

OBITUARIES



CATHY LEE KINNEY

PRESQUE ISLE - Cathy Lee Kinney, 50, passed away unexpectedly in her sleep on Saturday, August 6, 2016, at her residence. She was born November 1, 1965, in Presque Isle, the daughter of Donna M. Spaulding and the late Paul R. Kinney.

Cathy attended Presque Isle High School and earned her Associate's Degree in the Medical Administrative Assistant program at Northern Maine Technical College in 1991. She was employed at The Aroostook Medical Center as a caring and devoted Medical Assistant. Cathy previously operated a home daycare center for many years. She very much enjoyed being a daycare provider and developed lasting relationships with her daycare families. Cathy was an incredible mother and enjoyed being involved in all facets of her children's lives. Time spent with family was always very precious to Cathy, especially during the Christmas season. She also enjoyed kayaking and loved being close to the ocean.

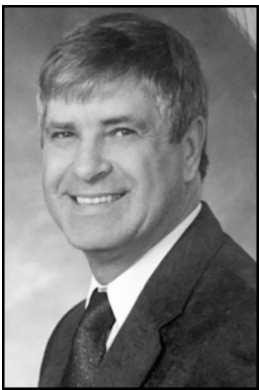
She is survived by her beloved children, son, Christopher Ray Nickerson of Rockland, and daughter, Jill Amber and husband, Eric Maynard of Windham; as well as their father and Cathy's life long friend, Jeffrey W. Nickerson. Along with her mother, Donna and stepfather, Donald Spaulding, Cathy is also survived by her four brothers, Gordon and wife, Cindy Kinney of Caribou, Mike and wife, Wendy Kinney of Presque Isle, John and wife, Ethel Kinney of Caribou, Richard and wife, Kelly Kinney of Presque Isle; one sister, and best friend, Michelle and husband, Edward Bragdon of Presque Isle; half sister, Kelly and husband, Rick Flaherty of Presque Isle; many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, co-workers and friends, including special family friend, Pipyr Dooley.

She was predeceased by her infant sister, Joy Ann.

Cathy was loved tremendously and will be greatly and sadly missed by everyone who knew her. She had a special gift of taking care of all those around her.

A memorial service will be held 4pm Friday, August 12, 2016, at the Presque Isle Wesleyan Church, 387 Centerline Rd., with Pastor Darren Bonville, officiating.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.duncan-graves.com.



CHARLES A. HALLETT

MILLINOCKET - Charles "Wally" Hallett, beloved husband, father and "Aha", passed away Sunday, August 7, 2016, surrounded by his loving family due to complications from Alzheimers Disease. Wally was born on January 20, 1938, in Millinocket, Maine to John and Celina Hallett.

In 1957 he graduated from Stearns High School where he met the love of his life, Annetta Hallett. They were married on January 31, 1959. Wally worked as a lineman for Bangor Hydro for 27 years retiring in 1994. He and Ann loved to travel and they visited many special places together but he was happiest when around his children and grandchildren.

Wally is survived by his Lovey Ann; 3 sons, Mark and his wife, Mary Kay, Michael and his wife, Joey, Joseph and his wife, Sara; grandchildren, Aaron, Abby, Andrew, Eddie and John. He is also survived by 2 brothers, Bill and his wife, Sharon, Ed and his wife, Bernie; a special sister-in-law, Janice McGreevy; and his lifelong friend, Douglas Porter and his wife, Nancy. Wally was an uncle to many special nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, Bob; sisters, Ramona, Mae and Evelyn; beloved daughter, Lisa Beth; and granddaughter, Lexi Hallett.

Wally was a friend to all; and it was well known that he could fix anything that was broken. There has never been a kinder man; he will be deeply missed by many. The family would like to extend a sincere thank you to the staff at MRH for their wonderful care and support to Wally and his family during this difficult time.

