

# OBITUARIES

## MARY CAROLYN (FARWELL) MORRISON

HANCOCK - Mary C. Morrison, 73, passed away peacefully at her home on May 31, 2016. Mary was born in Bangor, ME on January 23, 1943, the daughter of Edward Farwell, Sr. and Elaine (Maher) Farwell. Mary graduated from John Baptist Memorial High School and attended Beal College where she earned her Associates Degree in Business Management.

Mary married Bruce A. Morrison on May 2, 1964 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bangor, ME. Mary and Bruce are the proud parents of two surviving children: Kimberly M. Morrison and R. Scott Morrison. Mary was a proud, loving and devoted grandmother of three amazing grandchildren: Kayla Ann Morrison, Brendon Scott Morrison and Trevor Christophe Morrison. Mary was the eldest of five children and the sister of Edward "Bud" Farwell, Jr. and his wife, Marcia of Holden, ME., Linda Farwell and her husband, John Manning of Hallowell, ME., Susan Farwell and her husband, John Philson of Cumberland, ME., Janice Farwell of Westbrook, ME., and significant other, Donald Walkwitz of Otisfield, ME. Mary was predeceased by her brother, Joseph Farwell.

Mary was happily married to Bruce for fifty-two years. Mary enjoyed a long career in business with New England Telephone and later as Co-owner of Kimsco Supply Co. Mary and Bruce enjoyed traveling, especially to the Caribbean. One of Mary's favorite roles was that of "Nana". She enjoyed excursions, dance recitals, sporting and school events with her grandchildren.

Mary enjoyed music, singing, sailing, attending ballet, theater, concerts and summer days by the pool with a good book. Mary was a creative and talented seamstress and embroiderer. One of her most creative projects was a picture of her mother, Elaine Farwell, taken in a field of daisies by her father, deceased BDN photographer Daniel Maher. She applied the photo by silkscreen and created individual wall hangings beautifully embroidered and designed for each one of her siblings. Mary's last project was embroidering Christmas Villages which were given as gifts to family. Mary's quiet demeanor and ability to keep these gifts from her heart a secret, made them especially meaningful to everyone. Mary loved to cook and decorate for the holidays, she especially loved Christmas. Mary's thoughtfulness and kind heart extended beyond in many ways. It wasn't uncommon when relatives, friends and those who didn't have anywhere to go for the holidays, were invited to the Morrison home in Hancock and Mary would send them home with their own individually prepared turkeys to enjoy. Mary was the foundation of her family for over sixty years and was very close to her brother Bud, sisters Janice and Susan, as well as her cousin Marilyn. Mary touched so many people with her love, kindness, and wisdom. He was often the "go to" person when family needed guidance, advice and an objective opinion. Mary will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Mary loved her pets and requested in lieu of flowers that donations be sent to the SPCA of Hancock County. A family memorial service will occur later.

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## EDMUND M. 'NED' SHEPPARD

ORONO - Edmund M. "Ned" Sheppard passed away Sunday, June 5, 2016. A complete obituary will be published in a later edition of the Bangor Daily News. A service of Brookings-Smith, Orono.



ANNA MAY MEHOLIK

DOVER-FOXCROFT AND SEYMOUR, CT - Anna May (Russell) Meholik, 93, wife of the late Stanley M. Meholik, Sr., passed away May 27, 2016, at Hibbard Nursing Home in Dover-Foxcroft. She was born on July 29, 1922, in Beacon Falls, CT, the daughter of William H. and Edith (Wersik) Russell.

Anna was a homemaker and worked in factories. She and her husband later in life owned and operated Dairy Queen in Ansonia, CT.

She is survived by her son, Stanley Jr. and his wife, Gloria, of Seymour, CT; her daughter, Carol Ann Dionne and her husband, Joe, of ME; brothers, Nate Russell of CT, Leonard Russell of AR; grandchildren, Michael and his wife, Pam, John and Megan, of CT; Berinadete and Victoria of ME; great-grandchildren, Christopher, Michael Jr., and Kyle Meholik of CT; Benisam Gould of ME; one great-great-granddaughter, Samantha Gould, of ME; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her loving husband of nearly sixty years, Anna was predeceased by her siblings, Frank, Henry, Fred, Jim, Dorra, Beulah "Boots" Betty, Viola, Eleanor, Edith; grandson, Stanley III; great-grandson, Keith Meholik; great-granddaughter, Christina Preble; and grandson-in-law, Eugene Gould.

