

OBITUARIES



ROBERT 'DANA' ARMSTRONG

LAGRANGE - Robert Dana Armstrong, 81, husband of Jean M. (Brackett) Armstrong died peacefully in his sleep June 23, 2016, at the Maine Veterans' Home, Bangor. He was born December 22, 1934, in Lagrange, the son of Charles and Mary (Wing) Armstrong. Dana worked as a logger for many years. Dana loved the outdoors; he enjoyed going for walks, fiddleheading, and working in his garden. His family will always remember him as a collector of just about everything, one who loved a good joke, and an avid Creedence Clearwater Revival fan. Above all, Dana loved his family and was very proud of his children and grandchildren.

In addition to his loving wife, Jean, Dana is survived by his son, Scott and significant other, Elizabeth Ames; two daughters, Joannie Stormwind and her husband, Brian, and Michele Morel and her husband, Michael; seven grandchildren, MacKenzie and Haley Morel, Elliana, Lydia, and Benjamin Stormwind, Angela Bryden, and Garrett "Dana" Armstrong; two sisters, Gertrude Murphy and Elizabeth McEwen; and many nieces and nephews. He leaves a large extended family of in-laws, and many friends. Dana's family extends a grateful thank you to the staff at the Maine Veterans' Home for their compassionate care for him during the last year.

A graveside memorial service will be held 10am Tuesday, June 28, 2016, in the family lot at Hillcrest Cemetery, Lagrange, with Pastor Jonathan Ray officiating.

Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home, Milo. Messages of condolence may be expressed at www.laryfuneralhome.com.



WILLARD 'SWISS' HAROLD HARDY SR.

LINCOLNVILLE - Willard 'Swiss' Harold Hardy, Sr. of Youngstown Road in Lincolnville passed away at the Veterans Home in Augusta, Wednesday, June 22, 2016.

A funeral service will be held at 1:00 P.M., Sunday, July 3, 2016, at the United Church of Christ, Lincolnville Center. The Reverend Susan Stonestreet will officiate. The service will include a Masonic Service conducted by the officers and members of the King David's Lodge of Masons, Lincolnville, and conclude with Military Honors. Funeral arrangements are with Burpee, Carpenter & Hutchins Funeral Home, 110 Limerock Street, Rockland.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the King David's #62 Masonic Lodge, P.O. Box 431, Lincolnville, 04849.

To share a memory or condolence with Swiss' family, please visit his Book of Memories at www.bchfh.com.

In Memoriam

In Loving Memory Of **KENNETH M. TWADDELL** May 23, 1967 - Jun 26, 1986

Dear Kenny,
There is a bridge of memories from Earth to heaven above. It keeps us very close to you; it's called "The Bridge of Love." Deep in our hearts memories are kept of the one we love and will never forget. So may the winds of love blow softly and whisper so you'll hear, we'll always love and miss you, and wish that you were here.
Love, Mom and Rusty



MATTHEW J. CHADBOURNE

SHAPLEIGH - Matthew J. Chadbourne, 37, of Shapleigh, Maine, passed away unexpectedly June 21, 2016. Born July 13, 1978, in Bangor, ME, as the son of Patricia Day and Dwight Chadbourne, Matt graduated from Bangor High School in 1996.

He enlisted in the United States Army and served as a Sergeant in the 10th Mountain Division as a 19D20 Calvary Scout before being honorably discharged in 2010. Matt's Army service included two tours of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq for which he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Services Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Army Service Ribbon and Overseas Service Ribbon.

Following his Army service, Matt's talents earned him a position as a nuclear structural welder at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard where he was employed at the time of his death. Matt loved being in the Maine outdoors and when not spending time with his family, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, baseball, softball and golf.

Matt is survived by his loving wife, Sarah (Okusko) Chadbourne and his two sons, Ethan and Micah. Matt is also survived by his parents; and his brother, Dan Chadbourne and his wife, Lindsay; and his sister, Marci Parizo and her husband, Pete. Matt's family includes several special nieces and nephews and many close friends, including a special friendship with Brian Grant.

