

# OBITUARIES



**FLORENCE (MORRISSEY) BRAYSON**

EXETER - Florence Mary Caroline Brayson, 96, died Friday, March 11, 2016 at the Bangor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, peacefully shutting her eyes and leaving to go with Jesus. She was born December 22, 1919 in Grand Falls, N.B., Canada to Harry and Grace (Moran) Morrissey. Her father died while she was very young and her mother later married Harry's younger brother James Morrissey. They eventually moved to River de Chute, New Brunswick and raised their large family there.

Florence married C. Michael Brayson in 1939, moved to Maine, and raised a family of 9 children, living first in Old Town and then in Exeter. While in Old Town she cleaned homes in the Old Town/Bangor area. After moving to Exeter, she opened her heart and home to care for elderly state hospital patients. Florence was a wonderful cook and loved to feed anyone who came across her path. Even after being admitted to Bangor Rehab more than 3 years ago, her first words of greeting were, "Have you had lunch (dinner, whatever) yet?" She received her G.E.D. at age 70 and was a communicant of St. Anne's Catholic Church, Our Lady of the Snows Parish.

Florence will be remembered by all who knew her for her love of music. She began singing as a child and never stopped. She remembered the words to numerous old time songs and until her last day, could be found sitting in her wheelchair in

the hallway singing away, smiling at everyone who passed.

She is survived by a sister, Anita Rattray; a brother James Morrissey; her children, daughters Pearl Hawes and Elvin of Moscow, Doris and Dale Watson of Carmel; Linda and Darrell DeLong of Cape Coral, FL and Sebago; Marie and Paul Fields of Steep Falls. Her surviving sons are Michael Brayson of Franklin, VT, Robert Brayson of Charleston, Jerry and Carol Brayson of Exeter, and John Brayson and special friend Ann Martin of Corinna; son-in-law, Duane Brasslett of Old Town. She is also survived by many adoring grandchildren and great grandchildren, each of whom she loved with all her heart. There are many nieces and nephews scattered all over the world who will miss her as well.

Florence was predeceased by a daughter Charlene (Brayson) Brasslett, and all of her brothers and sisters except for two mentioned.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 A. M. Wednesday, March 16th, at St. Anne's Church, Free Street, Dexter, with the Rev. Father Emile Dube officiating. Friends may call from 9 A.M. until the time of procession to the church at Crosby & Neal, 117 Main Street, Newport. Spring buried al will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Dexter. Memorial donations may be made to a local food pantry. Those who wish may leave written condolences at

[www.CrosbyNeal.com](http://www.CrosbyNeal.com)



**GERALDINE INGALLS (TRUE) HALKETT**

BANGOR - Geraldine Ingalls (True) Halkett, 87, died peacefully at her home on March 12, 2016. She was born November 26, 1928, in Denmark, Maine, the daughter of Richmond and Jennie (Ingalls) True.

Geri was graduated from Denmark High School and attended Shaw's Business School of Bangor. She spent her early years helping family run the Ingalls Home, an inn that served parents of children attending summer camps in the Denmark area. The home had been in the family since 1794 and still stands today in the center of Denmark village. In 1948, she married James E. Halkett and moved to Bangor. Here she began her lifelong career as a wife, mother, and professional volunteer.

Geri was a very involved mother to her two children and supported their activities. She was a Cub Scout den mother and president of local PTA organizations. She and Jim joined All Souls Congregational Church in Bangor, where she served as a trustee and deacon, as well as Sunday School teacher, past president of the Evening Guild, past president of the Women's Association, and an enthusiastic participant in silent auctions, rummage sales, and the Christmas Tree Shop at All Souls' busy annual Christmas Fair. She will always be remembered for her mouth-watering needhams. Geri was a past president of Athena Club. She was past president of the Bangor Women's Golf Association and a corporator of Bangor Savings Bank. She played an active role in the Junior League of Bangor and the Altrusa Club. Geri's lifelong commitment of helping others help themselves proved strong with her involvement in the Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO) Chapter B Sisterhood, Bangor for over forty years. She was also a life member of Eastern Star and a past president of King's Daughters Home. She thoroughly enjoyed all her volunteer work, especially the Home for Aged Women, of which she was a board member for over fifty years, through its

transition to the Phillips-Strickland House.

Geri was an avid reader and loved to cook. She loved the outdoors and fished all over Maine and New Brunswick with her husband. They also traveled widely in the United States, Canada, and abroad, and spent many winters in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, and in GreenValley, Arizona, where they had many friends. Golf added greatly to her enjoyment, both in Maine and elsewhere. She also played poker with "the girls" most every week.

She was predeceased by her sister, Barbara, and by the love of her life Jim Halkett. Geri is survived by her son Thomas R. Halkett and his wife, Diane Smith-Halkett of Orono; daughter Sandra T. Halkett of Winslow; grandchildren Stuart McCluer and wife Lane of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina, Jesse Halkett of New York City, Rowland Halkett of Brooklyn, NY, Ezra Halkett of Bar Harbor, Mariah Halkett of Brooklyn, NY, and Lucia Helder of Orono; and great-grandchildren Lilly, Margaret, and Bates McCluer.

