

# OBITUARIES

**CLYDE O. BOUTILIER**

**HOULTON** - Clyde O. Boutilier, 87, died November 19, 2015 in Houlton. He was born March 17th, 1928 in Oakfield, ME, the son of Roy & Vera (Shorey) Boutilier.

Clyde served in the US Army, was a member of the American Legion and the Knights of Columbus. Clyde retired from the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad after 42 years. Clyde was a loving husband and friend to many.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; brother, William; 2 grandsons, Jeremiah and Jody and many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by Richard & Theresa Ryan, Alice Lane, Merlyne Ryan & Rudolph Raymond. He is predeceased by 6 brothers, 2 sisters and his son, Robert.

The Family wishes to thank the staff at Madigan Estates Nursing Facility for their love and care. Also a thank you to Dr. Sussman and Dr. Abouleish.

Friends may call 10-11, Monday, Nov. 23rd at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Houlton followed by the funeral service at 11:00 am with Fa. David Raymond celebrant. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Clyde's memory to Knights of Columbus c/o Bowers Funeral Home, PO Box 579, Houlton, ME 04730 or the Oakfield Railroad Museum c/o Oakfield Historical Society, PO Box 176, Oakfield, ME 04763. For online condolences please visit [www.bowersfuneral.com](http://www.bowersfuneral.com)



**GAIL L. ANDERSON**

**ELLSWORTH** - Gail L. Anderson, 89, of Ellsworth, died with her family by her side following a brief illness. She was born on October 17, 1926 in Brewer to Roland and Olivine (Tardiff) Libhart.

Gail grew up in Brewer and attended Brewer Schools. She was a member of the National Honor Society and was the Salutatorian of the class of 1944. She also attended UMO.

Gail married Carl C. Lawson Jr. and had four children. Later in life, she and Dick Anderson were married, and together they ran Dicks Diner in downtown Ellsworth for many years. They enjoyed their many hours working with the Anah Temple Shriners. She was a devout Catholic, and was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, where she was on the Woman's Council. She also volunteered at Colliers and Courtland Nursing Homes, Meals on Wheels, and Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. Gail enjoyed traveling, cooking, shopping, fishing, painting, sewing, crossword puzzles, and spending time with her beloved family.

Gail is survived by her children; Carlene L. Graham, Thomas Lawson and his wife Brenda, Candy Herrick, Penny Hackett and her husband Joe; grandchildren, Jamie Graham, Shane Carter, Brooke Collier, Matt Lawson, Katy Lawson, Courtney Wadey, Stephen Lawson, Trevor Herrick, and their spouses; eleven great grandchildren, Emily, David, Carly, Lily, Pippa, Avery, Freya, Thomas, Isla, Hannah, and Brianne; and a sister-in-law Virginia Libhart. Gail will truly be missed by her loving dog and companion, Benji. She is preceded in death by her husbands Carl Lawson Jr. and Richard "Dick" Anderson, grandson Joel James Graham, son-in-law James Graham, and brother Wayne P. Libhart.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Monday, November 23, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 231 Main Street, Ellsworth, ME. 04605, with Fr. John Skehan officiating. Interment will be at Woodbine Cemetery in Ellsworth.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in Gail's memory may be made to Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry, P.O. Box 1672, Ellsworth Maine 04605.

Arrangements are being handled by Jordan-Fernald Funeral Home, 113 Franklin Street, Ellsworth Maine 04605.

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



**RONALD F. GRAY**

**ADDISON** - Ronald F. Gray, of Addison, was born July 11, 1937 to Reginald F. and Cora (Drisko) Gray. Ronald's life journey ended November 18, 2015.