There will be no visiting hours. A graveside service will be held at 1:30 Thursday, August 11 at the Millinocket Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Katahdin Area Support Group, PO Box 374, Millinocket Maine. Following the service there will be a celebration of Wally's life at the St. Martins Catholic Church Hall.

Arrangements by Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 69 State Street, Brewer. kileyfuneralhome.com



ETHEL JANE (KENNEDY) STORMAN

HUDSON - Ethel J. Storman, 97, peacefully joined her husband, Eugene, in the hands of God, August 7, 2016, at an Orono health care facility with her family by her side. She was born June 2, 1919, in Argyle, a daughter of Ernest D. and Ethel (Ballard) Kennedy.

Throughout her life, Ethel served God with joy and comfort and was ready to meet her Saviour at the end of her journey. One of her many joys in life, along with her husband, was inviting people to attend worship services.

She is survived by four sons, Herbert Stroman and his wife, Myrtle, Raymond Storman and his wife, Marilyn, Ronald Storman and his wife, Barbara, and Larry Storman and his wife, Devon; 12 grandchildren, Stephen Storman, Terri Washington, Jeffrey Storman, Brad Storman, Lisa Storman, Brian Storman, Donna Thayer, Crista Benson, Randy Speed, Jeanne Speed Orcutt, Kirk Storman, and Jennifer Neptune; 22 great-grandchildren, 19 great-great-grandchildren; sister, Dorothy McLaughlin; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Eugene Storman, in 1984; daughter, Norma Speed; 7 brothers, Harrison, Ernest Jr., James, Thomas, Aaron, John, and Sterling Kennedy; and four sisters, Liona Speed, Pearl Young, Virginia Kennedy, and Eunice Coughlin.

A time of celebration and refreshments to honor the life of Ethel will be held 5-7pm Thursday at the Birmingham Funeral Home, 438 Main S., Old Town, where funeral services will begin at 10AM Friday, with Pastor Ed Costain, officiating. Burial will follow at Pushaw Cemetery, Hudson.

The family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Meadows in Old Town for providing her a wonderful home and to Orono Commons and Beacon hospice for their extraordinary care during her last days.



BIRMINGHAM FUNERAL HOME



MARY POMEROY WHEELER

ORRINGTON - Mary Pomeroy Wheeler, 90, went to be with her Lord on August 3, 2016. She was born on January 13, 1926, in Jersey City, New Jersey, the daughter of Edna Bell Staats and Chauncey Goodwin Pomeroy.

She was a registered nurse for fifty-four years working in several states throughout her career. She graduated in 1947 from the nursing program at Middlesex General in New Brunswick, New Jersey. During her nursing career she was instrumental in opening the cardiac care unit at Pen-Bay Medical Center in Rockport, Maine. Being a woman of strong faith, Mary cherished the opportunity she had to truly love and care for her patients. In 1963, Mary attended Glen Cove Bible College in Rockland, Maine, where she took several Bible classes. Over the next twenty years she taught Sunday school in both Rockland and Orrington, Maine where she and her husband moved in 1979.

Mary was a devoted wife and mother who loved her family very much. Mary was predeceased by her husband of sixty-one years, Lewis Dexter Wheeler. She is survived by three children, a daughter, Susan P. Wheeler of Orrington, and grandchildren, Barbara Presswood of Texas, Jody Dupuis of Hampden, and Richard England III of Bangor; a daughter, Leslie W. England and husband, Randy of Orrington, and grandchildren, Angela Mock of Pennsylvania, Christopher Rowell of Lamaine, and Jaime Shorey of Bangor; and a son, William J. Wheeler of Orrington, and grandchildren, Kellie Sorah of Alabama, Benjamin Wheeler of Arizona, and Eric Wheeler, Seth Wheeler and Shelby Wheeler of Orrington. She was also survived by ten great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at Maine Coast Baptist Church, 867 Bangor Road, Ellsworth, Maine on Saturday, October 1, 2016, at 10 am. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Mary's memory to WHCF, P.O. Box 5000, Bangor, Maine 04402.