A graveside memorial service will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, June 10, 2016, in the family lot at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Dexter.

Arrangements are in the care of Lary Funeral Home, Dover-Foxcroft. Messages of condolence may be expressed at [www.laryfuneralhome.com](http://www.laryfuneralhome.com).



MARILYN EDITH (DORR) BOWDEN

VERONA ISLAND - On Saturday, June 4th, 2016, at approximately 6:40 a.m., at the age of 81, Marilyn Edith (Dorr) Bowden passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family at Westgate Manor. She was born on March 4, 1935, in Castine, the daughter of Merrill and Lillian (McKay) Dorr.

She graduated from Bucksport High School in 1954, and went on to marry Edgar Bowden, who preceded her in death. She worked for and retired from Champion Paper Company, was an active member of the Congregational Church and the Eastern Star. She enjoyed working with family at Hermon Mountain Ski Resort during winter months and was a familiar face at the Bucksport Senior Citizens Center, where she liked to help out.

She is survived by her two daughters, Debbie (Bowden) Atwood and her husband, Terry, Marlene (Bowden) Whitcomb and her husband, Bill Jr.; one son, David Bowden and his wife, Doriann; grandchildren, Kam Atwood and Melissa Hare, Corey and Julia Atwood, Bill III and Joey Whitcomb, Melissa and Ed Brown, Dante Bowden, Shayla Bowden; great-grandchildren, Tyler Atwood, Nora Whitcomb, Abby Whitcomb, Haley Brown and Breanna Brown.

Family and friends will gather for visitation from 4-6 p.m. on Friday, June 10, 2016, at Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home, 28 Elm Street, Bucksport. A graveside service will follow at 6:30 p.m. at Riverview Cemetery, River Road, Bucksport.

Memorial contributions in Marilyn's memory may be made to the Bucksport Senior Citizens Center, 125 Broadway, Box 200, Bucksport, ME 04416.

# Mystery girl gets second funeral

## 145-year-old casket of unknown child found under California home

BY KATIE METTLER  
THE WASHINGTON POST

More than 100 people traveled to a California cemetery Saturday morning to grieve the mystery girl with the golden hair, a child laid to rest with no name, no family and no story.

Mourners tossed flowers on her grave. Someone sang "Over the Rainbow." Strangers wept.

The girl's gravestone read: "The child loved around the world."

Mourners from across the state arrived this weekend not with tales to share or answers to give, but with a sense of common purpose. They hoped, in some small way, their presence might fill the empty space where her real family — her real parents — should have been but weren't. Like her, they'd likely been dead for more than a century.

This was the unknown little girl's second funeral.

The mystery surrounding the golden-haired girl, and the efforts to bury her once again, began a month ago, when a construction crew renovating a garage in a San Francisco neighborhood sliced their shovels into the ground and struck something unnatural — a tiny, lead and bronze coffin.

Inside they found the meticulously preserved body of a small girl with curly blonde hair.

She wore signs of wealth: a hand-sewn, pleated white cotton dress with delicate lace trimmings on her petite frame; lavender tucked in her hair and laid upon her chest in the shape of a cross; eucalyptus leaves placed by her side.

And there were rose petals, dozens of them, likely scattered by the lost people who loved her decades ago.

Unsure how to proceed, the crew called the home-

owner, Ericka Karner, who was staying out of state with her husband and children.

"I was shocked on one hand, obviously, because there's a small child's casket underneath the home," Karner told the Los Angeles Times. "But I wasn't necessarily super surprised, because I knew the history of the area."

The area, known as San Francisco's Richmond District, was home to a number of cemeteries in the late 1800s. But toward the end of the century, as the city continued to expand, officials passed a series of ordinances that made the living, not the dead, the priority.

One graveyard, the Odd Fellows Cemetery, existed below Karner's home. It was closed in the late 1800s and all the bodies buried there were moved, years later, to mass graves in Colma. But some, like the golden-haired mystery girl, were missed.

