub." As Bub handled the business end of things, Wayne operated the crews in the woods. They were not only business partners, but best friends. Sharing his love for the logging business with his son was his greatest reward. They ran a successful business until Bub's passing in Dec. 2009 at which time Wayne retired. Since retirement Wayne savored every moment with his eight grandchildren who were his pride and joy. He took such pride in all of their accomplishments and loved spending time with them. He was a best buddy to the two youngest, Reed and Allie. Family was most important to Wayne. He spent many evenings gathered around the kitchen tables of his brothers drinking coffee and sharing stories. Many family reunions were held and memories were created on Cold Stream Pond where he and this brothers, and brother-in-law had camps. He was predeceased by his "amigos" brother-in-law, Grover "Sonny" Reed, and cousin-in-law Danny Reed. Together they enjoyed attending livestock auctions, taking rides and

going out to lunch. Wayne was a member of the Anah Temple Shrine in Bangor and the Composite Lodge #168 of Lagrange where he held many chairs including Master of which he was very proud. He enjoyed the brotherhood of his camaraderie. Wayne was survived by his daughter, Marisa (Ireland) LeBlanc of Howland, son-in-law Andrew, and grandchildren Macy, Molly, Maggie, and Allie; and daughter-in-law Becky Ireland and grandchildren, Samantha "Sami," Alexis "Lexi," Emilee, and Reed; brother, Douglas Ireland and his wife Vesta; sisters-in-law, Beverly Ireland, Betty Ireland and Avena Ireland; sisters-in-law and their families, Joan & Rodney Sage, Jan & Tom Whitney, Kathy & Philip Pelkey, and Jeanne Reed. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Rebecca "Becky" Reed; children, Cari and Wayne Jr. "Bub"; his parents, Leo and Ella; brothers, L. Kenneth, Ronald and Bernard Ireland, and sister, Lynda; mother-in-law, Joan Reed Bates and her husband Gene; father-in-law, Grover Reed and sister-in-law Virgie Reed. He also leaves behind several nieces and nephews and his buddies at home, dogs Shay and Max. He will be deeply missed by his daughter, and only surviving child, as they shared daily talks and dinner together every evening. He took much pride in his daughter, Marisa, and all of her accomplishments. Wayne didn't miss a day visiting the LeBlanc family.

Visiting hours will held 4:00-6:00 pm, with a Masonic funeral at 6:00, Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at Clay Funeral Home, 7 Lee Road, Lincoln. A memorial service will be held Wednesday March 2, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the funeral home with Michael Hallett officiating. In lieu of flowers, friends and family may donate to an educational fund established for the benefit of his eight grandchildren. Wayne was very proud of their scholastic abilities and wanted them all to attend college. Donations may be left at the funeral home or at Howland-Enfield Federal Credit Union in Howland. For an online guest book please visit www.clayfuneralhome.com.



GERALDINE RUTH MCCORMICK

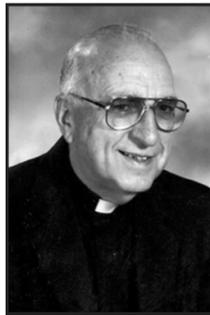
LINCOLN - Geraldine Ruth McCormick, 89, died peacefully on Feb. 22, 2016, surrounded by her family at her home. She was born Jan. 14, 1927, at home in Springfield, the daughter of Harry and Ruth (McKenney) Webster.

Geraldine graduated valedictorian from Eastern Maine Institute in Springfield, Class of 1944. She loved her family and spent much of her life as a homemaker, wife, and mother. Geraldine valued education and worked for many years as a substitute teacher in the Lincoln school system. She also worked as Activities Director at Colonial Acres Nursing Home where she began and developed many activities such as the Adopt-A-Grandparent program, Resident Council, as well as a choir and bowling league. She was a member of the Lincoln Congregational Church and was very active in the Pilgrim Daughters. An excellent cook, beautiful seamstress, and avid reader, Geraldine also loved to sing, dance, and tell stories. She will be sadly missed by the friends and family whose lives she touched and who will fondly remember visits filled with double jive lessons, hilarious tales of growing up on the farm, and

delicious cookies and pies. She is survived by sisters, Theo Webster of Windham and Shirley Delano and husband, Lester, of Lee; daughter, Jane Montgomery and husband, David, of Akron, Ohio; son, Webster McCormick and wife, Faye, of Lincoln; daughter-in-law, Colleen McCormick of Mechanic Falls; grandchildren, Jennifer Agostinelli, Kimberly McCormick, Nathaniel Montgomery, Jonathan Montgomery, Andrew McCormick, and Sara McCormick-Libby; and great-grandchildren, Sabastian, Xavier, Gianna, and Piper. She was predeceased by brothers, Kenneth, Lowell, Lawrence, Maynard, Paul, and Stanley; sisters, Helen and Mae; and son, Michael McCormick.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to caregiver Heidi LaMonica and the Community Health and Counseling Services Hospice team.

A summer memorial service will be planned at a later date. Those who wish may donate in her memory to Community Health and Counseling Services Hospice Services, 42 Cedar St., P.O. Box 425, Bangor, ME 04401 www.chcs-me.org.



