

# OBITUARIES



**R. LEWIS BONE**

**HOULTON AND FOREST CITY** - R. Lewis Bone, 86, died September 17, 2016, in Bangor. He was born January 21, 1930. Buffalo, MO was the place this little country boy was raised, fishing, chasing hogs and playing basketball.

The Air Force called him to Maine where he met the love of his life, "Junie Bug" gave him the nickname "Zeb". In the 50's along came Debbie, Tommy and Susie. Many years followed with fun summers at East Grand Lake, fishing, hunting and just sitting around with his friends exchanging stories.

What led him to become town manger of Houlton from June 23, 1986 to July 1, 1994, was several town manager positions in Dover Foxcroft and Hampden. Becoming the Director of Auburn Urban Renewal was a passion of his to create new from old. Zeb's life was full of wonderful jobs that led him to his retirement years living his dream at East Grand Lake. The Masons and Shriners were a very important part of his life "even though we never knew the secrets".

He leaves behind his children, Debra Bone Garibotto and her husband, John of Houlton; Thomas Newton Bone and his significant other, Cindy Cox, Susan Valerie Bone and her significant other, Dan Pomerleau, all of Mechanic Falls; grandchildren, Sonya Johnson and her husband, Wayne of Cumberland, Ryan Bennett and his wife, Tina of Houlton, Amanda Wheeler of South Portland, Sara Ruminiski of Portland; great-grandchildren, Patrick and Michael Johnson, Lena and Austin Bennett; a brother, Wade Bone; sister, Judy Bridges; half sister, Elsie Bailey, all of Missouri; several nieces, nephews and cousins; a special friend, JoAnn Brewer. He has gone Home to be with the love of his life, June Roberta Walls Bone; his parents, Tip and Ressie Stafford; and the loving family that passed before him.

Friends may call 10-11 a.m. on September 24th at the First Baptist Church, Houlton, where a Masonic service will be held 11 a.m. with Monument Lodge #96 officiating. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may donate to Monument Lodge #96, PO Box 1348, Houlton ME 04730.

For an online memory book and to leave condolences please visit [www.bowersfuneral.com](http://www.bowersfuneral.com)

Dad, we'll take good care of the BONEYARD.



**FLORENCE M. SMITH**

**BAR HARBOR** - Florence M. Smith, 90, died September 17, 2016, in Bar Harbor. She was born November 19, 1925, in Lynn, MA, the daughter of Cornelius Bernard and Ellen Winfred (Pendergast) Healey.

For many years Florence worked as a hostess at the Acadia Restaurant in Bar Harbor, for the Boisvert family.

Florence was a communicant of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, serving as a Eucharistic minister, a choir member and she assisted the church at the services at Sonogee Rehab and Living Center. She was a member of the Daughters of Isabella, a past president of The Melvin Belmont residence association, and a volunteer at the YWCA Food Pantry. Florence remembered all her family and acquaintances each year with cards.

She is survived by her children, Sister Kathleen Smith, RSM of Portland, Russell T. Smith and wife, Edith of North Palm Beach, FL, Maureen Kane and husband, Lyman "Joey" Jr. of Bar Harbor, Eileen Bartlett of Portland and Christine Walsh and husband, Craig of Gouldsboro; brother, Robert F. Healey and wife, Annette of Saugus, MA; and sister, Marjorie Kane of Palm Beach, FL; ten grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Florence was predeceased by husband, Robert T. Smith; two sons, Mark T. and Matthew T. Smith; and a sister, Doris Broll and husband, John.

A Mass Of Christian Burial will be held, 10:00AM, Thursday, September 22, 2016 at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 21 Ledgelawn Ave., Bar Harbor with Father John Skehan officiating. There will be a reception immediately following the Mass at St. Saviour's Episcopal Parish Hall. Private interment will be at Holy Redeemer Cemetery, Bar Harbor.

Contributions in Florence's memory may be made to Island Connections, 15 Eagle Lake Rd, Bar Harbor, Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County, 14 McKenzie Ave., Ellsworth or the Bar Harbor Food Pantry, 36 Mt. Desert St., Bar Harbor.

Arrangements by Jordan-Fernald, 1139 Main St., Mt. Desert.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.jordanfernaldd.com](http://www.jordanfernaldd.com)



**PATRICIA M. 'PATSY' BABIN**

**HUDSON** - Patricia M. "Patsy" Babin, 74, passed away peacefully September 17, 2016. She was born in Old Town, January 8, 1942, the daughter of Joseph Lester and Jeanette Yvonne (Maheu) Gifford.

Patsy was an outgoing woman whose children and grandchildren were her joy in life. She was a "Mother and Nana to all". Patsy was a strong and giving woman whose bubbly personality and outlook will be forever remembered, never complaining a day in her life. She lit up every room she was in and took charge of every situation. She was a strong woman of faith and prayer in her life.

