

OBITUARIES



CLARENCE (BABE) MICHAUD

ASHLAND and PRESQUE ISLE - Clarence (Babe) Joseph Michaud, 93, passed away peacefully on Easter, March 27, 2016, at the Veterans' Home in Caribou. He was born in Portage, ME, June 13, 1922, the son of Ernest B. and Laura (Paradis) Michaud.

Babe attended Portage and Ashland schools. He served in the US Army during World War II and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9699. He was a communicant of St. Mark's Church in Ashland.

On February 21, 1944, he married the love of his life, Margaret Frances McGowan. Last year they celebrated their 71st anniversary. Together they owned and operated Michauds Restaurant in Ashland. Babe was physically active throughout his entire life. He played in adult basketball and baseball programs and enjoyed golfing at the Portage Hills Country Club. He and Margaret spent many good times with family and friends at their Big Macias Lake camp where they enjoyed fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, cooking

and cribbage. Babe will be remembered for his sense of humor and his great storytelling ability. He was devoted to his wife Margaret. During her last years while in a nursing home, Babe visited her twice daily.

Clarence was predeceased by his wife, Margaret (McGowan) Michaud in 2015, and 8 siblings: Beulah, Juliette, Edmund, Norman, Lawrence, O'Neil, Hector, and Eugene. He is survived by a sister-in-law, Maurine (Sutherland) Michaud of Bangor; a special nephew, Greg Michaud and wife, Vicki of Mapleton; a special niece, Debbie (Michaud) Maddi of Winthrop; and many nieces and nephews. Also surviving are his long time friends, Vernon and Bobbi MacDonald of Port Charlotte, FL and Helen McDonald of Charlottetown, PEI Canada.

A memorial service and burial will be scheduled for a later date. Donations in Clarence's memory may be made to the VFW Post 9699, 36 Portage Rd., Ashland, ME 04742. To share online condolences with the family please visit

<http://www.directcremationoffmaine.com>



RICHARD (RICK) J. SCHRAGE

HAMPDEN - Richard (Rick) J. Schrage, 70, passed away peacefully at home on April 8, 2016 with family at his side. He was born March 4, 1946, in Chicago, IL, the son of the late Walter and Lillian (Bracken) Schrage.

Rick left Taft High School early to join the U.S. Navy where he proudly served from 1963 to 1967. He then attended Northeastern State Teachers College where he received his BA degree in December 1970. He began his career in banking in 1971 and stayed in banking until 1981 when he was hired by Webber Oil. In 1997 he left Webber Oil as Credit Manager and went into teaching at Reeds Brook Middle School and Hampden Academy and stayed there until he retired in 2011.

Although enjoying retirement, he continued working at JAC Enterprises. Throughout the years he was actively involved in several community programs, such as, the Big Brother/Sister program, CASA, and Literacy Volunteers of Bangor. He also took great pride in foster parenting where he had a positive impact on children's lives. He thoroughly enjoyed the Arts, traveling, singing in the Mainely Music Chorus and spending time with those he cared about. After three years of companionship, friendship, and love Rick and Ambie Hayes-Crosby were married in a private ceremony on March 11, 2016. Rick leaves this world a better place because he was here.

In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by his stepmother Adele (Suerth - Stringfellow) Schrage; his sister, Judith Schubert; and stepbrother, William Stringfellow. Rick is survived by his beloved wife, Ambie (Hayes-Crosby) Schrage of Hampden, ME; loving daughter, Gabrielle M. Schrage of Milford, ME; foster daughter, Andria Cunningham and granddaughter, Haley of Fort Lauderdale, FL; Ambie's two children, Jesse Crosby and wife, Catina and Daniel Crosby and wife, Denise; Sister, Patricia and husband, Joseph Panarale of Chicago, IL; brother, Walter and wife, Nadine of Pittsburgh, PA. as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Immense gratitude is expressed for the consistent support, love, and caring provided by all of his friends but in particular; Karen, Hunter, Aaron and Issac Pelletier, Nicole Clewely and Henry and Ann Lanford. The family would also like to extend its appreciation to Beacon Hospice and their providers for the loving care in his transition, members of Capital Ambulance, EMMC Grant 6 nursing staff, as well as the caring staff at Lafayette Family Cancer Center. All who knew him, will miss his humor, his love and his continued interest in their lives.

Based on Rick's wishes there will be no visitation and interment will be private. Family and friends are invited to join in a celebration of Rick's life at 3 p.m. Saturday April 16, 2016 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 250 Haskell Rd. Bangor. Those who wish to remember Rick in a special way may make gifts in his memory to Beacon Hospice or Literacy Volunteers of Bangor. Condolences to the family may be expressed at

www.MemorialAlternatives.com



JOHN PHILIP DOWNING, III

BANGOR, MAINE AND PHOENIX, ARIZONA - John Philip Downing III, 58, died unexpectedly March 22, 2016, at his home in Phoenix. He was born on March 28, 1957, at the Presidio in Palo Alto, California, the son of Myrtle Laverne Luke and John Philip Downing, Jr., the third of four children.