Arrangements are under the care of Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Avenue, Belfast, Maine. Mary's family would like to give our heartfelt thanks to all who cared for her at the Maine Veteran's Home.



MAXINE H. CROSBY

GREENBUSH - Maxine H. (Thurston) Crosby, 86, passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side, August 6, 2016. She was born April 11, 1930, in Bradley, the daughter of Ralph and Ethelyn (Smith) Thurston.

Maxine was a hard worker, loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She loved to dance and watch the birds that she fed daily, and was a great cook. She was famous for her whoopie pies, molasses cookies and biscuits, to name a few. She also loved to play games on her tablet and listen to country music as she played.

She is survived by daughters, Carol Crosby, Nancy and David Carpenter, and Susan and Ralph Brouillette; a sister, Janice and Sal Ciccarello; granddaughters, Pam and Dave Prygrocki, Melissa Sibley and Charlie, Tammie Allen and Dan; great-grandchildren, Daniel Prygrocki and Kaycie Bishop; several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her ex-husband, Clarence, Sr.; two sons, Clarence Jr. and Donald; a daughter, Linda Looman; five sisters, one brother, and several close friends.

Friends may visit with her family from 1-2 pm Wednesday, August 10, at the Clay Funeral Home, 7 Lee Rd., Lincoln, where funeral services will be held at 2 pm, with the Rev. Terry Upcott officiating. Interment will be in West Enfield Cemetery.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.clayfuneralhome.com.

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Pollution cuts cancer survival time

BY LISA RAPAPORT
REUTERS

Exposure to air pollution has long been associated with an increased risk of lung cancer, and a new study suggests it might also be tied to a faster death from the disease.

Researchers examined cancer registry data on more than 350,000 people diagnosed with lung cancer in California and found patients who lived in communities with higher than average levels of air pollution typically died sooner than their peers who lived in places with cleaner air.

Patients with lung cancer may be a new subgroup of people susceptible to the health impacts of air pollution, since exposures after diagnosis may affect how long they live, said lead study author Sandrah Eckel, a researcher at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

Worldwide, lung malignancies kill about 1.6 million people a year, causing nearly one in five cancer deaths, Eckel and colleagues note in the journal Thorax.

To assess how air pollution may contribute to these deaths, researchers examined concentrations of ozone, nitrogen dioxide and so-called particulate matter.

Ozone is an unstable form of oxygen produced when various types of traffic and industrial pollution react with sunlight. Nitrogen dioxide is a byproduct of fossil fuel combustion that can contribute to smog. And so-called particulate matter is a mixture of solid particles and liquid droplets that can include dust, dirt, soot and smoke.

All of these pollutants have been found to damage the lungs.

Almost half the patients in the current study lived almost 1 mile from a major interstate highway, while fewer than 10 percent lived about one-fifth of a mile of one. Air pollution is usually worse closer to these highways.

Researchers tracked health outcomes for patients diagnosed with lung cancer from 1988 to 2009 based on the level of air pollution near their homes.

Patients were 69 years old on average at the time of diagnosis.

More than half were diagnosed at an advanced stage when tumors had spread.

Overall, the average survival time was about 3.6 years for people diagnosed with early stage disease and about four months for those with advanced tumors that had spread beyond the lungs.

Air pollution appeared to have the greatest effect on survival for people diagnosed with early-stage adenocarcinoma, the most common type of lung cancer and the form that often afflicts non-smokers.

In particular, patients diagnosed with early stage disease had average survival times of about 2.4 years with high exposure to fine particulate matter, compared with 5.7 years with low exposure, the researchers report.

For these early stage patients, the risk of death from any cause during the study period was 30 percent greater with exposure to nitrogen dioxide, 26 percent higher with exposure to large particulate matter and 38 percent bigger with fine particulate matter, the study found.

One limitation of the study is that researchers focused on pollution near residential addresses, which doesn't account for how much time patients spent outdoors breathing this air, the authors note.