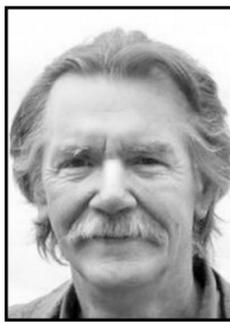
Patsy loved to knit and crochet, gardening, and was known for her baked ham dinner for the Brewer School system's teacher's luncheon. She was employed at St. Joseph Hospital for many years and retired from Sunbury health care.

She is survived by two children, Terri Severance and her husband, Stan of Brewer and Gregory Babin and special friend, Kim Jackson of Hudson; two grandchildren, whom she adored, Dylan and Logan Severance of Brewer; a brother, Fred Gifford and his wife, Paulette of Bradley; and a special nephew, Bruce Geroux of Veazie; several nieces, nephews, and cousins and wonderful friends in her life.

A social celebration of her life gathering will be 6-8PM Friday at the Birmingham Funeral Home, 438 Main St., Old Town. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 9AM Saturday at Parish of the Resurrection Holy Family Church, Old Town. Burial will follow Pushaw Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cancer Care of Maine, c/o EMHS Foundation, P.O. Box 931, Bangor, ME 04402

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**RONALD CALVIN LEVASSEUR**

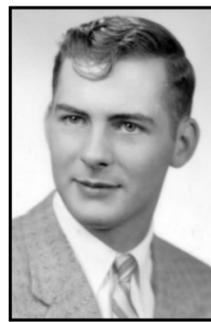
**EAST MILLNOCKET** - Ronald Calvin LeVasseur, 67, passed away September 16, 2016, at Maine Veteran's Home, Bangor, after battling a sudden illness. He was born June 23, 1949, in Berlin, Germany, the son of Richard and Judy (Skupin) LeVasseur.

Ronald was a US Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He worked and provided for his family for 30 years at the paper mill in Millinocket. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his parents, Richard and Judy LeVasseur, he is survived by two daughters, Renee LeVasseur and Michelle LeVasseur; three brothers, Rick and Debbie LeVasseur, Mike and Carol LeVasseur and Steve LeVasseur; a granddaughter, Jackie Renee Caswell; mother-in-law, Jeannette Brown; four brothers-in-law, Ed and Tina Brown, Michael Brown, Rick and Lisa Brown and Robert Brown; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 30 years, Jacalyn A. LeVasseur.

An informal gathering to celebrate his life, and military honors, will be held from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, September 24, at the East Branch Sno Rovers Club House in Medway. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Maine Veteran's Home, Bangor or any animal refuge society. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.clayfuneralhome.com](http://www.clayfuneralhome.com).

"I give you this one thought to keep I am with you still - I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the diamond glints on snow, I am the sunlight on ripened grain, I am the gentle autumn rain. When you awaken in the morning's hush, I am the swift, uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft stars that shine at night. Do not think of me as gone - I am with you still - in each new dawn."



**ROGER B. JONES**

**CARIBOU** - Roger B. Jones, 74, passed away Friday, September 16, 2016. He was born in Caribou, the son of Norman and Ora (Doody) Jones.

Roger graduated from Fort Fairfield High School, and worked as a long haul trucker for most of his life. He was a loyal friend who was always available when anyone needed him. He'll be remembered as a friendly, kind, and gentle person who loved the outdoors, and hunting in particular.

Roger is survived by his fiancée, Earlene Athmer of Caribou; his son, Jeffrey Jones and his wife, Kim of Limestone; his grandson, Nathan Jones; and great-granddaughter, Aria Jones of Limestone; his siblings and their spouses, Ralph and Cynthia Jones of Fort Fairfield, Melvin and Kathy Jones of Vernon, CT, Elta (Jones) and Ray Killcollins of Saco, Philippa and Victor Ciesielski of Presque Isle, and Eva Usyk of Utica, NY. In addition, his in-laws and their spouses, Lonnie and Rita Levesque, and Shelba and Larry Pierce, all of Fort Fairfield. He will also be missed by many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Roger was predeceased by his wife, Sheila (Levesque) Jones; and his daughter, Heidi Jones.

Friends and family may call from 6-8pm, Thursday, September 22, 2016, at Lancaster Morgan Funeral Home, 11 Clover Street, Caribou. A graveside service will be held 1pm, Friday, September 23, 2016, at Crouseville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Aroostook National Wildlife Refuge, 97 Refuge Road, Limestone, ME 04750.

Memories and condolences may be expressed at [www.lancastermorgan.com](http://www.lancastermorgan.com)

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## Gordon held liable in Brown's death

Former boyfriend failed to make hearing

BY DAVID BEASLEY  
REUTERS

ATLANTA — A Georgia judge on Friday held Bobbi Kristina Brown's former boyfriend legally responsible for her 2015 death after he failed to show up for a hearing in a civil lawsuit, a lawyer for Brown's estate said.

A jury will determine how much Nick Gordon, who has not been criminally charged, should pay for his role in the death of Brown, the only child of Grammy award-winning singers Bobby Brown and the late Whitney Houston.

