

OBITUARIES



MARY ELIZABETH GALLANT

OLD TOWN - Mary Elizabeth Gallant, 84, died peacefully January 27, 2015. She was born March 13, 1930, in Orono, a daughter of Walter and Helen (Parent) Smart.

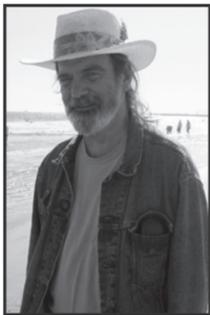
She enjoyed knitting slippers and socks and especially taking care of her family.

She is survived by daughter, Linda Crocker and husband, Fred, of Bangor; three grandchildren, Benjamin Crocker and Michelle of Old Town, Donita Gallant-Richard of Old Town and Christopher Gallant of Massachusetts; three great-grandchildren, Kelsey Gallant, Izabel Crocker-Smith and Ben Crocker, Patricia Kuppinger of CO, Yvonne Mulheron of Bangor, Nina Stormann and husband, Menton, of Bangor.

She was predeceased by her husband, Clement Gallant Sr.; two children, Tony Gallant and Clement Gallant Jr.; grandson, Tobey Crocker; three brothers, Walter Jr., Matthew & Robert Smart.

Contributions can be made in memory of Mary to Home Health & Hospice of St. Joseph, 900 Broadway, Bangor, ME 04401.

A graveside service will be conducted 10AM Saturday, May 2, 2015, at Riverside Cemetery, Orono.



EUGENE JEROME ALEXSA

CANAAN - Eugene J. Alexsa, 72 was born in Rockland, ME to Ida (Moore) Alexsa and Francis Albert Alexsa. He departed peacefully on January 23, 2015 at the Island Nursing Home on Deer Isle. He spent most of the last 45 years living on his land in Canaan. Eugene was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed gardening and caring for his animals. He is survived by his daughter, Natasha Alexsa Garcia and her husband Francisco Garcia, his two granddaughters, Maya and Liv and his son Spirit Joseph.

"The day which we fear as our last is but the birthday of eternity." - Lucius Annaeus Seneca

The family is planning a memorial service for August 2015. For more information about the memorial please contact nalexa@mac.com.

Contributions may be made to:

Island Nursing Home
587 Deer Isle Road
Deer Isle, ME 04627
(207) 348-2351



AMÉLIE E. CALABRESE

MASARDIS - Amélie E. Calabrese, 11, died unexpectedly Tuesday, January 27, 2015, at her home. She was born December 8, 2003 in Waterville, a daughter of Charles Calabrese Jr. and Carrie Cummins.

Amélie was a fifth grader within Ashland schools. She loved to express herself creatively though her art. Whether drawing, sculpture or painting, she loved to share her views and expressions of the wonderful world around her. With her mother, Amélie sang for a brief time with Aroostook River Voices and also enjoyed playing Minecraft video games with her father.

She leaves behind her loving and supportive family; her parents of Masardis; her loving siblings Noelle, Ezekiel, and twins Anakin & Angelique Calabrese; maternal grandmother Caron Foren and her husband Ben of Litchfield; paternal grandmother Sandra Ivins of Augusta; step-grandmother, Lana Dickinson; aunts & uncles, Ryan Rairdon, Heather McQueen, Jammie Dickinson and Dana Dickinson; many cousins; and many dear friends and classmates.

Amélie is predeceased by her maternal grandfather, Alison Dickinson, and her paternal grandfather, Charles Calabrese Sr.

A Remembrance of Life will be held at 3 PM on Monday, February 2, 2015, at Lajoie Funeral Home, 114 Exchange St., Ashland, where memories of Amélie may be shared. Relatives and friends may greet the family Monday from 2 PM until the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Amélie's name may be offered to the family to assist in offsetting expenses during such a difficult time. To share condolences online, please visit www.LajoieFuneralHome.com.