On Wednesday June 29, 2016 at 1pm, friends and family are invited to attend a burial at the Veterans State Cemetery in Augusta, located at 163 Mt. Vernon Road, Augusta, Maine 04330. Friends and family are invited that evening to a celebration of Matt's life beginning at 5:00pm at Duffy's Tavern and Grill, 168 Saco Ave., Old Orchard Beach, ME 04064.

In lieu of flowers family request donations to be made in Matt's honor to Maine Homeless Veterans Alliance, 19 Commercial Street, Portland, ME 04101.

In Memoriam

In Loving Memory Of **AMARYL R. SMITH** Jun 26, 1938 - Nov 30, 2008

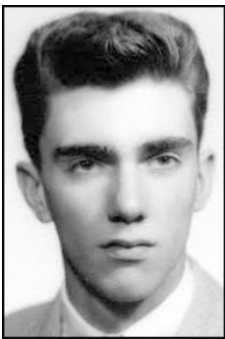


Gratefully remembering your birthday and the life that you lived so well. All our love, Normie, Jeff and Deb, Doral and John, and grandchildren.

In Loving Memory Of **CHERYL ANN LEONARD-CERINI** Aug 12, 1950 - Jun 27, 2006



It has been 10 years since you had to go every day we miss you and still love you so Our hearts are heavy even to this day and your family will remember you in each and every way The days have been long since we said goodbye but I know I will see you again when I look up at the sky
With Love from Boys!



DWIGHT SHERWOOD WEBBER

EAST BLUE HILL - Dwight Sherwood Webber, 73, passed away on June 23, 2016, at Blue Hill Memorial Hospital due to several progressive health conditions. He was born in Blue Hill, August 29, 1942, the son of Kermit and Beulah (Eaton) Webber.

He was a 1960 graduate of George Stevens Academy. His love of sports inspired him to later coach G.S.A. girls' basketball and cross country. He also served on the G.S.A. Board of Trustees.

Among his employers were Webber Cove Boatyard, L.S. Thorsen Corp. and Stinson Canning Company. He also became self-employed - Dwight S. Webber, Painting Contractor and caretaking at summer homes.

Dwight served many years as Director/Officer at Blue Hill Fair and Eastern States Exposition (The Big E), and as a Director of the Maine Agricultural Fair Association, and member of the South Blue Hill Baptist Church. He was enabled to turn each new challenge during his illness into faith for a better day tomorrow.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Eileen (Leach) Webber; son, Dwayne, daughter-in-law, Cindy, grandchildren, Michelle and Matthew Webber; son, Dale, daughter-in-law, Amy, grandchildren, Acadia, Molly and McIntosh Webber; sisters, Sharon Brown and Margot Webber; sister-in-law, Mabel Bowden; one niece and six nephews.

He will be sadly missed by his family and many friends.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Those who desire are requested to contribute in Dwight's memory to Blue Hill Memorial Hospital Foundation, P O Box 604, Blue Hill 04614-9900

Arrangements by Jordan-Fernald, 49 Main St., Blue Hill.

Condolences may be expressed at www.jordanfernalld.com

In Memoriam

In Loving Memory Of My Beloved Husband **RONNIE RAYMOND** On our 42nd Anniversary Another anniversary, another year, With wonderful memories of you my dear, Thoughts today of our lives together, Hold a love that will live forever. Eternally yours, Nancy

Mom - Happy Birthday

In Loving Memory Of **NEIL L. MERRILL** May 6, 1944 - June 25, 2014



Someone is missing today
Someone who won't be forgotten
Memories of how much we love you
and how you loved us all
Always in our hearts
Love,
Elaine, Julie, Debbie, Mark, Chelsey, Gracie



LAURA L. PIKE

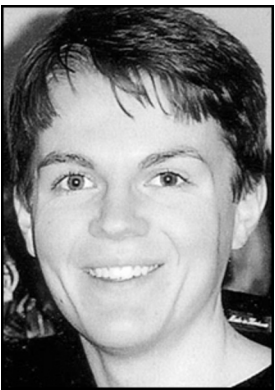
ASHLAND - Laura L. Pike, 82, died Wednesday, December 2, 2015, at a Presque Isle hospital. She was born April 4, 1933 in New Haven, CT, a daughter of the late George "Pete" Sawyer and Elizabeth (Markel) Strong, step-daughter of the late Irene (Collier) Sawyer, and was raised in Ashland.

