

OBITUARIES



JOSEPH DENIS PAGE JR.

EAST MILLINOCKET - Joseph Denis Page Jr., 79, passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, August 18, 2016, surrounded by his loving family, due to complications of Alzheimer's Disease. Joe was born on October 9, 1936, in East Millinocket. He was the son of Joseph Denis Page Sr. and Eva (Rioux) Page.

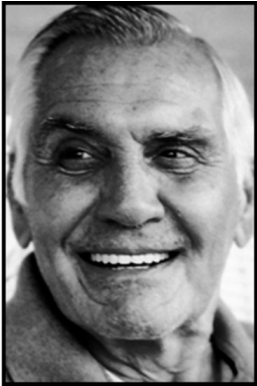
He was raised in East Millinocket, where he was a communicant of Christ the Divine Mercy Church (St. Peter's Catholic Church) and was a past member of the Knights of Columbus, Council 1936. Joe graduated from Schenck High School in 1956. He met his sweetheart, Eunice Sylvia Kennedy in 1955, and they were married on December 1, 1956. During their courtship, while still in high school, Joe began building their home on Pine Street, where they raised their six children. Joe began his employment at Great Northern Paper Company on his 16th birthday, in October of 1952, where he worked for 42 years as a member of the United Paperworkers' International Union, Local 152, until his retirement as a machine tender in July of 1994.

In high school, Joe displayed master carpentry skills in the furniture that he built in wood shop, which was proudly displayed in the gymnasium. After he built his home, Joe was often asked to help other people with the construction of their homes. One of Joe's favorite places on earth was Cedar Lake, where he built his camp "Joe's Pon'erosa" in 1966. Joe helped to build the Cedar Lake Road and also assisted others with their camp construction.

When Joe was younger, he enjoyed snowmobiling and often took his family on day trips. He was a member of the East Branch Snorovers' Snowmobile Club. He was also an avid card player and enjoyed playing pitch on Monday nights at the clubhouse for many years. He was a season ticket holder to the Schenck High School boys' basketball games, and he also liked the Celtics, Patriots, and Yankees.

Joe and his wife maintained very dear friendships spanning over 55 years with a close circle of friends: the Morins, the Morris/Willettes, the Alberts, the Farmers, the Belangers, and the Markies. They especially enjoyed their annual New Year's Eve tradition of gathering together in celebration of friendship.

As Joe's Alzheimer's Disease progressed, he especially enjoyed time with his family, spending it going for rides and coffee, attending hockey games, hanging out in the woodshop, visiting on his porch, relaxing on his swing, and going to camp. Joe will be forever missed and lovingly remembered,



WILLIAM EDWIN CARPENTER

OLD TOWN - William Edwin Carpenter, 90, died in the early morning hours of August 17, 2016, at an Orono health care facility. He was born June 3, 1926, in Sullivan, a son of Cecil Paul Sr. and Marjorie (Doyle) Carpenter.

William, or how he would introduce himself "Hi, I'm Lazy Bill from Bunker Hill, never worked and never will" served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and retired as a Major in the U.S. Army Reserves. He worked in civil engineering the majority of his life. He enjoyed the outdoors and hunting and fishing in Sunkhaze Meadow. An avid Yankees fan, he enjoyed a can of Moxie while watching the game. He will be remembered for his willingness to lend a helping hand.

He is survived by two daughters, Linda Dearing and her husband, Bud, of West Melbourne, FL, and Gail Bower of Ft. Myers, FL; two grandchildren, Kevin Dearing of Raeford, NC, and Karen Benner and her husband, James, of Farmingdale; and six great-grandchildren, Connor, Liesl, Piper and Torren Dearing and Elizabeth and Joshua Benner. He was predeceased by son-in-law, Robert Bower; granddaughter, Jennifer Dearing; and brothers, Cecil Paul Carpenter Jr. and Charles Carpenter.

Private interment will be at Gordon Cemetery, Sullivan. Memorial contributions may be made to Beacon Hospice, 289 State Street, Bangor, ME 04401.



RUTH HAZEL PRICE ELLIS

OLD TOWN - On August 18, 2016, Ruth Hazel Price Ellis got her wish to see her name in the paper after ninety nine years of joyous living. She died in her home of natural causes surrounded by family. She was born on November 19, 1916, to Roscoe and Bertha (Perry) Price of Argyle.

Mom enjoyed a nursing career as an RN and saw many changes throughout the years. From 1959 to the mid-nineties she entertained vacationers at Ellis Camps in Beaver Cove, Maine. She was involved in her community, her church and local women's groups. Her passion was watching Wheel of Fortune and doing the daily crossword puzzle - IN INK!

Ruth was a proud mother of four, LeRoy Ellis (Joanna) of Greenville, Betty Ellis of Old Town, Nancy Koktavy of Old Town and Frances Rice of Lennox, South Dakota. She was a grandmother of seven; a great-grandmother of nine and a great-great-grandmother of two. Ruth was predeceased by her husband, LeRoy; parents; and brothers, Wallace and Arnold; and son-in-law, Richard Rice.