PEGGY (GROSS) DUNBAR

JACKSON - Peggy Ann Dunbar, 64, passed away on January 25, 2015, at Westgate Manor in Bangor, ME. She was born Oct. 10 1950 in Castine, the daughter of Earl "Buddy" Gross and Dorothy (King) Moody. She graduated from Bucksport H.S. in 1968. She cherished being a mom, daughter, sister, grandmother, aunt, and cousin. She had worked in the cafeteria for Unity College and for Penobscot Frozen Foods in Belfast. She was an avid sports fan, especially the Red Sox and Mt. View H.S. athletics. She enjoyed playing softball & basketball, and loved listening to Elvis. She is survived by her partner Wade Furrow of Jackson; sons: Robby Dunbar with Debbie Young of Waldo, Toby Dunbar with Todd Loveland of Egg Harbor City, NJ; grandchildren: Lauren Dunbar, Abbie Morong, Ethan Dunbar; brother-in-law Floyd Clement with Sue Carlisle of Bucksport, nephews: Kevin Clement with Barb of College Station, TX, Larry Clement with Michelle of Bucksport, Earl "Buddy" Clement with Jodi of Bucksport, Luke Gross with Lauren of Hancock; nieces: Denise & Darci Bevan of Verona; Wade's son Jody Furrow with Becky and their children; step-brothers: Byron Moody with Sandy of Rockledge, FL, Jeff Moody with Connie of Titusville, FL. She was also a great-aunt to many. She was predeceased by her parents: Earl "Buddy" Gross & Dorothy (Gross) Moody, step-father Ardine Moody, sisters: Earleen Clement & Nancy (Gross) Plaisted, step-brothers: Duane & Robert Moody. There will be a Celebration of Life on April 25 at the Bucksports Rod & Gun Club in Bucksport, ME at 4pm. Donations may be made in her memory to the capital campaign for Mt. View HS athletics: Future RSU 3, PO Box 151, Unity, Maine, 04988.



JEANNE MARIE CRAVIN

LAGRANGE - Jeanne Marie Cravin passed peacefully in her home on January 27, 2015. She was born on February 1, 1953 in Providence, Rhode Island, the daughter of G. Raymond Gentes and Rosemary T. McLaughlin.

Jeanne was a fierce lover of children, her friends, and her precious family. Her 40-year career was spent caring for children with special needs at Trudeau Center in Rhode Island and most recently at UCP and BHS for ME in Maine. She loved to laugh, paint, and watch her grandchildren play and grow.

Jeanne is survived by her husband of 41 years, Stephen; sons Michael, his wife Suzanna, and grandchildren Leah and Levi of Hermon, ME, and Matthew, his wife Meredith, and grandchildren Elizabeth and Elliot of Myrtle Beach, SC; a sister, Karen White and her husband Frank of Warwick, RI; a brother, Robert Gentes and his wife Nancy of Lebanon, CT.

She is predeceased by her parents Raymond and Rosemary Gentes of Warwick, RI.

A celebration of Jeanne's life will be held 1 PM Tuesday, February 3rd at Hermon Baptist Church, with the Rev. Garnett Chute, officiating. Friends may visit from noon-1pm. A time of fellowship and refreshments will immediately follow in the church hall.



NORMA LOUISE CIESIELSKI

BIDDEFORD - Norma L. Ciesielski, 79, of Village Lane passed away on January 29, 2015 at Southern Maine Health Care. She was born on September 11, 1935 in Exeter, the daughter of Louis and Matteen Farley Chambers.

Norma lived in Fort Fairfield and worked at the A & P Potato Processing Plant until moving to Biddeford in 1987 where she worked at Reny's Department Store and the Super Sub Shop.

Norma was predeceased by an infant son, her children's father Frank E. Ciesielski, Sr., her brothers George, Carl, Ronald, Sr., and Philip; sisters Daisy Monson, Molly Clark, Betty Michaud, Patricia Sebastian, and Gloria Chambers; a nephew Keith Clark and two grand nephews Derek and Gage Greene.

Survivors include her children Lorraine and her husband Steve Harriman of Biddeford, Frank Jr. and his wife Amy Deschaine of Biddeford, Sally Ciesielski of Sioux Falls, SD, Tony and his wife Doreen Leach of Lyman, Gloria Marquis and her long time companion Greg Milliken of Saco; brothers Ed Chambers and his wife Carole of Georgia, Roger Chambers and his wife Clara of Arundel, Terry Chambers and his wife Celia of Lyman, a special sister-in-law Diana Chambers and brother-in-law Sam Sebastian; many nieces and nephews.

Friends and family may call at the Dennett, Craig & Pate Funeral Home, 365 Main Street, Saco on Tuesday February 3, 2015 from 6 to 8 pm.

A spring burial will be at the Riverside Cemetery in Fort Fairfield.

For those wishing to make memorial contributions in Norma's honor, please consider the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 3415, Augusta, ME 04330-3415.

JANET E. MILTON

DOVER-FOXCROFT, ME AND WENDELL, NC - Janet E. Milton, 80, wife of late Charles W. Milton, passed away unexpectedly on January 27, 2015, at her home in Wendell, NC. She was born on November 13, 1934, in Quincy, MA, the daughter of Bruno S. and Edith A. (Frezza) Zanolli.