He was predeceased by both of his parents and he leaves behind the love of his life - Charlene (Tucker) Gray. They spent 57+ years together and had five children: Lorena F. and husband Rusty Gay of Cherryfield, ME; Pamela J. and husband Christopher Doane of Chesapeake, VA; Grace L. Falzarano and partner John Porter of Columbia Falls, ME; Eve M. and husband Richard Alley of Addison, ME; and Ronald A. and wife Annette Gray of Addison, ME. Fourteen grandchildren and nineteen great grandchildren. Ronald leaves behind his two sisters: Adelaide (Gray) Garnett and husband Robert of North Anson, ME; Sally (Gray) Beal and husband Hillson of Bangor, ME; Sisters in law: Beverly LeBlanc of Belfast, ME; Donalene Chandler and friend George Couturier of Auburn, ME; Annette Reed and husband Robert of Reston, VA; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Ronald will be greatly missed by his family and close friends. Graveside service will be at the Indian River Cemetery in Jonesport on November 28th at 10 am following with a celebration of life to be held at the Masonic Tuscan Lodge #106 in Addison. Please send donations in his memory to the Indian River Cemetery Society, P O Box 215, Columbia Falls, ME 04623.



**VIRGINIA LOUISE DAVIS ELLSWORTH**

Virginia Louise Davis, 95 went to be with the Lord November 14, 2015. She was born January 15,1920 in Bridgeport, CT, the daughter of Charles G. Hardwick and Josephine (Conover) Hardwick.

Virginia married Robert W. Davis and their children were born in NJ. The young family moved to ME and Virginia began her new life of creating a warm, loving home in rural Maine. She worked at many jobs outside the home; all while learning to cook wild game, preserve food, sew and knit. She loved family gatherings and celebrations, always looking forward to the next one. Family, animals, food, and babies were her delights.

In addition to her parents, her husband, Robert, of Trenton, predeceased Virginia. Surviving are sons Robert, Jr. of Hampden and his wife, Wendy, Richard of Lamoine, and his wife, Sheryl, and daughter Carolyn Davis Gilreath, of Lady Lake, FL. "Nana" leaves 8 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren along with several dear nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Seaport Village and of the former Collier's Living Center for their loving care and friendship. A graveside remembrance will be held at East Lamoine Cemetery in the summer.

Donations in Virginia's memory may be made to The Ark Animal Shelter, 60 Barber Lane, Cherryfield, ME 04662.

Condolences to the family may be expressed at [www.BrookingsSmith.com](http://www.BrookingsSmith.com).



**MARIE J. POTTLE**

**MILLFORD AND MILLINOCKET** - Marie J. Pottle, 71, died during the early morning hours of November 16, 2015 at a Millinocket hospital. She was born July 16, 1944 in Philadelphia, PA a daughter of Charles Barnes and Catherine Anna (Beitzel) Newlin.

Marie grew up in Philadelphia, moving to Maine in 1978. She was employed at the University of Maine for 30 years, working in the purchasing, motor pool, and marine sciences departments. She enjoyed spending time with family, day trips with her husband Frank, trips to the casino and cooking.

Marie is survived by her son Ron and Julie Botson of Millinocket; two stepsons Daniel Pottle of Richmond, VA, Frank W. Pottle III and his wife Linda of Deptford, NJ; a step daughter Donna DeBlaker and her husband Tom of Deptford, NJ; 7 grandchildren Shawn Botson, Justin Pottle, Aaron Pottle, Stephanie Pottle-Rice, Frank Pottle IV, Derek DeBlaker and Dylan DeBlaker, two nieces Lori Brown and Lisa Marrero, a nephew Michael Imperatore, brother-in-law Charles Imperatore, and 5 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her loving pet dog Abby. She was predeceased by her husband Frank Pottle Jr in 2013, sister Eleanor Imperatore, and niece Linda Imperatore.

A graveside service will be conducted 11AM Tuesday November 24, 2015 at Mount Pleasant Catholic Cemetery, Bangor.



**FLORENCE MARIE DAIGLE**

**FORT KENT** - Florence Marie Daigle, 81, died peacefully surrounded by her beloved family on November 19, 2015, at a Fort Kent Health Care Facility. She was born in Augusta on August 28, 1934, the daughter of Alfred and Bertha (Viel) Thibodeau.

Florence enjoyed her daily walks, picking fiddle heads and strawberries, and also puzzle making. She was a member of the Fort Kent Senior Citizen Club.