Geri's family and friends wish to thank the caregivers from Loving Touch In-Home Care and St. Joseph Hospice for their respectful attention and kindness toward her during the past few weeks.

Friends are welcome to gather with the family in a celebration of her life 11 a.m. Friday, March 18, at All Souls Congregational Church, 10 Broadway, Bangor, with the Rev. Dr. James L. Haddix, Pastor and Teacher and the Rev. Renee U. Garrett, M/Div. Minister of Christian Nurture, officiating. A reception will follow in the fellowship room at the church. Interment will be in the late spring at the Berry Cemetery in Denmark. Those who wish to remember Geri in a special way may make gifts to the James and Geraldine Halkett Scholarship Fund, in care of the University of Maine Foundation, Buchanan Alumni House, 2 Alumni Place, Orono, Maine, 04469-5792. Condolences to the family may be expressed at

[www.BrookingsSmith.com](http://www.BrookingsSmith.com).



**WILLIAM JAMES "BILL" ANDERSON**

CARIBOU - William James "Bill" Anderson of Caribou, Maine died peacefully at home surrounded by family on March 14, 2016.

He was the beloved husband of Mary Lee (Bowes) and loving father of three children and their spouses: Curt and Katherine (St. Peter) Anderson of Caribou, ME, Carl and Linda (Quilligan) Anderson of Gallatin, TN and Christina (Anderson) and Mark Kelleher of Middleboro, MA. He was the proud grandfather known as "Bull" to Kyle Anderson, of Caribou, ME, Cameron Anderson of Concord, NH and Colin, Conor and Cole Kelleher of Middleboro, MA. He was the son of the late William and Evelyn (Johnston) Anderson, loving brother of Marilyn and the late Raymond Swenson of Caribou, ME and Judy and the late Frederick Anderson of Spring Hill, TN. He is survived by a dear sister-in-law Carol Leggett and her husband, Peter of Gallatin, TN. Bill was survived by several nieces and nephews, extended family and dear friends, including Marilyn and David Jennings of Frederick, NB and Beth (Jennings) and John Boone and their children Michael, Margaret and Jack of Presque Isle, ME.

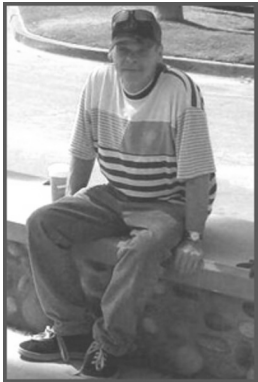
Bill graduated from Caribou High School, attended MCI, the University of Maine and Bryant College. He served in the US Army and made 26 jumps as a paratrooper. He was the owner of Anderson Beverage Company from 1960-1988. He served as President of the Maine Beer and Wine Asso-

ciation for three years. Bill served as President of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Caribou Development Corporation. He served nine years on the Caribou City Council, three as mayor and served on the Urban Renewal Committee. Bill served as president of the Caribou Country Club, Governor of the St. John Valley Senior Golf Association; he was an active Rotarian and a member of the American Legion for 55 years. He was an active member of Holy Rosary Church and the Maine Loring Association, serving as President and on the Board of Directors. He enjoyed golfing, hunting partridge, fishing and playing cards, most especially, cribbage. He was an avid Red Sox fan and Duke basketball fan.

A special thanks to Amy Edgecomb of Professional Home Nursing for her very compassionate care these last few months.

Memorial donations may be made to the Memorial Fund, Caribou Country Club, PO Box 633, Caribou, Maine 04736 or to the Jefferson Cary Foundation, PO Box 89, Caribou, Maine 04736. Visiting hours will held at Lancaster Morgan Funeral Home on Friday, March 18th from 6 - 8 pm at 11 Clover St, Caribou. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at the Parish of the Precious Blood Holy Rosary Catholic Church on Saturday, March 19th at 11:00 am. Committal services will be on Monday morning at 9 AM at the Maine Veteran's Cemetery, Caribou, Maine. Memories and condolences may be expressed at

[www.lancastermorgan.com](http://www.lancastermorgan.com)



**MARK JAMES GOODWIN**

EAST MILLINOCKET - Mark James Goodwin, 61, of East Millinocket, passed away surrounded by his loved ones on February 22nd. Mark, who was born on December 11, 1954 in Norwood Massachusetts, was the son of Kenneth J. Goodwin and Myra (McArdle) Goodwin.

Once Mark was old enough he made his move to Millinocket in hopes of getting a job at the papermill. He achieved that goal and ended up working for both the Millinocket Mill and the East Millinocket Mill for a total of 38 Years, and eventually moving to East Millinocket.

