

OBITUARIES



GORDON E. VAN DINE

MEDWAY - Gordon E. Van Dine, 51, joined his parents in heaven on Thursday, November 26, 2015, at his home. He was born February 15, 1964, in Millinocket, the son of Alfred H. and Florence E (Gordon) Van Dine, Sr.

Gordon grew up in Medway, and was a graduate of Schenck High School, class of 1983 and earned an Associate's Degree in Automotive Technology from EMVTI. He was a 30 year employee of the Maine Department of Transportation, and was, at the time of his passing, District Supervisor for Region 5, covering the Springfield and Burlington garages. In his spare time, Gordon enjoyed 4-wheeling, fishing, "jeeping", and spending time in the outdoors. He will be remembered as a devoted son and excellent caregiver to his parents, faithful brother, loving uncle to his nephews Erik and Gerret, and a loyal friend to many. He will be lovingly missed and fondly remembered by all who knew him.

Gordon is survived by four brothers, Alfred Van Dine, Jr., "Chip" and his wife, Ellen of Millinocket, Bret Van Dine and his wife, Dawn of East Millinocket, Jon Van Dine and Barry Martin of Hampden, and Todd Van Dine and his wife, Rachel of Kenduskeag; two nephews, Erik and Gerret Van Dine; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends, too numerous to list.

Friends are invited to visit with the family 10 A.M. - 12 P.M. Tuesday, December 1 at the Calvary Temple Assembly of God, 2 Orchard Street, East Millinocket, with funeral services beginning at 12. Interment will be at the Grindstone Cemetery, Medway. Arrangements are by Lamson Funeral Home, East Millinocket. Messages of condolence may be expressed at www.lamsonfh.com.

WAYNE A. UPTON

MONTICELLO - Wayne A. Upton, 71, passed away Nov. 27, 2015 at a local hospital with his wife Debbie and his family by his side. Friends may call 3:00 to 5:00 PM Sunday, Nov. 29, 2015 at the Dunn Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Monday with Rev. Steve Straubel officiating. Interment will be in the Jewell Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made in Wayne's memory payable to the Houlton High School Sports Boosters c/o Dunn Funeral Home 11 Park Street Houlton, 04730.

A complete obituary will be announced in the Monday edition of the BDN.

Man struck, killed by car in Aurora

BY RYAN MCLAUGHLIN
BDN STAFF

AURORA — A Plymouth man was killed Thursday night when he was struck by a vehicle on Route 9, state police said.

Anthony Barnes, 34, who had been traveling east, had stopped in the driving lane and shut off his vehicle and its lights, Maine State Police Lt. Roderick Charette said.

Barnes was apparently standing on the driver's side when an eastbound vehicle driven by Mitch Russell, 28, of Calais, clipped the left rear door of Barnes' vehicle and struck Barnes, Charette said.

The crash occurred around 6 p.m., the lieutenant said.

Barnes wound up in the road and Russell's vehicle went off the right side of the road, Charette said. Barnes was transported via Life-Flight to Eastern Maine Medical Center, where he died shortly after arriving.

Russell and a passenger were uninjured, as were two passengers in Barnes' vehicle.

Police are unclear why Barnes stopped his vehicle in the road and shut it off.



ALICE (BUCKLAND) GUAY

CORINNA - Alice Jane Guay, 62, died November 24, 2015, at a Pittsfield hospital after a long illness.

She was born August 29, 1953, in Dexter, the daughter of William and Helen (Mullins) Buckland. She attended Corinna Union Academy and graduated from Nokomis Regional High, Class of 1971. Alice received a Junior Accounting Degree from Beal's College in Bangor. She married John Guay on June 11, 1982.

Alice was the billing clerk at Eastland Woolen Mill from 1972 to 1996 and served as administrative assistant to the superintendent of RSU 19 from 1999-2015. She was a member of the Pittsfield Bowling League, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the National Honor Society, and a past member of the Order of The Eastern Star. She also taught Sunday school at the Corinna United Methodist Church for a number of years.

Alice did not see herself as a courageous person. She felt she was no different than a person with diabetes, a physical handicap or a mental illness. "We all just do what we have to do to get by and live our lives." She always put others needs ahead of hers and was kind and cheerful with all the people she had contact with.

