

# OBITUARIES



**ANITA M. HOLMES**

**FORT FAIRFIELD** - Anita M. Holmes, 71, wife of Bailey E. Holmes, passed away Thursday evening, September 3, 2015 at a Caribou healthcare facility, following an extended illness. She was born December 31, 1943 in Perth, New Brunswick, the daughter of Joseph and Alice (Herthaway) Lovely.

She attended school in Perth, New Brunswick and was married to Bailey E. Holmes on December 21, 1963. She was a dedicated homemaker and also worked seasonally in the potato house for Nightingale Enterprises, Fort Fairfield. Anita's grandchildren and great grandchildren were her life. She also loved cooking, baking, chatting with friends on Facebook and especially loved visits from family and friends.

In addition to her parents, Anita was predeceased by three sisters, Linda, Sharon and Margaret Lovely. She is survived by her husband of nearly 52 years, Bailey E. Holmes of Fort Fairfield; one daughter, Brenda Saucier and her companion James L. Pelletier of Howland; six sisters and brothers-in-law, Ruth Nowlan, Marie and Mike Murphy, all of Fredericton, NB, Lavada Johnston and Bonnie Smith, both of Perth, NB, Judy Sargefield of Hartland, NB, Joyce and Dalton Smith of Perth, NB; three grandchildren, Joseph Saucier and his wife Lacey of St. Louis, MO, Dustin Saucier of Portland, Elizabeth Porter and her husband Stephen of Caribou; eight great grandchildren, Elijah, Malachi, Kaydence, Abram, Cassidy, Ezra, Lily and Thomas; numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends may call Sunday September 13, 2015 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Giberson-Dorsey Funeral Home 144 Main Street, Fort Fairfield, where a Service to Celebrate Anita's Life will be conducted at 1:00 p.m.. Interment will follow at the Riverside Cemetery, Fort Fairfield. A time of continued fellowship with refreshments will be held after the interment at the VFW Paul Lockhart Post Number 6187, Presque Isle Street, Fort Fairfield. Those who wish may contribute in memory of Mrs. Holmes to Jefferson Cary Foundation, where all proceeds will go towards the O/B ward, 163 Van Buren Road, Caribou, Maine 04736. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.gibersondorseyfuneralhome.com](http://www.gibersondorseyfuneralhome.com)



**BERNARDENE B. BRANNEN**

**ISLAND FALLS** - Bernardene B. Brannen, 62, of Island Falls, died at her home September 4th 2015 with her family at her side. She was born March 17th, 1953 in Meriden, Conn. the daughter Bernard and Mildred (Crane) Tarr.

She retired from national stage after 36 years.

She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Keith Brannen of Island Falls, and four siblings, Elizabeth and Perry Austin of Florida, Leigh and Barbara Tarr of Oakfield, Jane and her husband Gerald Ireland of New Limerick and William Tarr and Laurie Landry of Amity. She's also survived by a brother-in-law Kilburn and Danelle Brannen of Oakfield and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is predeceased by her parents and three sisters Mildred, Brenda and Janet.

Friends may call 6 - 8 p.m. Tuesday September 8th at Bowers Funeral Home Island Falls and a funeral service will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday September 9th at the Dyer Brook Community Church with the Reverend Andy Harthorne officiating. Interment will be in the Oakfield Cemetery and on-line guest book please visit [www.bowersfuneral.com](http://www.bowersfuneral.com)



**MARIE ANNE 'ANNIE' MAHAN**

**MARS HILL** - Marie Anne "Annie" Mahan, 83, passed away on September 3, 2015, at The Aroostook Health Center, Mars Hill. She was born into a loving family of 16 children on September 18, 1931, in Blue Bell, New Brunswick, Canada, the daughter of Isaac and Jacqueline (Geneau) Arsenault.