Laura was a devoted teacher, teaching grades 1 - 8 in Ashland area schools for over 33 years before her retirement. She attended services at Union Congregation Church and was a member of Rebekah's Lodge. She enjoyed serving her community through the Ashland Senior Citizens, former Aroostook Literary Coalition, served on the boards of the Ashland Cemetery Committee, Ashland Planning Board and the Board of Directors of Area Agency on Aging and ARTS.

She is survived by: four children, April Jo Cook and her husband Nick of Saco, Mark Pike and his wife Kerri of Redmond, WA, Norman Pike and his wife Catherine of Colorado Spring, CO, and Julie Ann Pike of Allston, MA; three siblings, Peter Sawyer of Ashland, Elizabeth "Betsy" Maker of Providence Forge, VA, and Nancy Sawyer of Worcester, MA; four step siblings, Janice Webster and Susan Webber of Tucson Arizona, Barbara Breckenridge of Hickory North Carolina, and Teddy Rand of Portland; five grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents and step-mother, Laura is predeceased by: her husband of 54 years George Pike in 2010, and a brother, George Sawyer Jr.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 12:00 noon on Saturday, July 2, 2016 at the Ashland VFW, Portage Road, Ashland, where all friends and family are welcome. A private family burial will be held at the Sawyer Family Cemetery, Ashland. In lieu of flowers, donations in Laura's name may be made to: Haystack Mountain School of Crafts, P O Box 518, Deer Isle, ME 04267. To share condolences online, please visit www.LajoieFuneralHome.com



BRANDON JAMES RICHARD PREBLE

BOWERBANK - Brandon James Richard Preble, 30, passed away unexpectedly June 22, 2016, in Boston, MA. He was born in Dover-Foxcroft on July 19, 1985, the son of Randall and Pamela (Perkins) Preble.

Brandon attended school in Dover-Foxcroft and was a proud 2008 graduate of the University of Maine, where he achieved a double major in Psychology and Political Science. Brandon was employed at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Brighton, MA.

Brandon loved to debate politics with anyone. He was known for his quick wit and great humor. He loved reading and his books went with him on every move. His favorite place while home in Maine was at the family camp on 3rd Buttermilk Pond. He also enjoyed hiking, canoeing, fishing, and going to the ocean. He was a passionate Patriots fan and looked forward to his annual Super Bowl Party with his parents.

His proudest accomplishment was the birth of his son, Wesley, whom he loved dearly.

He leaves behind his son, Wesley Guite; his parents; his sisters, Nicole Preble and Jolene Fagen; and a brother, Travis Preble. He was predeceased by a brother, Nicholas Preble. He will be missed dearly by his loving aunts, uncles and many special cousins.

Friends may call from 11am until time of funeral service at 12 noon Monday, June 27, 2016, at the Lary Funeral Home, Dover-Foxcroft. Refreshments and a Celebration of his Life will immediately follow at the Sebec Reading Room in Sebec. Interment will be private.

Condolences may be expressed at www.laryfuneralhome.com.



PRISCILLA J. PALMER

ISLAND FALLS AND ENGLEWOOD, FLA. - Priscilla J. Palmer, 89, passed away peacefully at home on December 30, 2015, with her devoted husband by her side. She was born March 9, 1926, in Melrose, Mass., the daughter of James Luther and Caroline (Wortman) Lowden.

She graduated from Melrose High School and Kathleen Dell Business School and worked in Boston prior to her marriage to Malcolm Palmer on June 15, 1946. She also worked in Houlton and Island Falls and retired from FmHA. Priscilla was a member of the Whittier Congregational Church, UCC, the Women's Fellowship and the Pine Needle Club. She enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles and, in retirement, playing cards with friends.

She is survived by her husband of 69 1/2 years, Malcolm; daughter, Nancy Kennedy of East Millinocket; son, Malcolm Jr. of Henderson, Nev. "Nana Cilla" is also survived by her grandchildren, Greg, Betsy (Casey), James, Kathryn (C.J.), Andrew and Susan; great-grandchildren, Alexxa, Zane, Brendyn, Laura, Alena and Maxwell (whom she didn't get to meet); sister, Rete Williams of Brunswick; sisters-in-laws, Janice Palmer of Houlton and Margaret Palmer of Manchester; nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by son-in-law, Brian Kenned; and daughter-in-law, Carol Pride Palmer.