In addition to her husband of Corinna, Alice is survived by her father, William "T-Bob" Buckland and partner, Christine Kelly of Palmyra and Florida; a son, Matt Guay of Corinna; "Grammie's Boy," Seth Guay of Exeter; 3 brothers, William "Bud" of Portland, Keith of E. Machias, and Gregg and wife, Pam Buckland of Detroit; many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews. Alice is also survived by a dear friend, Alden Bolstridge. Alice was predeceased by her mother; and a brother, James Buckland.

A casual reception and time of remembrance will begin at 1 P.M. Tuesday, December 1st, at the Corinna American Legion Hall with all ages, young and old welcome. Private committal services will be at the family lot, Morse's Corner Cemetery, Corinna. Arrangements are by Crosby & Neal Chapel, Corinna. In lieu of flowers, Alice requested that memorial donations be made to the Alice Guay Memorial Fund, c/o Skowhegan Savings Bank, 83 Church Street, Dexter, ME 04930. The funds will be used for the Dacano Arno Fund at the Tri-County Technical Center, and for an education fund for "Grammie's boy" Seth.

Those who wish may leave written tributes at www.CrosbyNeal.com

ELEANOR M. GORDON

NEWPORT - Eleanor M. Gordon, 94, died November 26, 2015, at a Palm Bay, Fla. nursing home. She was born August 10, 1921, in Dixmont, the daughter of James and E. Mae (Chase) White Banton.

She graduated from Newport High School, Class of 1939, and the Washington State Normal School in Machias.

Eleanor married Arthur E. Gordon in 1947. Eleanor worked in food service at the Newport Elementary School for many years. She loved the outdoors and will be remembered as an avid golfer. She was a member of the People's United Methodist Church in Newport. Eleanor was a past member of the Sebasticook Valley Golf Club and the Hampden Country Club.

She is survived by a son, Robert Dickey of Cocoa, Florida; 2 grandsons, Ronald Dickey of Weirs Beach, NH, and Ryan Dickey of Palm Bay, Fla.; a niece and a nephew.

She was predeceased by her husband in 2010; her son, Bruce in 1996; and a brother, Donald White in 1969.

Graveside committal services will be held at Riverside Cemetery, Newport, in the spring.

Arrangements are by Crosby & Neal, Newport.

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NANCY ANN CHANDLER

BUCKSPORT - Nancy Ann Chandler Doyon Rossignol, 52, of Bucksport, passed away on November 22, 2015.

She was born on July, 2, 1963 in Caribou, Maine, and the daughter of Madeline Marie Gideon Rossignol of Quebec, Canada, and Clarence Rossignol of Caribou, Maine.

Nancy attended school at Van Buren District Secondary School. She then went on to attend Bangor Community College studying gerontology.

Nancy loved to cook and bake for everyone. She worked at the bakery at Shaw's Supermarket in Bangor, at Coffee Break in Hampden, and always contributed at church suppers and events. Nancy's love for helping other contributed to her career at Harbor Hill in Belfast doing a variety of work. Whatever was needed, Nancy was sure to provide.

She went on to start her own cleaning business that continued to grow over the years. Over the course of its run, Nancy served over 100 clients in the Greater Bangor area. They were more than just clients for Nancy, they were her friends. Nancy would always go above and beyond with those she served. There was never a need to ask anything of Nancy because she would always give before the need was even realized. She asked nothing in return. Her selflessness went beyond measure, and she leaves behind a legacy that is unmatched.

Of all that Nancy accomplished, her greatest achievement was her two boys, Tyler Andrew Doyon, and Holden Richard Doyon both of Winterport. She was proud of all they did, and told every person she met about them. Her greatest joy was spending time with them.

In 1982, Nancy met her love, Brian Chandler of Bucksport, while in college and they were together for about 10 years. Life would cause them to go in different directions, but they would reconnect in 2010 and have been by each other's side ever since. In 2014, Nancy and Brian bought their dream home. Nancy loved her new home and spent several hours sitting on the front porch crafting. They loved the home so much that on

August 1, 2015, they said their vows in the backyard surrounded by their family and friends. They shared this home with Olivia Chandler, Brian's daughter. Nancy loved to go shopping for Olivia, and spending time with her. The family cat, Broccoli, and family dog, Bailey, were also in the home. Broccoli was Nancy's baby, and Nancy would tell Brian daily that she "did good" picking out Bailey from The Bangor Humane Society.

Nancy's favorite pass time was rug hooking. She did this with a group of women she fondly called her "hookers". She enjoyed spending time with them and gabbing.

