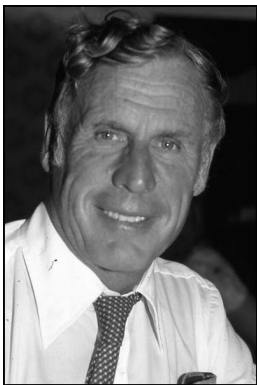


OBITUARIES



REV. DONALD ALTON BRUSHETT

HOULTON - The Rev. Donald A. Brushett, 97, died with family present on October 12, 2015, in Houlton. Born in Creston, NL, August 1, 1918, his mother, Mamie Fizzard Brushett died in childbirth and his father, Ernest Brushett, captain of a trade schooner, was lost at sea returning from Portugal when Don was a year old. For the next 16 years he was cared for and loved by his grandparents, Alvina and James Fizzard and a caring aunt, Francis Hollett.

At the age of 17 with no formal training he taught school for two years in an outpost village, Famish Cove (now called Fair Haven). His class had 20 students in all grades. He soon discovered that the school was on the first floor and the church was upstairs. The teacher was expected to "do" the Sunday services, reading the sermons of well-known preachers of the day.

After two years at Memorial University, St. John's, NL, he completed his degree in theology at McGill University in Montreal, QUE. He was appointed to his first church in St. Albans Vermont. During his 36 years of ministry in the Methodist church he had the privilege of building a new church in Latham, NY. He also served as District Superintendent of the Green Mountain District in Vermont for a 6 year term.

In 1947 he married Ethel, his beloved wife of 68 years. They have four daughters: Lynda, Kim, Kathy, and Patty, married to Jay Corcoran, Rob McGrail, John Wakefield and Jeff Forward; one son Dr. Donald Brushett and his wife Dr. Janet Parker. They

have eight grandsons: Brendt Corcoran, Chris and David Brushett, Jeremy and Ryan McGrail, Ethan Wakefield and Graham and Evan Forward and two granddaughters: Katie Brushett and Kaitlyn Wakefield. Three great-grandchildren complete the immediate family: Finn McGrail and his brother Taj and Stella Forward. Extended family includes David French of St. John's, NL and his wife Jill, Stella Brushett of Port Hilford, NS, along with friends and former parishioners.

Upon retirement in 1982 Ethel and Don lived six months in Port Hilford, NS and six months in Houlton, ME. Early in his retirement years, Don served as interim minister at First Baptist Church on Court Street. Later he served at Mars Hill and Lincoln United Methodist Churches.

Don saw his life as wonderful and was either incapable or refused to see it any other way. Above all else he was a loving husband and dad. He loved gently and was greatly loved in return.

Don and Ethel have attended the Houlton United Methodist Church for the last 33 years. There will be a celebration service at 2:00 Saturday afternoon, October 17, 2015 at the church. Friends of Don and Ethel's and church members are invited to the service followed by fellowship and refreshments. Gifts in memory of Pastor Don may be given to the United Methodist Church, 57 Military St, Houlton ME 04730. Online condolences and guest book:

dunnfuneral.com



JACKIE DALE GARNER SR.

LAGRANGE - Jackie Dale Garner Sr., 63, died unexpectedly October 9, 2015 at a local hospital with family by his side. He was born October 1, 1952 in Little Rock, AK a son of Troy and Alma (Woods) Garner.

Jackie proudly served with the US Army during the Viet Nam War. He worked many years at the Stud Mill in Costigan, and for the last few years has found great comfort and peace, working as a CNA at Peace Harbor Health Care. Jackie enjoyed time spent with his daughter Deidre and her husband TJ, especially going to Loon Mountain, NH, participating in the highland games, and enjoying his Scottish ancestry. He was a Life Member of the VFW, Mason, 3rd Degree Scottish Rite, Shriner, and a member of AmVets.

He is survived by his daughter Deidre Davis and her husband TJ; mother of his children and best friend Carolyne Eastman; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son Jackie "Chip" Dale Garner Jr.

A celebration of life service will be 2PM Saturday at the Birmingham Funeral Home 438 Main St Old Town, where friends may call from 12 noon Saturday until time of service. A committal service with military honors will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery, Lagrange.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ronald MacDonald House 654 State St, Bangor, ME 04401 or to a Veteran's charity of one's choice.



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VELLADAWN GIBERSON

MARS HILL - Vella Dawn Giberson, 89, passed away on October 7, 2015. She was born April 9, 1926 in Robinson, Maine.

At the age of 17, she was working in Washington, D.C. for the federal government. On returning home to Robinson, she worked at Presque Isle Air Force Base before going to work at Loring Air Force Base in Limestone, Maine. When she retired, she was working for Market News in Presque Isle. She and Victor were married in 1945 and before his death, they had been together for 60 years. She felt her greatest achievement was her family and all her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed.