A service of remembrance will be held 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 2, at the Whittier Congregational Church, Island Falls with Rev. Lee Ann Betz officiating. Interment will be at the Island Falls Cemetery. A time of fellowship will be following the service at the church for family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Whittier Congregational Church, P.O. Box 404, Island Falls, ME 04747. For an online memory book and to leave condolences please visit www.bowersfuneral.com

Auburn teen remembered as ‘an incredible, incredible kid’

BY MARK LAFLAMME
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AUBURN — Zachary Thomas Johnson wanted to graduate from Edward Little High School — and graduate he did, just two weeks ago with the Class of 2016.

He wanted to become a police officer and, just a few months ago, he was made an honorary member of the Portland Police Department.

Zach wanted a garden in his backyard, so in early May, one of his teachers and several classmates got together and made it happen.

He did much with his life — seemingly ignoring the pressing knowledge that it might come to an end at any time.

After a three-year battle with cancer, Zach died on Tuesday, leaving friends and family to mourn his passing, but also to celebrate his unrelenting spirit.

"He had all of these future goals, knowing that he had a fight for his life at the same time," said Auburn School Superintendent Katy Grondin. "It was inspirational. His courage and perseverance through his illness was definitely something that will stay with me. He was so brave."

Zach was diagnosed in 2013 with metastatic Ewing sarcoma, an adolescent cancer. He was 15 at the time.

A member of the EL marching band and a First-Class Boy Scout, Zach didn't let the diagnosis slow him down, friends said. Instead, Zach rallied — and the community rallied around him. The motto "Zach Strong" was born and accord-

ing to those who knew him, those weren't empty words.

"Never once, during this whole thing, did he say, 'Why? Why me?'" said Aaron Johnson, Zach's father. "There was just no 'give up' in that kid. He didn't see the negative side of any of it."

Those who knew him agree on one thing: The always-sunny disposition allowed Zach to continually baffle his doctors and to live long enough to do the things he wanted to do.

"If he had not had that attitude," his father said, "we would have lost him a long time ago."

In August 2014, Zach relapsed. Two tumors were found in his head and doctors suggested that his life expectancy might be down to just months.

But instead, Zach lived — for years. There was more he wanted to do.

Zach wanted to participate in The Dempsey Challenge, and he did. He wanted to go to Washington, D.C., and lay a wreath at Arlington Cemetery and he did that, too.

When Zach graduated with the EL Class of 2016 two weeks ago, he arranged for wheelchair transport to take him to the ceremony. Auburn police provided an escort for the teen — but the real drama came when Zach rolled out onto the stage.

The applause was thunderous, according to those who attended the ceremony. Many in the audience wept with admiration and affection.

"That kid was so special," said EL English teacher Candy Gleason. "He barely had the strength to even be there — yet there he was,

smiling, talking to everybody ... His spirit was just so heartwarming to behold. He was just an incredible, incredible kid."

While Zach faced his own battles, those who knew him say he never hesitated to help others.

Auburn parent Kenneth Mansur has seen Zach's selflessness up close.

"He has selflessly given his time, patience and friendship to my son, Kyle," Mansur wrote in a Facebook tribute to Zach. "Knowing firsthand of Kyle's challenges, he took it upon himself to ensure he had a good transition into high school, especially in marching band, where they performed in the percussion pit together. He will be strongly missed."

Sue Dorris, principal at East Auburn Community School where Zach spent his early years, said his beaming spirit began long before he became ill.

"He was always an amazing kid," Dorris said. "He left an impression on everyone he came in contact with. He was always kind to others. He was just an all-around great kid and everybody loved him."

In his final days, Zach had to accept that he was going to succumb, according to his father. And he accepted it with his usual grace.

"He didn't get mad," Aaron Johnson said. "He didn't get upset. He was able to come to terms with the fact that he was dying. He understood. And that gave us the opportunity for some fantastic conversations. It was so nice. There's nothing at all that we didn't get to say to him. There are absolutely no regrets."