Janet grew up in Quincy, MA, surrounded by a large Italian family and friends. Once married, she and Charlie moved to Dover-Foxcroft to raise their family. She was always involved in church, school and community activities. After her husband's death she moved to Wendell, NC, to be closer to her daughter. She loved to tell who ever she met about her silly dogs, wacky family and much adored grandchildren.

Janet is survived by daughter, Dawn-Marie Ennis and her husband, Mark, of Wendell, NC; son, Jerrod Milton and his wife, Rebekah, of St. George, ME; step-daughter, Charlotte Milton of Fuquay-Varina, NC; sister, Donna Pinel of Owls Head, ME, formerly of Quincy and Middelboro, MA; and grandchildren, Joe Grunin of Raleigh, NC, Erik Charles Milton and Gwyneth Morrel Milton of St. George, ME.

In the spring, the family will hold a graveside memorial service in the family lot at the Dover Cemetery in Dover-Foxcroft, ME. The family asks that in lieu of flowers that donations are made in Janet's name to either: Dover-Foxcroft Congregational Church, 828 W Main Street, Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426 or to Second Chance Pet Adoptions, 6003 Chapel Hill Rd, Suite 133, Raleigh, North Carolina 27607. secondchancenc.org. Arrangements are in care of Lary Funeral Home, Dover-Foxcroft, ME. A complete obituary may be viewed and condolences and memories may be expressed at www.laryfuneralhome.com.

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Craig Ramini, producer of rare American mozzarella, dies at 57

BY PAUL LIBERATORE
THE MARIN INDEPENDENT JOURNAL

TOMALES, California — Craig Ramini, a former software consultant who made national news when he bought a herd of water buffalo and made fresh buffalo mozzarella on his farm in Tomales, died Jan. 17 at the University of California at San Francisco Medical Center of complications from non-Hodgkins lymphoma. He was 57.

In 2009, Ramini was working in Silicon Valley when he decided to combine his entrepreneurial instincts with his love of animals, nature and food to fill the void in the dairy market for fresh, American-made mozzarella.

Leaving a successful tech career, he bought five water buffalo and started a small dairy farm with the dream of becoming one of the first

Americans to successfully make the porcelain-white cheese that melted in his mouth when he first tasted it as a teenager visiting Italy.

The New York Times called him "the latest American adventurer hellbent on making fresh buffalo mozzarella — one of the very few people in the United States currently brave or foolish enough to do so."

Ramini quickly discovered that unlike domestic Italian water buffalo, the ones in this country are practically feral, are expensive to raise and produce a fraction of the amount of milk as a dairy cow. Making matters worse, water buffalo are ornery and don't like to be milked.

"He has been thrown by his beasts, teased by other dairymen and spent a lot of time worrying about the creatures' feelings," a 2012 article in the Wall Street Journal said.

But Ramini's philosophy was that "if you start with honesty, simplicity and passion, success will follow," according to his wife, Audrey.

It took a few years before he had enough milk to begin making cheese, but his perseverance paid off. In 2013, Marin's top agricultural official singled out Ramini's mozzarella as "the newest type of cheese" in the county. The company, Ramini Mozzarella, is in its third year of cheese production.

"We now have a consistently good working recipe and technique for making local fresh mozzarella that is worthy of comparison to the wonderful mozzarella di bufala that is made in Italy," according to the Ramini Mozzarella website.

Among the restaurants the company supplies are Bar Bocce in Sausalito, Pizzalina in San Anselmo and Farmshop in Larkspur.

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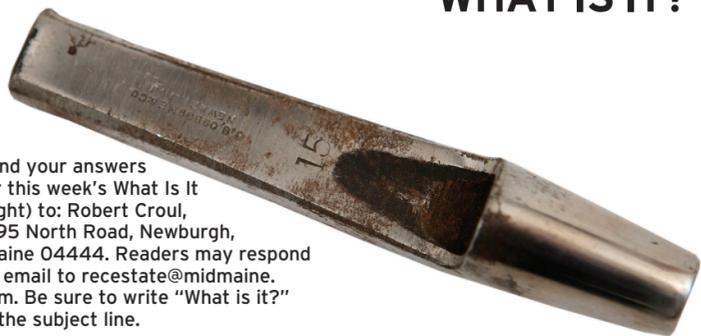
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In the Jan. 10 Bangor Daily News, this What Is It? was correctly identified as a brass trammel point by Erny Levesque of Saint David, Charles White of Exeter and Vicki Stanley of Mattawamkeag. These were usually in pairs and were used by wheelwrights and carpenters for laying out circles.



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