John was born into a military family and traveled extensively in his life with his family, having lived in Izmir, Turkey, California, West Virginia, Kansas, Virginia, Alabama, Kentucky, Ohio, Massachusetts, Maine, and Arizona, and with his job with the Rhodes Retail Services and O'Reilly's to places like Hawaii and Costa Rica. He was a graduate of Whitehall-Yearling High School in Columbus, Ohio where he ran cross country and Kent State University in Kent, Ohio where he graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Business. He was an outstanding retail manager, working at base exchanges and private stores, bringing a sense of organization and pride to every place he worked, instilling confidence in his employees and encouraging them to strive for higher goals.

He was proud to be a Life Scout, having been awarded that rank at Camp Philmont in New Mexico. John was a gifted writer and sensitive soul, a devoted Oakland Raiders sports fan, an avid reader of Stephen King books, fascinated with history and a beloved brother, adopted grandpa, and kind, loyal and patient friend to so many.

Surviving are his sisters, Mary Downing Minctons of Phoenix, Arizona, Elizabeth Anne Downing and her husband, Dr. Dennis K. Cox, of Brewer, Maine, and Catherine Frances Downing, Esq. of Boston, Massachusetts; stepmother, Vera J. Downing of Phoenix, Arizona; best friend, Nancy L. Downing of Dallas, Texas; his aunt, Nancy B. Robbins and her husband, Don, of Sidney, Maine; step-siblings, Gilbert L. Christopher Jr. and his wife, Deborah, of Phoenix, Arizona, John E. Christopher and his wife, Cindy, of Bucksport, Maine, and Candi McKay of St. Augustine, FL; first cousins, Patrick, Bridget, Michael, and Terry McCabe; very special cousins, Winnie, Mark, Steve, and Chris Collins of New Jersey, and Ann and Frank Gallant of Bangor, Maine; friends, Michael Eichenbaum, Michael Beck, Stacie Maple-Kellejian, Tony Piel, as well as many other extended family members and old friends.

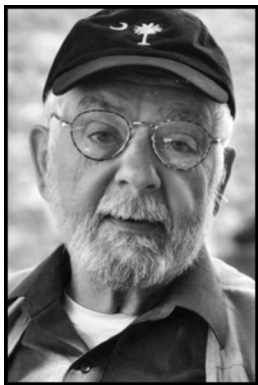
He was predeceased by his father, Col. John Philip Downing Jr.; his mother, Myrtle Laverne Luke Downing; two uncles, Kenneth A. B. Downing and David R. Downing; a brother-in-law, Ronald P. Minctons.

All are invited to a celebration of John's life with the family in Phoenix, AZ at 2p.m. Saturday, April 16, 2016 at the home of Vera J. Downing. A celebration of his life and family reunion will take place in Maine on Saturday, July 2, 2016, at the home of Liz Downing and Dr. Dennis Cox in Brewer, Maine.

Condolences to the family may be expressed at edowning@maine.edu. Gifts in memory of John Downing may be sent to the Assistance League of Phoenix Assistance League of Phoenix, 9224 North 5th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85020 info@bestfuneralservices.com

THEODORE "TED" WEGERTD, JR.

HERMON AND BANGOR - Theodore "Ted" Wegerdt Jr., 86, passed away April 7, 2016, at a Bangor hospital. A complete obituary notice with service information will be published in a later edition of the Bangor Daily News. A service of Brookings-Smith, 133 Center Street, Bangor.



DOUGLAS KENDALL CASEMENT

EASPORT AND NAPLES, FLA. - Douglas Kendall Casement, age 79, of Eastport, Maine and Naples, Florida passed away in Naples after a brief illness.

Douglas was born in Flint, Michigan on February 16, 1937. He lived his early years in Davison, Michigan and graduated from Flint Central High School. He joined the US Marines and after completing his military service, he worked in the Merchant Marines and continued his education. In the late 1960's, Douglas and his wife, Rose moved to a farm in Dixmont, Maine, where they founded the David Scott Palmer Memorial School. He continued to teach Special Education and English throughout Maine and New Hampshire until his retirement. He loved to travel all over the country with his children during summer breaks. After meeting Sara Robinson, he relocated to Florida and continued traveling having many adventures in Europe. Douglas was an avid reader, a teacher by profession but also as a passion. Most importantly, he was a very good man. To his children he was a strong man who worked very hard. He was a leader by doing what he believed in and felt was right. He allowed them to follow their hearts and gave them the love of theater and singing in the car. As his children became adults he was a listening ear, a compassionate friend, and a fountain of knowledge.

In addition to his life partner, Sara Robinson, of Naples, Florida Douglas is survived by his children, Sean Casement, Jessamyn Angelastro, Meghan Black (Chris), Bronwyn Casement, and their mother Rose Casement; his grandchildren, Paolo (Jennifer) and Alessandro DiCosta, Valis VanderLinden-Casement, Kathryn, Isabella and Jackson Black, and Ardis Casement; his great granddaughter, Aria DiCosta; and his brother, Randy Casement (Naomi). He was predeceased by his parents, John and Edna Casement; his son, Liam Casement; and his brother, Jerry Casement.