But when Karner turned to the medical examiner's office for help, reported the San Francisco Chronicle, she was told that since the coffin — and the remains inside — were found on her private property, they were now her responsibility. The woman was told she could purchase a burial plot for the girl or contact an archaeological company. The first option, according to the Chronicle, was quoted to Karner at \$7,000. The second option would cost her \$22,000.

By the time she received a call from the public administrator, a government official responsible for managing the estates of those who die without relatives, the child had sat in the backyard, her casket no longer sealed, for 10 days. To protect the child as much as possible, the contractor built a box around her cof-

fin, said Elissa Davey, the woman who organized the funeral.

"They just left her there because everybody's hands were tied," Davey said.

Without a name, they couldn't secure a death certificate. And without a death certificate, they couldn't get a burial permit. Eventually, the public administrator connected Davey with Karner.

Davey is the founder of Garden of Innocence, a non-profit based in California and dedicated to holding funeral services for abandoned or unidentified children. The services are organized by volunteers and paid for by donations. Karner welcomed Davey's help.

"This child belonged to somebody," Davey said. "They took great care placing her in that casket. Somebody loved that little girl."

Based on her knowledge of the cemetery's history, and on the size of the girl's teeth, Davey estimated she died about 145 years ago at the age of three. A professor from UC Davis collected 10 strands of hair from the girl's head, Davey said, hopeful they might be able to track the child's ancestry. After news reports circulated about the mystery child, people wrote Garden of Innocence from every state in the nation and from countries across the world with tips about her potential identity.

Psychics even called in, Davey said.

After several weeks of scrambled planning, including hiring her sister's cabinet business to build a second small coffin, Davey set the funeral date for June 4 at Greenlawn Memorial Park, a cemetery not far from the mass graves that hold the Odd Fellow cemetery bodies.

"Her mom and dad may be in there," Davey said. "She needs to be where her family is."

Still without an official identity, the organization settled on a new name: Miranda Eve.

The homeowner's daughters chose Miranda. The public administrator selected Eve.

Saturday morning, the heart-shaped headstone marking the girl's new grave bore her assigned name:

Miranda Eve  
The Child Loved Around The World

"If no one grieves, no one will remember."

About 130 people attended, Davey said. A dozen members of the Knights of Columbus in full regalia oversaw the ceremony. Mourners streamed by the girl's casket, dropping rose petals into the grave.

"These people thought they were burying their daughter for eternity," Tom Durst, 73, told the Los Angeles Times. "We wanted to be here as modern San Franciscans to represent the parents."

Angelica Aawayan drove with her husband and 2-year-old daughter from Oakland to Colma for the funeral. When "Over the Rainbow" played, the Times reported, she began to cry.

"The love of a child," Aawayan said, "goes beyond time, culture or boundaries."

Near the end of the service, Davey pleaded with attendees to help her find the girl's true identity. The back of the gravestone was left blank, she said, in case they're able to mark it one day with her real name.

"We're going to keep trying to figure out who she is," Davey said.

# David Lamb, LA Times correspondent, dies

## Reporter covered US troops in Vietnam, returned to witness fall of Saigon

BY JILL LEOVY  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

David Lamb, a Los Angeles Times foreign and national correspondent for more than three decades who covered the waning days of the Vietnam War and wrote six books about his travels, including "The Africans," based on four years reporting from that continent, died Sunday at a hospital in Alexandria, Virginia. He was 76.

The cause was esophageal cancer and cutaneous T-cell lymphoma, said his wife, Sandy Northrop.

Lamb followed American combat units into battle during the Vietnam War, then returned to Vietnam in 1975 to cover the fall of Saigon for The Times. "What was on

people's minds and on their lips was the word 'blood-bath,'" he told PBS in a later interview.

He returned home and met Northrop, a documentary filmmaker. She went with him to a subsequent assignment — Africa — and they were married in Nairobi in 1977. Lamb published "The Africans" five years later and went on to cover various international beats for the Los Angeles Times, including the Middle East from Beirut. He returned to Vietnam with Northrop in 1997, covering Southeast Asia from Hanoi.