REV. JAMES E. KNOX

SCARBOROUGH - Rev. James E. Knox, of Scarborough, died peacefully at St. Joseph Rehabilitation and Residence in Portland on February 23, 2016.

The beloved only child of William and Bertha (Pinette) Knox, he was born in Parkman, Maine, September 21, 1925, and was part of the large, extended Pinette family who lived nearby.

James' education began in a one-room schoolhouse in Parkman, and continued at Guilford High School, Boston College, and St. John's Seminary. His service to the Church began early in his childhood as an altar boy for Rev. Boland at Holy Family Church in Sangerville. He was ordained into the Catholic priesthood at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland on April 11, 1951, and celebrated his first Mass at Holy Family Church.

During his 45 years of full-time parish ministry, Fr. Knox served as Parochial Vicar at Immaculate Conception Church, Calais, St. Joseph's Church, Portland, and Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Portland. He was Founding Pastor at St. Gregory's Church, Gray, and Pastor at St. Charles Borromeo Church, Brunswick, and at Holy Cross Church, South Portland. He also served as Chaplain at Father Carey Camp and as Director of Camp Gregory.

Following his retirement in 1996, he accepted temporary assignments at St. Mary's Church in Westbrook and St. Philip's Church in Lyman. For many years, he celebrated Mass regularly at several other churches, including St. Maximilian Kolbe Church in Scarborough, which hosted a 90th birthday celebration for him last year. In addition to his parish ministry, he had a long record of service in the Diocese, including Diocesan Liturgical Commission, Diocesan Board of Education, Vicar Forane of Sagadahoc/Lincoln Deanery and Southern Cumberland Deanery, Diocesan Personnel Board, Board of Trustees of the Clergy Benefit Plan, and Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Cheverus Council #2344, South Portland. He also ministered to the Sisters of Mercy in Portland with weekly Masses and visits.

On the occasion of his 40th jubilee as a priest, Fr. Knox was recognized by Bishop Gerry as a priest

whose "counsel is sought by parishioners, fellow priests and bishops alike because of your wisdom, experience and Christ-like treatment of others."

While Fr. Knox devoted his life to the Church, he delighted in his extended family with regular visits, often accompanied by his dog and with a camera in hand. He had an excellent memory of family members and history, and was the source of family news for all. Known by his family as Fr. Jim, he rarely missed holiday gatherings and birthday parties, and he officiated at many family baptisms, weddings and funerals. Fr. Jim knew every soul in his large family and cared for them all. He will be greatly missed.

Fr. Knox is survived by first cousins: Ruth Mills of Yarmouth, Gloria Gallant of Portland, Thomas Wyman of Guilford, Maurice Wyman of Derby CT, Robert Wyman of Danbury CT, Katherine Spencer of Pittsfield, Lucille Chambers of Sangerville, Andrea Pinette of Dover-Foxcroft, Joseph Pinette of Abbott, and David Pinette of Houston, TX; their families; many other members of the extended Pinette family; friends in the religious community; and many parishioners.

The family wishes to thank dear friend Joel Anderson and the staff at St. Joseph's Rehabilitation and Residence for their loving care of Fr. Jim in his final days.

Relatives and Friends are invited to attend a Reception of the Body and Liturgy of the Hours at 3PM on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, 150 Black Point Road, Scarborough. Fr. Knox will lie in State at St. Maximilian Kolbe from 4-7PM on Wednesday. A concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10AM on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at St. Maximilian Kolbe with The Most Rev. Robert P. Deeley, J.C.D., as principle celebrant. Rev. Stephen F. Concannon will be the homilist. Burial will be held at a later date at Lawn Cemetery, Guilford.

Arrangements are under the direction of Conroy-Tully Crawford Funeral Home, 172 State Street, Portland.

To view Fr. Knox's memorial page or to share an online condolence, please visit www.ctcrawford.com.



MELISSA J. WATERSHIP, DVM

BAR HARBOR - Melissa Jean Watership, DVM, 46, beloved wife of Matthew A. Cough, died February 24, 2016 in Bar Harbor. She was born, February 24, 1970 in Brockton, Massachusetts the daughter of Ronald and Jean (Hill) Blake.

Melissa was an associate of the Acadia Veterinary Hospital. Before coming to Maine, she had spent six years as the chief of staff at a large emergency veterinary hospital in North Carolina and had also served as the chief veterinarian for a wildlife conservation center there. Melissa was a wonderful mother and wife. She also enjoyed reading and viewing a variety art mediums.

She is survived by her husband, Matthew Cough, her son, Morgan Wheeler and her daughter, Sophia Wheeler, all of Bar Harbor; her mother-in-law, Marjorie Cough, four sisters-in-law, six brothers-in-law and their families, and her best friend Kathy of North Carolina. She was predeceased by her parents.