He was so important to all of us, and we know that he made such a difference in so many lives. He will be missed every day. His memorial service will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church 120 Park St. Bangor on April 27th at 6pm, followed by a reception at Humble 518 South Main St. Brewer to share stories and memories of Doug. All are welcome.

In Memoriam

In Loving Memory Of
TRUDY M. WILSON
April 9, 2012



It's been four years since God took you home. Although my heart yearns to have you here, I know you are in a better place. No more pain or suffering. Whenever we glanced at each other we felt the love and reassurance of our bond in marriage. We miss you very much, but your presence is in our hearts every day.

Our Unconditional Love,
Glenn, Ron and Kim, Brenda and Mike, Tiffany and Mark, Stacey and Jason, Rocco and grandchildren



CLARA BLANCHE KERESSEY

TROY - Blanche was born in Caribou in 1924 to Rose Theriault Gould and Faye Gould.

She graduated from Caribou High School in 1941, and married Leonard Gagnon in 1945, who predeceased her in 1951. Blanche then traveled to Gardner, MA and graduated from Heywood Memorial Hospital School of Nursing 1955. While attending school in Gardner she met and married Edward Keresey in 1955. She then went on to achieve her Bachelors in Nursing and then Masters Degree in Counseling from UMass Amherst and Anna Maria College respectively. She was a dedicated nurse whose life centered on work and family. She retired from the Commonwealth of Mass as a Charge RN and was presented the Margaret Doyle award for outstanding Nursing Service and Education. She continued nursing after retirement at Birch Grove Nursing Home in Pittsfield and cared for family members in different parts of the country.

She adopted 3 children and raised them on a small farm in Troy with her husband Eddie. She was predeceased by her husband, Edward Keresey in 2007.

She leaves behind daughters, Judy Fontaine and her husband Fred of Port Charlotte, FL, Hydee Holmes and her husband Josh of Gardiner, ME, Marcy Macomber and husband Sean of Unity, ME; sons, James Gagnon and wife Mary of Freemont CA, David Gagnon and wife Kathy of Apopka FL, Martin Keresey and wife Brenda of Troy ME, Brian Keresey of Hudson ME, and Robert Keresey and wife Christina of Pittsfield ME; as well as 19 grandchildren and many great grandchildren.



BEATRICE B. WOODHEAD

BANGOR - On April 4, 2016, our beautiful mother, Beatrice S. (Bryant) Woodhead, was reunited in heaven with her husband, Chief Francis Woodhead. She was born in Lewiston, February 2, 1929, the daughter of Alexander Bryant and Dorothy (Temple) Bryant.

Mom was a lot of things; smart as hell, talented at many things: an excellent cook, seamstress and a hard worker who worked full time once the youngest was in school.

Though we are terribly sad, we take comfort knowing she is now with her husband of 65 years, Francis, and her beloved son, Dennis. Because of Dennis' disability she was an early advocate and active member of the Eastern Maine Friends of Retarded Children. She is also predeceased by her much loved son-in-law, Crawford "Skip" Kinney and sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and John Gielarows-ki.

Beatrice is survived by her daughters, Gayle Kinney and Ellen Woodhead and son, James Woodhead; grandchildren, K.C. Kinney and his wife, Heather, Elysa Woodhead and Vincent Woodhead; great-granddaughter, Lydia Marie Kinney (2 1/2 years old). We will miss her wit and tremendous sacrifices and kindnesses. Thank you Mother!

Private services will be held later this spring. Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.BrookingsSmith.com.

In Memoriam

In Loving Memory Of
ELIZABETH LOUISE (CROCKER) MCLAUGHLIN
Oct 20, 1944 - Apr 10, 2015



If flowers grow in Heaven,
Lord, then pick
a bunch for me.
Then place them
in my mother's arms
and tell her they're from me.
Tell her that
I love and miss her
and when she turns to smile,
place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for awhile.
Love,
Your husband, children and grandchildren

TERRACE (TERRY) L. SKILLIN

ZEPHYRHILLS, FLA. AND BUCKSPORT - Terrace (Terry) L. Skillin, 57, of Zephyrhills, FL and Bucksport, passed away at Florida Memorial Hospital April 6, 2016.

Terry was a family man who enjoyed hunting, fishing, & camping.

Terry was born Oct. 14, 1957. He was predeceased by his father, George Skillin. He is survived by his mother, Betty Skillin; his two brothers & sister; his wife of 38 years, Sherrice Skillin of Bucksport/Zephyrhills; & children, Darrell Hurd, Terrilyn Twigg & spouse Daryl Twigg, & Steve Skillin & fiancée Tanya Astbury. Terry had 6 grandchildren, Erica Hurd, Kathrine, Daryl Jr., & William Twigg, & Chloe and Hollis Skillin. He also had many nieces & nephews.

Services will be announced at a later date. Donations for final expenses are welcome. Please send to 17 Verona Park, Verona Island, ME 04416.