Mark enjoyed a lot of things but he mostly enjoyed watching the Red Sox, hanging out with his son Matthew, and going to The Tri-Town Baptist Church every Sunday where he faithfully practiced his religion. Mark was a great provider for his family among being a honest, helpful, hardworking man.

Mark is survived by his wife, Priscilla (Blanchette) Goodwin; his mother, Myra (McArdle) Goodwin; his son and best friend, Matthew Cote; his sons, Robert Cote, Raymond Cote, and David Cote; stepchildren, Jody Batchelder, Joseph Batchelder, and Sherrie Ortiz; and his siblings, Robin Shepards, Lorie Goodwin, Jolie Goodwin, and Scott Goodwin. Mark had a aunt whom he was close with, Dr. Hazel Kim, and lots of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mark is predeceased by his beloved daughter-in-law, Angela Morrow-Cote and his father, Kenneth J. Goodwin.

There will be a celebration of Marks life following a spring burial, date, time, and location will later be announced.



**MARY JEAN YOST**

HERMON - Mary Jean Yost, 70, passed away unexpectedly, March 12, 2016, at her home. She was born in Millinocket, September 6, 1945, the daughter of Eugene J. And Mary E. (McMahon) McLain.

Mary graduated from Sterns High School and later received her Associates in Business from Beal College. She worked for the Department of Human Services and the former Bangor Mental Health Institute as a Benefit Eligibility Specialist for over 35 years until her retirement.

Mary enjoyed playing Bingo and cards, and watching her favorite movies on TMC and the show, Pawn Stars. She was known for her kindness and humor, and as a mother, she was not only very supportive of her children, she was unwaveringly loyal. Mary was a wonderful mother to her three children, and was a loving grandmother who was incredibly dedicated to her grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Mary was predeceased by her brother, Brian McLain of Florida; and her granddaughter, Mary Marissa. She is survived by her three children, Richard Yost of Windham, Robert Yost of Hampden and Tina Fogg of Winterport; grandchildren, Kylee, Lindsie, Paige, Sierra, Wyatt, Madison and Mackenzie; and her sister, Dorothy Carter of Scarborough.

The family invites relatives and friends to share in conversation and refreshments 2-4 pm, Saturday, March 19, at the Family Reception Center of Brookings-Smith, 163 Center Street, Bangor. Those who wish to remember Mary in a special way may make gifts in her memory to Kindness Matters, c/o Kim Huntley, 302 Main Rd. North, Hampden, ME 04444. Condolences to the family may be expressed at

[www.BrookingsSmith.com](http://www.BrookingsSmith.com).

In Loving Memory Of  
**JOYCE MITCHELL PERKINS**  
Aug 13, 1947 - Mar 15, 2011



We will never, ever stop missing and loving you, Angel Joyce. Jerry (Papa), Kristi, Grand Nana, Jackie, Jonathan, Elizabeth, and Catherine

In Loving Memory Of  
**TROY N. CRAWFORD SR.**  
Aug 30, 1971 - Mar 15, 2013



Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part; God has you in his keeping, we have you in our hearts. Sadly missed but not forgotten. We love you. Dad, Sue, brothers, sisters and children

In Loving Memory Of  
**ALAN A. LEAR**  
Aug 16, 1949 - Sep 26, 2015



"If the world should stop revolving, spinning slowly down to die I'd spend the end with you And when the world was through Then one by one the stars would all go out Then you and I would simply fly away."

*(From Bread's "If," one of Alan and Cissie's favorite songs)*

My Beloved Alan, Happy 47th Anniversary. We miss you more than words can say. Your very loving family

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## North Lakes Fire and Rescue receives \$10,000 grant for equipment and training

CARIBOU — North Lakes Fire and Rescue has received a \$10,000 Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation grant in order to purchase ice and water rescue equipment and for training.

Deputy Chief Jesse Belanger of North Lakes Fire and Rescue says that the ability to do water rescue is a critical need for the department's unique coverage area.

"The beautiful lakes in the North Lakes Fire coverage area attract many outdoor enthusiasts, and many recreational activities take place on these lakes during all four seasons. There currently exists no equipment immediately available in our coverage area to safely perform water or ice rescues," he said in a news release.

The grant will assist the department with purchasing equipment including inflatable rescue platforms, ice water rescue

suits, rescue ropes and other necessary support equipment.

In addition to the equipment, North Lakes Fire and Rescue will be working closely with equipment manufacturers, the Maine Warden Service, and four department members who are Pro-Board certified Fire Service Instructors to provide training to rescue crews.

North Lakes Fire and Rescue provides fire protection, fire prevention, vehicle extrication and rescue, snowmobile rescue and other services to the residents of Sinclair, Cross Lake Township, Madawaska Lake Township and the Square Lake Region. North Lakes operates from three regional substations with approximately 40 paid per call firefighters on staff.

For more information on North Lakes Fire and Rescue, visit [www.northlakes-fire.org](http://www.northlakes-fire.org), or like its Facebook page.