The family would like to thank all the caregivers at the Aroostook Health Center in Mars Hill and her doctor, Dr. Eric Nicholas, for his years of care.

Vella Dawn was predeceased by her husband, Victor H. Giberson, Sr., her sons Victor, Jr. "Howie", Edward, Keith and Daniel, and by her siblings. She leaves behind her daughters: Wanece Lambert of Bradley and DonnaLee Tilley of Mars Hill; her sons: Wayne R. Giberson, Sr. of Mars Hill and Blaine L. Giberson of Georgia; 18 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are under the care of Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Avenue, Belfast. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.directcremationofmaine.com. Graveside services will be held Saturday October 17th at 2pm at Kings Grove Cemetery in Mars Hill.

Death Notices

BRUSHETT, Rev. Donald Alton, 97, Houlton; at Houlton, October 12, 2015. Service 2 p.m., Saturday, October 17, 2015 at Houlton United Methodist Church. Dunn Funeral Home, Houlton.

COTE, Carl Daniel, 64, Old Town; at Bangor, October 13, 2015. Service 10 a.m., Friday, October 16, 2015 at Parish of the Resurrection Holy Family Church, Old Town. Birmingham Funeral Home, Old Town.

DAVIS, Dianna Mae (Gray), 73, Medway; at Medway, October 12, 2015. Service 1 p.m., Friday, October 16, 2015 at Zion Pentecostal Church, 249 Medway Rd., Mattawamkeag. Bowers Funeral Home.

GARDNER, Tom, Orono. Service 1 p.m., Sunday, October 18, 2015 at Woodman's in Orono. Birmingham Funeral Home.

GARNER SR., Jackie Dale, 63, Lagrange, October 9, 2015. Service 2 p.m., Saturday, October 17, 2015 at the Birmingham Funeral Home, 438 Main St., Old Town.

GIBERSON, Vella Dawn, 89, Mars Hill, October 7, 2015. Service 2 p.m., Saturday, October 17, 2015 at Kings Grove Cemetery, Mars Hill. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Avenue, Belfast.

LINGLEY, Phyllis P., 93, Trscott; at Machias, October 9, 2015. Service 2 p.m., Saturday, October 17, 2015 at Greenlawn Cemetery, Lubec. McClure Family Funeral Services, Machias & Lubec.

LORING, Mary R. (Sawyer), 82, Bangor; at Bangor, October 11, 2015. Service 2 p.m., Saturday, October 17, 2015 at the Apostolic Lighthouse, 517 Hammond St., Bangor. Brookings-Smith.

LYONS, Terrence "Terry" R., 73, Veazie and Millinocket; at Veazie, October 9, 2015. Service 1 p.m. Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

PURCELL, Gerda P., 90, Monroe; at Belfast, October 11, 2015. Service 11 a.m., Saturday, October 24, 2015 at Monroe Community Church, 26 W Main St., Monroe. Riposta Funeral Home, Belfast.

SHAW, Arlene Evelyn (McDonough), 95, Bangor, October 12, 2015. Service 11 a.m., Friday, October 16, 2015 at the Highland Cemetery, Route 2, Carmel. Brookings-Smith.

SHROAT, Pauline M., 89, Guilford; at Dover-Foxcroft, October 10, 2015. Service 11 a.m., Thursday, October 15, 2015 at the Village Cemetery, Abbot. Crosby & Neal, Guilford.

SMITH, Richard J., 82, St. Agatha and Presque Isle, October 6, 2015. Service 11 a.m., Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Sinclair.

SNOW, Loretta M., 42, Carmel; at Carmel, October 11, 2015. Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 299 Union St., Bangor.

THIBODEAU, Marla L., Lewiston and Mattawamkeag; at Lewiston, August 19, 2015. Service 2 p.m., Saturday, October 17, 2015 at Mattawamkeag Cemetery. Clay Funeral Home, 7 Lee Rd., Lincoln.



RICHARD J. SMITH

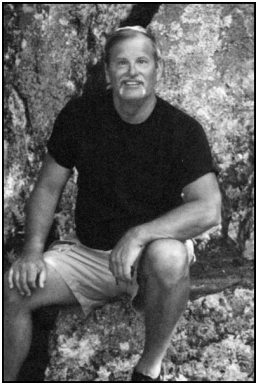
ST. AGATHA AND PRESQUE ISLE - Dick left this world peacefully on October 6, 2015 while at home with his loving wife Opal. Dick was born February 17, 1933 in Presque Isle, ME. He graduated from Presque Isle High School, obtained his Baccalaureate in Education from UMPI and his Masters from UM at Orono. Dick was employed as an educator for MSAD #1 for 32 years.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Opal (Gagnon), two sisters Isabelle and Barbara, three children Joseph and his wife Kathleen of Fort Kent; Elaine Rogers and her husband Robert of Frenchville; Steven and his wife Kimberly of Cross Lake; 8 Grandchildren; 8 Great Grandchildren and one Great Great Grandchild.