Her latest achievement was getting her motorcycle license. Nancy was no longer willing to ride on the back and felt the need to drive on her own. After completing her course, Nancy would steal Brian's motorcycle and visit her clients and friends. This past summer, Nancy got her own Cam-am Spyder with matching helmet. She rode it everywhere.

Nancy is survived by her father, Clarence and his wife Helen of Caribou, along with Nancy's foster mother, Jeanette Bouchard of Lille. Nancy was predeceased by her mother, Madeline. Nancy is survived by her husband, Brian, and his daughter, Olivia, of Bucksport, his son Nick of South West Harbor, Nancy's sons, Tyler and Holden, along with Holden's wife, Jordanne, all of Winterport, Nancy's brother, Ricky Rossignol, and his son, Tanner, both of Kenduskeag, Nancy's sister, Penny Rossignol, and her son, Tyrin, of Pennsylvania, Nancy's sister, Annmarie Cyr, her husband, Danny, and their children, Alexis, Brandon, and Caleb, of Madawaska, Nancy's brother, Norman Bouchard, his wife, Robin, and their children, Stephen and Aaron, of Peabody, Massachusetts, Nancy's brother, David Bouchard, his wife, Diane, and their children, Danielle, Nicole, and Ashley, of Bristol, Connecticut.

There will be a memorial service for Nancy at 2p.m. on Tuesday, December 1 at Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home 28 Elm Street, Bucksport. (mitchelltwedie-young.com)



MAJIK FRANCIS

PLEASANT POINT - Majik Wocawson Dute Francis, 23, left mother earth too early on Sunday, November 22, 2015. Majik was born in Machias on August 14, 1992, son of Dute and Cyril Francis.

He graduated from Shead High School, Class of 2010, and went to welding school in Chicago through the National Iron Worker's Association. Majik returned home and worked various seasonal jobs. He practiced and took great pride in his traditional culture and ceremonies with the Passamaquoddy tribe. Majik loved spending time with his family and friends and will be remembered for being genuine, down to earth, gentle, and always considering others before himself. On January 21, 2015, Majik became the proud father of Felix, whom he loved and adored dearly.

He was predeceased by his maternal grandfather, Eugene Francis; and his canine companion, Honey. Surviving are his son, Felix; c o m p a n i o n , S a m a r a

McLaughlin; his loving parents, Dute and Cyril Francis; sister, Jess Francis and companion, Nate Hamburger; brother, Dylan Francis and companion, Kim Dominguez-Miller; maternal grandmother, Mary Lorraine Francis; paternal grandparents, David and Marion Francis; nephew, Tobias Francis; niece, Zyla Belle Francis; dear friend, Adam Bailey; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

The family would like to express deep gratitude for the overwhelming support from throughout the state provided to them.

Visiting hours will be held at his parent's home, 4 Wapap Rd., Pleasant Point beginning 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, until 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1. A Remembrance Ceremony Service will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015, in the gymnasium at Beatrice Rafferty School, Bayview Drive, Pleasant Point. Arrangements by Mays Funeral Home, Calais & Eastport. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.maysfuneralhome.com



CLYDE TERRY BERNHARDT

MACHIAS - Clyde Terry Bernhardt, 78, died Nov. 26, 2015 at his home in Machias. He was born in Lebanon, PA on Dec. 30, 1936, the son of the late Joseph and Nellie (Nagle) Bernhardt.

He graduated from Cornwall High School, Cornwall PA in 1955. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in May of 1955 and was honorably discharged March of 1965. He was employed by the U.S. Civil Service as a Power Plant Electrician in June of 1965 and retired as a Power Plant Control man in December 1991. He married Marcia Mason on April 20, 1968. Clyde joined the Machias Fire Department in April, 1966 and was active until 2015. He served as Fire Chief for the town of Machias for several years. He was appointed as an Honorary Assistant Chief for Life in 1998. He was a member of the Maine State Federation of Firefighters since 1966 and became Vice President for Washington County in September of 2006.

He was a bus driver for the Machias school department from 1972 to 2009. He was a registered Girl Scout Leader for 27 years, serving as local area Girl Scout Cookie Manager, adult leader trainer, and Girl Scout Day Camp Manager. He was a member of the Machias Valley Baptist Church. In 1989 he became active in the American Red Cross as a First Aid and CPR instructor, and in 1991 as a disaster volunteer. He has reported to numerous disasters in Maine as well as throughout the U.S. He was a member of Ephraim Johnson American Legion in Machias.