This new vantage point on Vietnam, from the point of view of a former war correspondent writing 22 years later, became the basis of

another book, "Vietnam, Now: A Reporter Returns" (2002).

He described to PBS his conversation with a former fighter there to whom he put the question: "Why don't you hate me?"

"We fought the Chinese for a thousand years. We fought the French for a hundred years. You were here for 10 years," he recalled the man answering.

Lamb "wrote very personally," said his wife. "He always came into a story with a person, not a fact."

David Sherman Lamb was born March 5, 1940, in Boston to well-to-do parents, Pauline Ayers Lamb and Ernest Lamb, an investment banker.

Lamb took an early interest in journalism. When his

favorite baseball team, the Braves, moved to Milwaukee, he offered to write a fan's perspective on them for the Milwaukee newspaper. He ended up writing a summer's worth of columns at the age of 15, Northrop said.

He majored in journalism at the University of Maine and worked for various smaller newspapers, including one in Japan, and for United Press International before joining the Los Angeles Times in 1970, his wife said. He reported stories from more than 100 countries.

Among his other books are "The Arabs" (1987) and "Stolen Season: A Journey Through America and Baseball's Minor Leagues" (1991).

# Nobleboro selectman dies unexpectedly

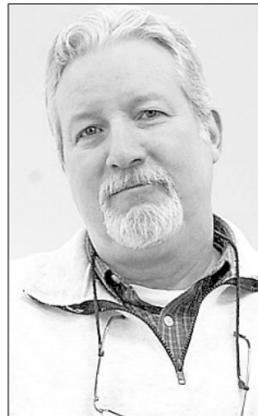
BY ALEXANDER VIOLLO  
LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS

NOBLEBORO — Nobleboro Selectman Walter Allen "Al" Lewis Jr. passed away unexpectedly at home in the early hours of Sunday, May 29. He was 62.

Lewis had several roles in town. He was a businessman, a former chair of the Nobleboro Budget Committee and former member of the Lincoln County Budget Advisory Committee, and a former president and current vice president of the North Nobleboro Community Association.

Selectman Dick Spear said Lewis was in his sixth year as a selectman, having won election to the board in 2011. Spear said he approached Lewis when there was an opening on the board of selectmen and was pleased he decided to run for office.

Town Clerk Mary Ellen Anderson said Lewis spent nine years on the budget committee, and roughly five as chair prior to joining the board of selectmen.



Allen Lewis Jr.

Selectman Bud Lewis said he believes Al Lewis' time as chair of the budget committee, working with the board of selectmen, helped peak his interest in running for the office of selectman.

Lewis served a three-year term on the Lincoln County Budget Advisory Committee after becoming a selectman.

Mitchell Wellman, of the North Nobleboro Community Association, said that

through his time as president and vice president, Lewis helped the group with events, including North Nobleboro Day in August.

Whether it was general maintenance, changing light bulbs, or getting rid of old stoves, Wellman said that Lewis helped out wherever he could.

"Al was an excellent electrician. He helped to rewire the community hall to get us more outlets and more power for North Nobleboro Day," Wellman said.

Wellman said if anything came up that needed attention, the association could count on Lewis to take care of it.

"He was really good at being there to do whatever was needed. He will be greatly missed," Wellman said.

Lewis moved to Nobleboro from Florida in 1986 with his wife, Madelyn "Midge" Lewis, and worked for Bob's Electric, a business he would acquire in 1995, rename Lewis Electric, and operate for the rest of his life.

He was born in New York

City in 1953 and graduated from Portland High School in 1972.

A member of the United Bikers of Maine, Lewis could often be seen riding around Nobleboro on his motorcycle.

"Al will be missed in town," Spear said.

Spear said he is not sure how the board of selectmen will proceed. He said Lewis' term will expire next year.

Spear said the June 14 primary is too close to hold an election, and the earliest an election could take place would be during the general election in November.

However, since the term will expire in 2017, if someone was elected in November, they would be up for reelection at the annual town meeting in March, giving them only a few months on the job.

"I think we'll probably go with two selectmen for now," Spear said.

Spear said the town would confer with the Maine Municipal Association to ensure everything is done properly.

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