She is survived by her two sons; John and Nancy Daigle of St. Jacques, N.B. and Mike Daigle of New Canada. Two daughters; Arlene and her husband Allen Blier of Fort Kent, Louise and her husband Paul Willette of Cape Elizabeth.

Two granddaughters; Shelly Deprey and Nicole Daigle, One great-grandson, Sawyer Deprey, One brother; Norman Thibodeau of Caribou. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

In addition to her parents she was predeceased by her husband Wilmer R. Daigle in 2001, her brother, Leon Thibodeau and sister, Odette Thibodeau.

Friends may call Sunday 6 to 8 p.m. and 9 am Monday November 23rd until time of service at the Daigle Funeral Home, Fort Kent, A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated 11 am Monday at the St. Louis Catholic Church, Fort Kent. Committal services will follow in the Parish Cemetery. In Florence's memory, donations may be made to Country Village Estates, 260 Dugal Drive, Madawaska, 04756.



**ALTON OWEN AMERO**

**OLD TOWN** - On November 18, 2015, our Dad, Alton Owen Amero, passed away surrounded by his family. He was born in Eaton, ME on May 6 1925, the son of Frank and Jessie (Smart) Amero.

Dad didn't have an easy life. His father died when he was nine years old and his mother died when he was 11. Dad's 20 year old brother, Dennis Amero took care of our Dad until Uncle Denny was called to serve in WWII. So, Dad was on his own at the ripe old age of 15.

Our Dad's education was what you might call limited. Not because he couldn't attend school, but because he chose not to attend. Uncle Denny was busy trying to keep food on the table for both of them so Dad's skipping school didn't really take priority. However, the lack of a formal education never stopped our Dad because there wasn't anything he couldn't fix, build, envision or fly. He had his own plane, which could give you a white knuckle ride if you chose to go.

Dad was left alone a lot as Uncle Denny worked in the woods and in those days you stayed in the woods camp and came out to your family on the weekends. Dad said that when Uncle Denny came home on the weekends the cooks in the camps would send out their leftover cakes and cookies for Dad. Dad lived in Eaton until the age of 19 working in the woods and trapping. He left Eaton and found work in the Old Town paper mill and remained there until he retired. He said, "It was the best job he ever had."

Our Dad was a hard worker. He also built boats and canoes as well as hauling gravel on the side enabling him to purchase our home in Pea Cove. This is the house that Dad left, but would return to in the end. It was in this house where the five Amero kids grew up and where our memories are forever stored.

Mama and Dad separated, with Dad moving into the camp he built in Alton, where he lived for the next 40 years. The ironic part was he was living like he had back when we was a child,



**NELLA GEROW MERCER STONE**

**BUCKSPORT** - Nella passed away on Saturday, November 14, 2015 at home in Bucksport surrounded by family members. She was born in Hogden Maine on February 7, 1919, to the late Maurice and Elenora Gerow.

Nella moved to Bucksport at an early age and she was a graduate of Bucksport Seminary in 1936.Nella was an avid reader and renowned puzzle solver. She also made a mean rhubarb pie.

Nella is survived by her children Laurice (Jeanne) Mercer, Beverly Mercer (Ronald) Kerstetter, Fredrick (Janet) Mercer and Pamela Mercer (Richard) Ames. She is survived by one brother, Philip (Ina Jane) Gerow, sister-in-law Maureen Leach Gerow, 19 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren. She was pre-deceased by husbands Arthur (Bud) Mercer and Forest (Jim) Stone; sister Alice Gerow (Gerald) Deveau and brother Herbert (Florence)Gerow Sr.

Graveside services will be held in June of 2016. Arrangements are under the care of Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home and Cremation Services Bucksport. ([mitchelltweedie-young.com](http://mitchelltweedie-young.com))



**SHARI LYNN THOMPSON**

**BUCKSPORT** - Shari Lynn Thompson of Bucksport, 47, passed away peacefully and suddenly in her sleep on November 11, 2015.