He is survived by his wife of forty seven years Marcia; two daughters Heidi Long and husband Randy of Hubbardston, MA (currently working in India) and Jodi Parsons and husband Timothy and their children Emma Nicole and Jacob Timothy all of Pembroke, NH; a brother Ronald of Cornwall, PA; three nieces, and two nephews.

In addition to his parents he was predeceased by a brother Joseph.

Funeral services will be held 1pm Wed. Dec. 9, 2015 at the Machias Valley Baptist Church with Pastor John Sprague officiating. Burial will follow in the Longfellow Cemetery, Machias. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.mcclurefamilyfuneral.com

CORY WAYNE BENNETT

VERONA ISLAND - Cory Wayne Bennett passed into a new world of adventure Sunday, November 22nd, 2015, after a very courageous battle with ALS. Cory was born December 10, 1972, the 4th son of very proud parents, Carolyn and Jeffrey Bennett Sr.

Cory was a very accomplished person and has many accolades to his honor. Cory joined the Navy after high school for six years with four deployments. If that comforts you in knowing Cory was abroad fighting for your freedom - proceed with caution as I (his mom) think he had far more fun than battles :-)

Cory is survived by his mom, Carolyn; brothers, Jeffrey Jr., Steven and family, Jason and family; aunts, uncles, cousins and many, many friends.

There will be a short committal service at the Riverview Cemetery on the River Road in Bucksport for Jeffrey E. Bennett Sr. and Cory Wayne Bennett on Sunday, November 29th at 2:00PM. There will be a gathering at the Arey Building above the cemetery. All who wish to attend are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the ALS Association under "Team Cory"

http://webbne.alsa.org/site/TR/Walks/NorthernNewEngland?team_id=331268&pg=team&fr_id=11024



STUART A. RANNEY

BANGOR - Stuart Allen Ranney, 75, died Nov. 26, 2015 surrounded by his family at a Bangor hospital, after a declining period of health. He was born Aug. 27, 1940 in Bangor, the son of Nathan Allen Ranney and Arvilla (Cookson) Ranney.

Stuart was raised by his mother and stepfather, Anthony Verceles. He attended Bangor public schools and graduated from John Bapst High School in 1959. He served honorably in the United States Navy before working for Coca-Cola. He was also employed as a pipe fitter before an accident in 1969 rendered him a quadriplegic. Despite this physical disability, Stuart was an active member of the Bangor Elks Club and served as president of the Bangor West Little League for several years.

Surviving members of his family included two brothers and one sister, Wilbur Ranney and his wife, Judee of Ellsworth, Dennis Ranney and his wife, Sharon of Fairfield, PA and Brenda Verceles Donroe and her husband, Bill of Londonderry, NH; several nieces and nephews including Michelle (Ranney) Deyone of Bangor, Angela Burnford and Scott Donroe of Maryland, Michael Ranney of North Carolina, Dawn Debois of Bangor; and his long-time caregiver, Elizabeth Morang.

Family and friends may visit 10 to 11 AM Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015 at Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 299 Union St., Bangor where a Funeral Liturgy will be held at 11 AM as the visitation concludes. Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Etna. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his honor may be made to Paralyzed Veterans of America, Donation Processing Center, 7 Mill Brook Rd, Wilton, NH 03086 or at www.pva.org or to a charity of choice. Condolences to Stuart's family may also be offered at kileyandfoley.com

FRED A. DEAN

NEWPORT - Fred Arthur Dean, 86, died November 26, 2015, at a Bangor hospital. He was born January 11, 1929, in Lebanon, NH, the son of Fred and Ruth (Oliver) Dean.

He graduated from Lebanon High School. After marrying his wife Betty, they moved to Newport in 1960. He opened Dean's Electric Motor Shop that same year and operated it until 2005. Fred was an avid fisherman and duck hunter. He loved his cars especially his convertible, but most importantly loved his family. Fred was a charter member of the Sebasticook Snowmobile Club.

He is survived by a son, George and wife, Jeanette of Plymouth; 2 daughters, Mary Dean and companion, Mike Phillips of Hartland, Ruth and husband, Mike Clement of St. Albans; 5 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. He will also be remembered by dear friends, Paul and Jesse Leonard. The family also wishes to extend thanks to Cheryl Harris.

Fred was predeceased by his wife, Betty in 2006; and 4 sisters, June, Beverly, Marilyn and Diana.

Graveside committal services will be held in the spring at Riverside Cemetery, Newport.

Arrangements are by Crosby & Neal, Newport.

Memorial donations may be made to the Friends of the Library, 154 Main Street, Newport, ME 04953.

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