The family would like to thank employees of Hospice of Eastern Maine - Sheryl, Dolly, Tricia and Pastor Dave for their extraordinary care and the gentleman at The Coffee Break Café for their friendship.

Donations in her name may be made to the Old Town Animal Orphanage or the charity of your choice. Private interment will be at Fairview Cemetery, Veazie.



DONNA M. 'DAWN' BROWN

BANGOR - Donna "Dawn" M. Brown, 74, died August 17, 2016, at a local hospital. She was born April 22, 1942, in Bangor, the daughter of Francis and Katherine (Canty) Mogan.

Dawn graduated from John Baptist Memorial High School, and later from Mansfield Beauty Academy, class of 1983. She was a medical secretary at Community Health and Counseling, as well as a cosmetologist for many years. Dawn enjoyed taking walks, and spending time with friends.

In addition to her parents, Dawn was predeceased by 3 brothers, and her longtime companion, Ernie Shaw. She is survived by daughter, Terri, and Phil Dumond of Bangor; son, Eric Brown and wife, Jewel, of Ellsworth; granddaughter, Nicole and Doug Burns of Levant; grandson, Garrett Brown of Ellsworth; a sister; and special friends, Norma Baker and Tina Lyttle.

Relatives and friends are welcome to call 6-8 p.m. Monday, August 22, 2016, at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor, where a memorial service will be held 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 23, with the Rev. Dr. Rex H. Garret, Director of Chaplaincy Services at EMMC, officiating. Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.BrookingsSmith.com



JOAN B. DRAKE

WINSLOW - Joan B. Drake, 78, of Winslow, Maine, went to be with the Lord on Friday, August 12, 2016, with her family by her side at Maine General Hospital in Augusta. Joan was born on February 16, 1938, in Thompsonville, Connecticut, the daughter of Thomas G. and Victoria E. (Skowrensky) Bodley.

She graduated from the American International College with a Bachelor of Art and was a church pianist and organist in Enfield, CT, where she met and married Raymond H. Drake, her loving husband with whom she shared 56 wonderful years of marriage. After living in Enfield, CT, for 5 years they moved to Winslow, ME. While raising a family with her husband and 3 children, Joan also pursued teaching 1st. grade students, and then took on the role of music and piano teacher for many years, as well as manager for their home business, Drake's Sewing Machines. She enjoyed her family, and loved gatherings with all her family and friends, reading, music, piano and organ playing, teaching music, and relaxing at their camp in Solon, ME.

Joan is survived by her husband, Raymond Drake; daughter, Linda Campbell; son, Timothy Drake; daughter, Amy Winn; 9 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; and numerous in-laws and relatives. She was predeceased by her parents; and her sister, Thomasine B. Connelly.

A memorial service will be held at Kennebec Valley Baptist Church, 91 Marston Rd., Oakland, ME, on August 27, 2016, at 2 p.m. followed by a fellowship dinner. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the K.V.B.C. music program, in care of Kennebec Valley Baptist Church.

MARY ANNE CARROW

SANGERVILLE - Mary Anne Carrow, infant daughter of Ernest Carrow and Kristin Woodbury, was taken unexpectedly Aug. 18, 2016, at Mayo Regional Hospital, surrounded by her family. At 20 and one half inches long, she weighed 7 Lbs. and 7 ounces.

In addition to her parents, she is also survived by her grandmothers, Barbara and Rhonda; her grandfather, Kevin; her brother, Tayvin; and sisters, Alexis and Shir-lene.

Cremation arrangements are in care of Thompson Funeral Home, 17 Hudson Road, Corinth.

In Memoriam

In Loving Memory Of
RODNEY H. PAULETTE
Sep 30, 1960 - Aug 20, 2013



We miss you terribly and we will see you again.
Love, Mom, Dad and family

Committal Services

JAMES A. JORDAN JR.

HOLDEN - A Celebration of Life for James A. Jordan Jr. will take place on Saturday August 27, 2016 at noon at the Prospect Harbor Women's Club next to the firehouse in Prospect Harbor Maine.

Former 4-star general John Vessey dies at 94

BY ADAM BERNSTEIN
THE WASHINGTON POST

Retired Army Gen. John W. Vessey Jr., a self-professed "mud soldier" in two wars whose tenure as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff coincided with twin crises in Grenada and Lebanon, and who later served as a presidential emissary to Hanoi for POW/MIA matters, died Aug. 18 at his home in North Oaks, Minnesota. He was 94.

His daughter, Sarah Vessey, confirmed the death but did not provide a cause.

Gen. Vessey was 16 when he enlisted as a private in the Minnesota National Guard in 1939. After his unit was activated in World War II, he fought through North Africa and Italy and received a battlefield commission in 1944 at the Anzio beachhead south of Rome.