Shari grew up in the Valley Community of Buffalo NY and attended Erie Community College. She chose to serve her country in the U.S. Air Force over joining the FBI, excelling in the responsibilities of executive assistant. Her talents lead to her being selected to serve at the Pentagon on the staff of Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force and next as protocol assistant to Dr. Widnall, Secretary of the USAF. She was then assigned to RAF Mildenhall, UK, where she met the love of her life, Todd. She completed her service in 1999 to become a mother, relocating to Bucksport, Maine to raise her family. She continued her career working as a financial assistant at A.G. Edwards, Morgan Stanley and Royal Bank of Canada, all firms in Bangor, Maine. She earned the respect of all which she came into contact with and special connections to her team, Mark Erhardt and Fred Wlodarski. At each office she became family. Shari was a smart, protective, caring person and will always be remembered for her acts of kindness as evidenced by ensuring Christy reached her dreams of becoming a teacher. Shari had many special hidden talents, while always having a smile on her face and a twinkle in her eye. She received joy in taking care others and her home, enjoying favorite shows and watching Marissa grow.

Shari is survived by her loving husband Todd V. and gifted, precious daughter Marissa Lynn and supportive boyfriend, Elisha Davenport. Beloved daughter of Barbara M. (Kurzanski) and step-father Michael W. McKenna and her father, Henry Miller. Uncle Fred (Pat) Kurzanski and Philip (the late Joanna) Kurzanski. Aunt Geraldine and Uncle Roger Miller. Special Godfather James "Jimmy" Sabadasz, all of Buffalo, NY. Dear sister of Michael J. McKenna and family of San Antonio, Texas. Daughter-in-law of Nona Cirone and Billy Thompson of Addison, Maine. Sister in law of Robbi and Doug Smith Jr of Gouldsboro, Adam Thompson and wife Cheryl; Alexander Thompson and wife Jodi of Addison, Marie Hunter of Portland, Steven and wife Laurie of Ellsworth, and all their children, Step-mother of Todd Thompson Jr, and wife Dawn of Bothell, Washington State. Extended family of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews in Buffalo NY and Downeast Maine.

She was predeceased by her loving sister Christy L. McKenna, 34, October 25th 2011, her uncle Robert "Bobby" Sabadasz, step father in law Kenneth Cirone, Maternal Grandparents Agnes and Ferdinand and "Fred" Kurzanski, and paternal Grandmother Mary Miller.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10 am on Saturday, December 5, 2015, at St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church, Franklin Street, Bucksport, with USAF Honor Guard in attendance a reception will immediately follow the Mass in the Parish Hall. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Marissa Lynn Thompson Scholarship Fund, 45 Woodland Heights, Bucksport, Maine 04416.

Todd and Marissa wish to extend their deepest sense of thanks to the outpouring of love, family and community support in our time of grief in losing our Mom and Wife Arrangements are under the care of Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home and Creation Services Bucksport. ([mitchelltweedie-young.com](http://mitchelltweedie-young.com))



**WILLIAM E. 'WILLIE' SANDBERG**

**PARKMAN** - William E. "Willie" Sandberg, 54, died November 17, 2015, at Mayo Regional Hospital in Dover-Foxcroft. He was born in Dover-Foxcroft, July 8, 1961, the son of John and Mary (Boutin) Sandberg.

He worked for many years at True Textiles in Guilford. During his pastime he loved riding his Harley and enjoyed hunting.

He is survived by the love of his life, his wife, Gail (Creighton) Sandberg of Parkman; 3 brothers, Michael and Rose Sandberg of NH, Ryner Sandberg of Guilford, and Peter Sandberg of Dover-Foxcroft; 3 nephews; 2 step children, Thomas Bagnell and his family of PA, and Dawn Hunt and her family of MI.

Funeral services will be held 4 PM, Monday, November 23, 2015, at Crosby & Neal, 21 Oak Street in Guilford, with Pastor Ray Beless officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home from 3 PM until the time of the service.

Burial will be 2 PM, Tuesday, November 24th, at the Pine Grove Cemetery in Brookline, NH. For an online guest register, go to [www.CrosbyNeal.com](http://www.CrosbyNeal.com).