Anne was the only family member to become a U.S. citizen and was proud to be a citizen of both countries, and would keep in communication with all her siblings and their families. She adapted into the community and was loved by all. She could always be counted on to lend a helping hand to anyone who asked. Everyone will miss that warm, loving smile. She had a very limited formal education but had the ability to learn quickly. She would embrace any new members of the community who were from her country and had a large circle of friends that would always be ready to go to a Bingo game or play Skat. Anne was a very loving mother to both her children and had a special place in her heart for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her two children, Susan Vreeland and her husband, Jeff, of Presque Isle and Jeffrey Mahan of Mars Hill; two grandchildren, Justin Vreeland of Austin, Texas, and Patrick Irvine and his wife, Jeanette; and her two great-grandchildren, Nathaniel and Charisma, all of Columbus, Georgia; and a sister, Violet Saunders and her husband, Clifford, of Plaster Rock, New Brunswick. She will be sorely missed by her friend of over 50 years, Lois Crawford of Mars Hill. In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by her husband, Clarence Mahan.

Friends may call 10-11 a.m. Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Parish of the Precious Blood, Mars Hill, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. with The Very Rev. Jean Paul LaBrie, Celebrant. Interment will be at Pierce Cemetery, Mars Hill. A reception will follow the interment at Susan Vreeland's home in Presque Isle. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Marie's memory to Aroostook House of Comfort, P.O. BOX 867, Presque Isle, ME 04769. Online condolences may be shared at [www.duncan-graves.com](http://www.duncan-graves.com).

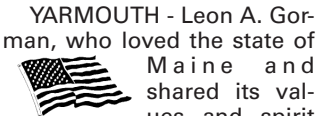
**ORLAND DALE SHOREY**

**BURLINGTON** - Funeral services, including a Masonic service, for Orland Dale Shorey will be held at the Burlington Fire Station on Sunday at 2pm with a reception following.



**GLORIA J. (KILBY) WALKER AND THOMAS W. LARCOMBE III**

**GLENBURN** - A burial service for Gloria J. (Kilby) Walker and her son, Thomas W. Larcombe III, will be on Saturday, September 12, at 1 p.m. will be held at Birch Grove Cemetery, on Merryman Road (Outer Union St.), Glenburn.



**YARMOUTH** - Leon A. Gorman, who loved the state of Maine and shared its values and spirit with the world through the company his grandfather founded in 1912, died on Thursday, September 3rd, 2015, in Yarmouth, Maine.

Although Leon always considered himself a Mainer, he was born in Nashua, NH, on December 20, 1934 to Barbara Bean and John Gorman. He was raised in Yarmouth, Maine, attended Cheverus High School, and graduated from Bowdoin College in the Class of 1956. Following graduation, he served for six years in the U.S. Navy before returning home in 1960 to join his grandfather, Leon Leonwood Bean, at L.L.Bean, Inc. He was appointed President of the Company in 1967 following the death of L.L. Bean and served in that capacity for over 35 years. He was named Chairman of the Board in 2001 and Chairman Emeritus in 2013.

Beginning in the 1960s, Leon and the people of L.L.Bean began the work of transforming his grandfather's 2.25 million dollar company into the 1.61 billion dollar enterprise that is today known across the world for its commitment to quality, integrity, and service. His proudest accomplishment he once said was "growing my grandfather's company from employing less than 100 people in 1960 to tens of thousands of good people over the generations, a company based on solid Maine values of integrity, customer service, respect for people, a love of the outdoors, and perseverance." It was a particular point of pride for Leon that during his tenure the company employed multiple generations of numerous Maine families.

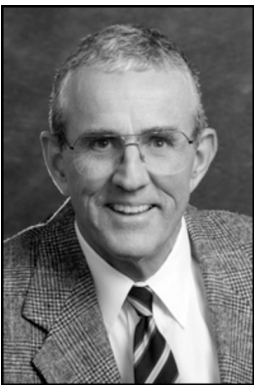
A quiet man with a heart of gold, Leon personified the values of his company. He was honest, practical and economical, hardworking, unpretentious, and reliable. He was widely regarded for his keen business acumen and he led the dramatic growth of the Company