A longtime field artilleryman, he regarded himself as a "mud soldier" who experienced the hardship and sacrifice of combat. As President Ronald Reagan's top uniformed officer from 1982 to 1985, he was the first Army general to serve as Joint Chiefs chairman who had not trained at West Point. By the time he stepped down, Gen. Vessey was one of the few remaining World War II combat officers on active duty.

He received his first general's star after 27 years of commissioned service —long behind many peers — but was swiftly promoted thereafter.

The antithesis of showboating commanders such as George S. Patton Jr. and Douglas MacArthur, Gen. Vessey was plain-spoken and unassuming but nonetheless a resolute cold warrior. He believed in caution as well as the projection of power at all times.

As commanding general of all U.S. forces in South Korea in the late 1970s, he was among the many who criticized President Jimmy Carter's effort to withdraw U.S. troops from the peninsula.

His stance was widely believed to have cost him a coveted job as Army chief of staff in 1979, and he was passed over in favor of his own subordinate. But Gen. Vessey soldiered on as vice chief, running the Army's day-to-day operations until Reagan — who called him a "soldier's soldier" — plucked him to head the Joint Chiefs.

Gen. Vessey was said to have struck a personal rapport with Reagan and remained influential within the president's circle of advisers, in part because of the chairman's stated preference to stay out of the news. He dubbed his deliberately low public profile "effective anonymity."

Both agreed on the need for a continuing Cold War defense buildup. That included Reagan's proposed "Star Wars" space-based missile defense initiative (never fully developed), and the deployment of nuclear-capable Pershing II missiles to Europe.

But Reagan disregarded the general's warnings against getting further "em-

broiled" in Lebanon, a country in the midst of a protracted civil and sectarian war. An assault by Islamic militants on April 18, 1983, on the U.S. Embassy in Beirut killed 63 people, and another on a U.S. military compound on Oct. 23 left 241 U.S. service members dead, most of them Marines.

Two days later, Reagan ordered the incursion into Grenada, a Caribbean island nation that had undergone a Marxist-inspired coup. The deposed prime minister had been executed, the Cubans were aiding in a military buildup on the island, and Reagan said he wanted to ensure the safety of several hundred Americans attending medical school there.

Nearly 6,000 U.S. military personnel were deployed and gained control over Grenada in three days against marginally equipped opposition. The leader of the rebellion, Deputy Prime Minister Bernard Coard, was captured and imprisoned. Nineteen Americans, 45 Grenadians and 25 Cubans were killed. None of the medical students died.

Two years after Gen. Vessey's retirement in 1985 from the chairmanship, Reagan tapped him to serve as a special envoy to Vietnam to determine the fate of American servicemen missing in action since the war's end in 1975.

In an interview, Ann Mills-Griffiths, chairman and chief executive of the National League of POW/MIA Families, credited Gen. Vessey for "significant breakthroughs" in talks with the Vietnamese after years of fitful progress. His work led to the formation of full-scale field operations that enabled Pentagon search teams to look for and recover missing personnel from the Vietnamese countryside.

More than 1,000 bodies have been brought home from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, and 1,618 are still missing and unaccounted for, including civilians, Mills-Griffiths said. There is no evidence at present to indicate that U.S. personnel are still being held as POWs, she added.

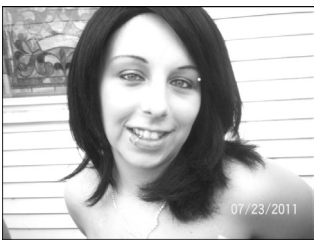
In 1992, President George H.W. Bush awarded Gen. Vessey the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, for his work on MIA/POW issues.

John William Vessey Jr. was born in Minneapolis on June 29, 1922, and grew up in the suburb of Lakeville. He lied to enlist in the Minnesota National Guard, telling recruiters he met the minimum age requirement of 18. "It wasn't any great idealistic thing," he later told the Times. "I guess it was probably more an opportunity to wear high leather boots and ride a motorcycle."

His wife of 69 years, the former Avis Funk, died in 2015. Survivors include three children, John Vessey III of Pittsboro, North Carolina, Sarah Vessey of North Oaks and David Vessey of Colorado Springs; a sister; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

In Memoriam

In Loving Memory Of
ANGELA APRIL MORROW
Aug 21, 1983 - Jul 19, 2012



Our Thoughts Are Ever With You,
Though You Have Passed Away,
And Those Who Loved You Dearly,
Are Thinking Of You Today.
From Your Family

In Loving Memory Of
TERRANCE C. GULLIVER
Jul 11, 1941 - Aug 19, 2006
Thinking of you and loving you still!
Your wife and family

In Loving Memory Of
WARREN A. BISHOP
Dec 28, 1966 - Aug 18, 1987



The lives he brightened and the help he gave and the happiness he brought cannot be measured.
Lovingly remembered by Mom and Dad; brothers, Roger and David; sisters, Laura and Susan; many friends and the annual Warren Bishop Memorial Run

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