Bobbi Kristina, 22, an aspiring singer, was discovered face down in the bathtub of her north Atlanta home in January 2015 and died about six months later without coming out of a coma. An autopsy found drug intoxication and the immersion of her face in the water contributed to her death.

Her estate accused Gordon in the lawsuit of causing her death by giving her a "toxic mixture" and stealing from her bank account while she was comatose. Gordon has denied the allegations and said he tried to save Brown's life.

Fulton County Superior Court Judge T. Jackson Bedford ruled against Gordon by default in the lawsuit after neither Gordon nor his lawyer attended a hearing in the case Friday morning, said lawyer, David Ware, who represents Brown's estate.

Gordon can appeal the judge's ruling, Ware said by email. If Gordon loses, a jury will decide how much he owes in damages, Ware said.

"We look forward to having a Fulton County jury determine how much Mr. Gordon will have to pay," Ware said in a statement.

A spokesman for Gordon did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

A medical examiner has classified Brown's manner of death as undetermined with the circumstances under which she entered the tub unknown. Her autopsy showed evidence of recent cocaine use, as well as other drugs and alcohol in her system.

Her death came three years after Houston drowned in a bathtub in a Beverly Hills hotel at age 48. Authorities said cocaine abuse and heart disease contributed to Houston's Feb. 11, 2012, death.



**Gordon**



**Brown**

## Ravens assistant coach Brooks dies

BY CHILDS WALKER  
THE BALTIMORE SUN

Clarence Brooks, the stalwart Ravens defensive line coach who inspired players by working determinedly through treatments for esophageal and stomach cancer, died Saturday morning at a hospital in Weston, Florida.

The Massachusetts native was 65.

"We knew he loved his players," his wife, Justa, said Saturday morning in a statement released by the team. "Through all of this, we've found out how much his players loved him. We thank everyone for the loving support."

Brooks was the Ravens' longest-tenured coach. Brian Billick hired him in 2005, and he remained on staff when John Harbaugh took over in 2008.

Harbaugh said Brooks — who helped develop a succession of stars from five-time Pro Bowl selection Haloti Ngata to current nose tackle Brandon Williams — was the best defensive line coach he'd ever been around.

"He fought the good fight and won," Harbaugh said in a statement Saturday. "One of the finest coaches I have ever met, he changed the lives and influenced players and coaches for the better."

Though he often patrolled the sideline with a stern visage, Brooks was equally capable of delivering a well-timed joke or a fond observation about one of his linemen.

"He was the sweetest man I've ever met in football," owner Steve Bisciotti said. "He was also as tough as nails and was as respected by everyone on our team as any coach who ever touched the Ravens. His impact was more than people on the outside could know. He will be so missed."

Brooks fell ill during training camp before the 2015 season and was diagnosed with cancer the week before the team's 23-20 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers on Oct. 1. An emotional Brooks received an honorary game ball from Harbaugh after that win and gathered his linemen to tell them of his diagnosis the next day.



REUTERS FILE

Actors who played the children of the Trapp family in the movie "The Sound of Music" pose in Salzburg in 2000. They are (from left) Kym Gareth (Gretl), Charmian Carr (Liesl), Angela Cartwright (Brigitta), Nicholas Hammond (Friedrich), Duane Chase (Kurt), Debbie Thurner (Martha) and Heather Menzies (Louisa). The cast was reunited on the original film sets for a British television production 35 years after the movie was shot in the west Austrian province. Carr died Saturday at the age of 73.

## 'Sound of Music' actress Carr dies at 73

REUTERS

LOS ANGELES — Charmian Carr, beloved by fans for her role as the rebellious daughter, Liesl Von Trapp, in the Academy Award-winning film "The Sound of Music," has died at the age of 73, her family said on Sunday.

Carr died on Saturday of complications from a rare form of dementia in the Los Angeles suburb of Woodland Hills, the family said in a statement.

Carr was in her early 20s when she played Liesl, the eldest of the seven children of stern widower Captain Von

Trapp, played by Christopher Plummer, in the 1965 musical starring Julie Andrews.

Her romantic dance scene with screen boyfriend Rolfe in a gazebo during a thunderstorm while singing "Sixteen Going On Seventeen" was considered one of the movie's most charming scenes.

After "The Sound of Music," Carr appeared in the TV musical "Evening Primrose" with Anthony Perkins but then stepped back from acting to start an interior design business and raise a family.

But her enthusiasm for "The Sound of Music" re-

mained undiminished and in 2000, she started hosting sing-alongs of the movie across the United States, which drew thousands of fans dressed as their favorite characters.

Carr also wrote two books — "Forever Liesl," in 2000, in which she detailed the making of the movie, and "Letters to Liesl" in 2001, which was inspired by the fan mail she received from around the world.

Carr was born in Chicago on Dec. 27, 1942, and moved to California when she was 13. She is survived by two children and four grandchildren.

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