**PATRICK "PAT" MCCURDY**

**ANDERSON, SC-** Patrick 'Pat' McCurdy, 78, of Anderson, SC, husband of the late Gladys Josephine McCurdy, died Saturday, August 22, 2015 at his home. His was born in Lubec, Maine to the late Joseph A. and Lillian H. Kelley McCurdy. Mr. McCurdy retired from the United States Air Force and proudly served his country. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Mr. McCurdy is survived by two brothers, Richard W. McCurdy of Port Orange, FL and David Michael McCurdy and his wife, Dorothy of Lincolnville, ME; a niece, Patricia McCurdy and nephew, Michael McCurdy. A Mass of Christian Burial was held August 29 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church. A military service was held at M J Dolly Cooper Veterans Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, PO Box 812, Abbeville, SC 29620. <http://www.tributes.com/obituary/show/Pat-McCurdy-102776759>

**MARY RITA HASLAM**

**LA MOINE** - Mary Rita Haslam, 85, passed away September 3, 2015. Calling hours will be held 4-6 p.m. Thursday, September 10, 2015, at Jordan-Fernald, 113 Franklin St., Ellsworth. A gathering to follow at Pat's Pizza, Ellsworth. Condolences may be expressed at [www.jordanfernald.com](http://www.jordanfernald.com).



**LEON A. GORMAN CHAIRMAN EMERITUS, L.L.BEAN, INC.**

The Nature Conservancy of Maine, the Yarmouth Historical Society, Yarmouth Merrill Library, and numerous other organizations.

Leon's contributions went well beyond the financial. He gave his time and energy to numerous organizations and for this he was awarded honorary degrees from the Maine Community College System and from Bowdoin, Bates, Wheaton, and Thomas Colleges.

In addition, he was inducted into the Halls of Fame of the Direct Marketing Association, the Maine Chamber of Commerce, and Junior Achievement of Maine. The Greater Portland Chambers of Commerce presented him with the Henri Benoit Award for Outstanding Leadership in the Private Sector; Babson College named him to its Academy of Distinguished Entrepreneurs; the Maine Warden Service presented him with its Award of Merit; The Nature Conservancy honored him with the President's Conservation Achievement Award; and the Pine Tree Council of Boy Scouts of America presented him with its Silver Beaver Award. In 2001, he received the Bean's Best Award, L.L.Bean's highest form of employee recognition. It is awarded to recipients who live the L.L.Bean values, instill them in others, and get results through hard work and dedication. This award was particularly meaningful to him because it is awarded through an employee led nomination and selection process.

Leon cared deeply for those in need and those who struggled. For twelve years, every Wednesday morning, he volunteered at the Preble Street Resource Center, preparing and serving breakfast to hundreds who walked through the door. In 2009, Preble Street recognized him as its Volunteer of the Year. In accepting the award, Leon said, "For twelve years my job was to scramble eggs or cook French toast for several hundred people. I learned firsthand the compelling needs of our homeless population."

Leon's deep love of the people and places of Maine led him to invest throughout his life in efforts designed to protect and strengthen the state's natural and human resources. Together with Lisa, his philanthropy helped protect thousands of pristine acres along the St. John River, the 100-Mile Wilderness, and Katahdin Lake. They provided lead gifts to establish and support the Coastal Studies Center at Bowdoin, The Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges, the Casco Bay YMCA, Pine Tree Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Maine Huts & Trails, the Cancer Community Center, Preble Street, the United Way of Greater Portland, The Student Conservation Association, the Appalachian Mountain Club,

through decades of enormous change and challenge, a journey he chronicled in 2006 in L.L.Bean: The Making of an American Icon, published by the Harvard Business School Press.

An outdoor enthusiast, Leon frequently tested the Company's products on hiking, hunting, and fishing trips. He was most comfortable beside a trout stream or bird hunting in the Maine woods with his beloved Springer Spaniels. For 30 years Leon fished the trout ponds of the Megantic Fish & Game Club with his dear "Fishing Buddies." With his intrepid friend, Lloyd Holmes, he climbed Mt. Rainier, Mt. Kilimanjaro, and ascended to Camp Three during the 1990 Mount Everest International Peace Climb, an expedition sponsored by L.L.Bean.