He was predeceased by his parents Granville and Margaret (Cummings) Smith; his loving daughter Karen Comfort; three brothers Hollis, John and Robert; two sisters Helen and Mary; and Joe and Anna Gagnon; his Father and Mother-In-Law.

Dick touched the lives of many throughout his career as an educator, and as a sign painter whose signs can be seen throughout Northern Maine. His faith in God was paramount. Dick is now living his 5th day!

There will be a Mass of Celebration held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Sinclair on Tuesday, October 20 at 11AM. Interment will be at St. Mary's Cemetery in Presque Isle at a later date.



CARL DANIEL COTE

OLD TOWN - Carl D. Cote, 64, died October 13, 2015 at a Bangor health care facility. He was born May 3, 1951 a son of Daniel L. and Viola M. (Bouchard) Cote.

Carl loved the outdoors enjoying, cross country skiing, snow shoeing, running, riding his motorcycle, riding in his pick up truck, and visiting the Maine coast. He was employed for over 35 years at the Old Town Paper Mill and was an active member of the Knights of Columbus. He will be remembered for always lending a helping hand to his friends and neighbors.

He is survived by three sisters Judy Polyot and her husband Stephen of Hermon, Nancy Marra and her husband Dave of NH; and Linda Cote of Bangor; special uncle Al Cote of Old Town; several nieces and nephews, and many close friends. He was predeceased by his parents.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated 10AM Friday at Parish of the Resurrection Holy Family Church, Old Town. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. Immediately following the services, all are invited to the Parish Center for a light luncheon and continued fellowship. Memorial contributions may be made to the Westgate Manor Activities Fund 750 Union St Bangor, ME 04401



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MARY R. (SAWYER) LORING

BANGOR - Mary R. (Sawyer) Loring, 82, died on Sunday, October 11, 2015, in Bangor at Ross Manor after a brief battle with cancer. She was born in Bucksport, on July 26 1933, the daughter of Allie Leroy and Charlotte Ellen (Brooks) Sawyer. Mary worked as a nurse at the Bangor Mental Health Institute, currently known as Dorothea Dix in the elderly care unit in the 60's, and 70's.

Mary is survived by a brother George Sawyer, of Bucksport her sister, Barbara Perry and companion Bob England of Bucksport; five sons, Jeffery Hall, of CT; Kenneth Hall of Eddington; George Joseph Kelly, of West Palm Beach, FL; Timothy Kelly, and his wife Lisa of Bangor; Jamie Kelly and his wife Sandy of Falmouth; three daughters, Rosalie Shepherd and her husband Donald of Pittsfield; Kathleen Tenney and her husband Carl of Bangor; Marnie Wood, of Old Town. Mary was predeceased by her brother, James Sawyer. Mary was one of 4 siblings. She has 18 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Mary was a woman of conviction and compassion who deeply loved God and her family. Her compassion



LORETTA M. SNOW

CARMEL - Loretta M. Snow, 42, wife of Robert S. Snow, died unexpectedly Oct. 11, 2015 at her home in Carmel. She was born Mar. 24, 1973 in Farmington, the daughter of Peter M. Kjenstad, Sr. and Lisa A. (Crock-er) Wills.

Loretta was a graduate of Husson College with an associate degree in accounting and had worked in financial services for many years and was currently office administrator for Edward Jones Investing, Bangor. Loretta enjoyed camping with her family, riding roller coasters and had even gone skydiving. Her passion was scrapbooking, an activity that she loved to do and teach.

Surviving in addition to her husband of 21 years, Rob Snow of Carmel are two daughters, Danika Snow and Trinity Snow both of Carmel; her father, Peter Kjenstad, Sr. and his wife, Jackie of Charleston and her mother, Lisa Wills and her husband, Steve of Canton; one brother, Peter Kjenstad, Jr and his wife, Dawn of Canton; half brothers, Benjamin Wills and Jarod Kjenstad; a half sister, Shanna Bean; a step brother, Kevin Wills and a stepsister, Stacy Wills; several aunts, uncles and cousins; mother-in-law, Irene Robinson of Hermon.

Family and friends may visit 5 - 7 PM Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015 at Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 299 Union St., Bangor. For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Maine, 383 U.S. Route 1, Suite 2C, Scarborough, ME 04074.

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