Even so, the findings add to a small but growing body of evidence linking pollution to worse outcomes after a lung cancer diagnosis, Dr. Jaime Hart, a researcher at Brigham and Women's and Harvard Medical School in Boston, noted in an accompanying editorial.

PICA will hold its annual sale in Bangor

BANGOR — PICA will hold its annual marketing sale 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, at The Friar's Bakehouse, Central Street. The sale will feature handmade items that will include, but not limited to, bread wraps, crocheted animals, tote bags, crocheted bags, aprons and much more. For information, call 945-0020, email fraw@gwi.net or go to pica.ws.

Bean supper set for Aug. 13 in Corinth

CORINTH — The Corinth United Methodist Church will hold a baked bean supper 4:30-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at the church.

The menu will include baked beans, hot dogs, coleslaw, potato salad, chop suey, breads and pie. Cost is \$7, \$6 to those age 60 and up, \$3 children under 12.

For information, email corinthumc@myfairpoint.net.

Free community meal at Bangor church

BANGOR — A free community meal will be served 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, at First United Methodist Church, 703 Essex St.

The meal will feature a Dominican Republic menu and the Marantha Band from Dominican Republic will give an outdoor concert.

For information, email fumcbgr@myfairpoint.net.

Body found 49 years ago just identified

BY KRISTINE GUERRA
THE WASHINGTON POST

After Mary Thompson moved to Greensburg, Pennsylvania, in the mid-1990s, her sick mother told her something she never forgot.

"She told me to be careful in Greensburg because I had a sister that was murdered up there," Thompson told The Washington Post.

Thompson's mother died in the early 2000s, but her words stayed with her daughter — because she did have an older sister who disappeared on a fall day in 1967, when Thompson was only 4, and was never found.

From what Thompson was told, 13-year-old Teala Patricia Thompson left her home in the Homewood neighborhood in Pittsburgh in the early morning on a September day in 1967. That was the last time her family saw her. They reported her disappearance to Pittsburgh police, Thompson said, but investigators had come up empty.

Until now.

Teala was identified this past week. Her body had been buried in an unmarked grave in a cemetery potter's field next to the Westmoreland County Prison in Greensburg.

The discovery came after nearly two years of a cold-

case investigation led by Pennsylvania State trooper Brian Gross, who was assigned the case in October 2014. One of his crime unit supervisors told him to look into an open homicide investigation that involved an unidentified girl whose body was discovered in a landfill in Salem Township, Pennsylvania, in 1967 — the same year Teala disappeared. The court later ordered the body to be buried in that potter's field, Gross told The Washington Post.

Last October, investigators received a court order allowing them to exhume the body. A dental charting done in the 1960s showed that the remains definitely belong to the girl from the landfill, Gross said. At that point, it was just a matter of finding out who she was.

Thompson heard about the exhumation in the news and immediately called Gross. "It's my sister," Thompson told Gross, remembering her mother's words.

Investigators obtained DNA samples from Thompson and other relatives and sent them to the University of North Texas, which does DNA testing for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

The results came Monday: It is 47.5 billion times more likely that the DNA

from the remains matched the samples from Thompson and other relatives than anyone else from any population.

Gross said he went to Thompson's home to deliver the news.

The 52-year-old mother of four said she has waited all her life for that news, which gave her the best feeling of her life, and the worst feeling of her life. Although she does not remember much about her sister Teala — her mother had 10 kids — she grew up wondering where she was, and that question haunted her family for decades.

"We're grateful, but we're still hurting," she said. "We're happy, but we're hurting."

Teala would've been 62 today. Thompson said her family would like to give her a proper burial. She plans to give the remains to her older sister Jerry Denson of Saylorsburg, Pennsylvania, Denson and Teala were about the same age when she disappeared. They played together, Thompson said. They were best friends.

In 2015, 460,499 incidents of missing children were reported to the FBI's National Crime Information Center, according to the FBI. That number was 466,949 in 2014.

A 2012 nationwide survey