His wife, Lisa, joined him in his love of these outdoor adventures. They hiked, biked, fished, and cross-country skied throughout Maine and the world. Their children joined them on many of these trips and shared many happy times skiing in Jackson, NH, fishing, hiking, and playing a good game of cribbage back at camp. In December of 2014, Leon gathered with his family in Florida for a memorable 80th birthday party celebration.

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Charlotte Junior High until her retirement in 1995. Gwen was a very creative and intelligent woman who loved to learn. She was an avid gardener and enjoyed expressing herself through cooking, knitting, sewing, embroidery and painting. She enjoyed her season tickets to the Wharton Center and was a HUGE MSU Spartan fan, especially basketball.

Gwen is survived by her brother, Darryl (Nancy) Knowlton of Stonington, ME; nieces, Kelly (Jonathan) Pratt and Heather (Jeff) Cormier; nephew, Matthew (Rebekah) Knowlton; great-nephews, Jeremy and Andrew Pratt and Samuel Knowlton; great-nieces, Emily and Allison Cormier and Abigail and Natalie Knowlton; great-great nephew, Jaycen; and close friends, Diane Trethaway, Keeley Coon, Patti Weicht and her family. Gwen's family and friends wish to acknowledge the special staff at Story Point, Grand Ledge and Heartland Hospice for their tender and dignified care for Gwen at the end of this life.

Graveside services will be held on Tuesday September 8, 2015 at 2:00 at Knowlton (Tea Hill) Cemetery, Stonington, ME. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Eaton Community Palliative Care in Charlotte. Arrangements entrusted by Bragdon-Kelley Funeral Home.

The following year, in recognition of his enormous contributions to American business, Bowdoin bestowed upon him its highest honor, The Bowdoin Prize, awarded every five years "to the graduate who shall have made during the period the most distinctive contribution in any field of human endeavor".

It was these two honors - representing his contributions to the economy of his state and nation and his very quiet and personal efforts to build a better Maine - that meant the most to him.

Leon's greatest personal pride was reserved for his family. He gave them all unconditional love, his wisdom, and his humor.

He is survived by his loving wife, Lisa Gorman; son Jeffrey Gorman and his wife, Sonya; daughters Ainslie Boroff and her husband, Todd; and Jennifer Wilson and her husband, Bennett; stepson Shimon Cohen and his wife, Rossy; stepdaughter Nancy Cohen; and seven sweet and loving grandchildren.

Leon is also survived by his brother, James Gorman, Sr., and his wife, Maureen; cousins Linda Bean and Diana Bean; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father and mother, John and Barbara Gorman and his brother, John Gorman, Jr.

Visiting hours will be held Friday September 11th and Saturday September 12th from 3:00-8:00 p.m. at the Conroy-Tully Crawford South Portland Chapel, 1024 Broadway, South Portland, Maine. A Memorial Service will be held Sunday, September 13th at 10:00 a.m. at the Westbrook Performing Arts Center, 471 Stroudwater Street, Westbrook, Maine. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to: Preble Street, c/o Mark Swann, P.O. Box 1459, Portland, ME 04104 or The Leon A. Gorman Scholarship Fund, The Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges, 54 Lighthouse Circle, South Portland, ME 04106

## Sabattus dog found dead was not shot

**BY DAWN GAGNON**  
BDN STAFF

**SABATTUS** — The Sabattus Police Department has completed its investigation into a report that a Yorkshire terrier found dead on Sunday by his owner had been shot.

"With assistance of Lisbon Road Animal Hospital, the cause of death of the Yorkshire Terrier was determined to be caused by another canine," police said in a news release posted on its Facebook page.

What the owner believed were bullet wounds actually were wounds caused by canine teeth, police said.

The dog's owner was notified of the investigation's findings.

No criminal charges are forthcoming and the case is considered closed, police said.

The investigation into the dog's death was launched after the 12-year-old terrier disappeared Saturday from his Bowdoinham Road home. The dog, whose name was Wilson, was found dead the next day.

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