Friends are invited to call from 5:00-7:00PM, Friday, March 4, 2016 at Jordan-Fernald, 1139 Main St., Mt. Desert. Those who desire may make contributions in Melissa's memory to the SP-CA of Hancock County, 141 Bar Harbor Road, Trenton, ME 04605. The family asks that those who want to view special comments can visit the Acadia Veterinary Hospital on Face book. Condolences may be expressed at www.jordanfernald.com



PAMELA E. (KING) DAVIS

ROCKMART, GA - Pamela E. (King) Davis, 61, passed away February 16, 2016, peacefully at home. She was born June 5th, 1954 in Bar Harbor, Maine, the daughter of Leonard E. King and Marjorie V. (Conary) King.

Pamela was a graduate of Ellsworth High School in Maine, class of 1972. Recently retired, she formerly worked for Dupont-Merck in customer service for nearly 20 years and Allstate Pools for 14 years. In her early years she worked at Bernard's Nursing Home in Maine and sang with a band for a number of years. Pamela was passionate about animals and their welfare, helping local shelters. She was fond of cooking for others and often fed or helped the needy in her neighborhood. Her love of gardening and green thumb was evident everywhere she lived from landscaping to vegetable gardening.

She is survived by her loving daughter, Brandy Davis; her three grandchildren, Tori, Tristan and Reece; her mother, Marjorie (Conary) King; her brothers, Brian King of CA, Neil King of ME, and Larry King of ME; as well as her sisters, Barbara Buchanan and husband Carlton of NC, Janet Butler of ME, Linda Jordan of ME, Susan Pease and husband David of MA, Naomi Turcotte and husband Tony of FL, and Rebecca Cozzens and husband Thomas of NJ; many nieces and nephews, cousins and special friends.

She was predeceased by her father, Leonard; brother, Richard; brother, Robert; nephew, Brian Ashmore; and niece, Stephanie King.

Services will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, her family asks that donations be made in her honor to animal shelters to benefit the "fur babies" she so dearly loved or to a charity benefiting the needy, she so often helped.



JANETTE EDGEComb TAYLOR

HAMPDEN - Janette Edgcomb Taylor, 95, died February 23, 2016 at a Bangor hospital. She was born in Stacyville on August 28, 1920, the daughter of Harry and Sarah "Sadie" (McClure) Edgcomb.

Janette was educated in Hampden schools and graduated as valedictorian from Hampden Academy in 1937. She entered the School of Nursing at the Eastern Maine General Hospital where she graduated with honors in 1941. Janette joined the Army Nurse Corps in February of 1942 and was stationed at Grenier Field where she met and later married Lt. Robert G. Taylor from South Bend, Indiana.

After the war, they lived in South Bend for 10 years and moved back to Hampden in 1956. She worked part-time at Eastern Maine General Hospital while raising her family. In 1962, she went to work for PROMIS Clinic for Doctors Cross, Bjorn, and Burger, where she worked for 29 years. Upon leaving PROMIS Clinic, she worked part-time for Dr. Burger until 1993 when she retired.

Though her vocation was nursing, which she thoroughly enjoyed, her avocation was music. She started playing the organ at age 14 and was an organist of record at the Hampden Highlands Methodist Church until she left for nursing school. After returning to Maine, she resumed playing the organ for the Hampden Highlands Church for 49 years. During most of this time she also directed the church choir and accompanied the Hampden Academy Chorus. For 25 years she was the accompanist for the Bangor Community Chorus. She also enjoyed cooking, sewing, gardening, and swimming.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by a brother, Robert Edgcomb; and a sister, Ella Kelley. She is survived by her five children and their spouses; Patricia Ellis, Judith Dann and husband Michael, Robert Taylor and wife Charlene; Russell Taylor and wife Carol; and Sarah Taylor and husband Jeff Brown; eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and by her niece, Connie Merchant. The family would like to thank the staff of the Maine Veterans Home for the wonderful care and compassion she received while there.

Friends may gather with the family from 6-8 PM, Fri, March 4, at the Hampden-Gilpatrick Chapel of Brookings-Smith, 45 Western Avenue, Hampden. A service of remembrance will be held 10 AM, Sat, March 5, at the Hampden Highlands Methodist Church, 44 Kennebec Road, Hampden, where a reception will follow the service at the church. Interment will be at the Locust Grove Cemetery in the spring. Gestures of remembrance may be made in Janette's name to the Hampden Highlands United Methodist Church Organ Restoration Fund, 44 Kennebec Road, Hampden, ME 04444; or the Laura Hoyt Pool, c/o Hampden Town Office, 106 Western Ave, Hampden, ME 04444. Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.BrookingsSmith.com.



HAROLD ARTHUR ALLEN

BELFAST - Harold Arthur Allen - born December 7, 1935 in Garland, Maine to AnnaBelle (Lambert) Allen and William Oscar Allen.

Predeceased by brother, William, and sisters Colleen and Ruth.

Hal grew up in Dexter, Maine and loved to tell stories of his family and very happy childhood there. At a young age he was introduced to playing the trumpet in school and it became a love that carried him through adult hood. Hal took his trumpet to Korea with him when he served there with the Air Force, and he played in the Air Force Band.

When he returned home from serving in the Air Force, Hal began to study the Bible with Jehovah's Witnesses, and from that study he learned that war would be a thing of the past on Jehovah God's new earth. He served as an elder for many years in the Augusta and Belfast Congregations.

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