

# OBITUARIES



SISTER URSULA BINNETTE, O.S.U.

WATERVILLE - Ursula Louise Binnette, 87, also known for a time as Sister Carolyn of the Sacred Heart, died peacefully at D'Youville Pavilion in Lewiston, Maine, on March 1, 2016. Sister Ursula died in the company of her Ursuline Sisters, having had a lovely visit with family only a short time before her death.

Born on September 14, 1928, to Joseph E. Binnette and Henrietta Sirois Binnette in Old Town, Maine, she was preceded in death by her brother, Charles Binnette, and her two sisters, Madelyn Binnette Chapman and Carolyn Binnette Roe. She is survived by two sisters: Barnardine Binnette Alward and Marie Binnette Valley.

Sister Ursula, who returned to her baptismal name later in life, grew up in Old Town, Maine, where she attended St. Joseph Elementary School. Her high school education took place at Mount Meric Academy in Waterville, Maine, where she was a boarder. In July of 1945, she entered the Ursuline Novitiate, and was sent to Neuvigney, France, for training, making her vows as an Ursuline Sister on March 15, 1948, in Beaugency.

Sister Ursula pursued higher education at the College of New Rochelle in New York, Bowdoin College, Boston College, Providence College in Rhode Island, SUNY, New York, and a TUFTS program; she received a Bachelor's degree, two Master's degrees, and certification in Greek. She was known as a superb teacher of all twelve grades and especially for classic languages, teaching in Waterville and Lewiston, Maine; as well as Ursuline Academy in Springfield and Dedham, Massachusetts, and New Rochelle, New York. Her students remember her for the wonderful trips she led to Italy and Greece.

A time of gathering will be held from 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM at 1 Saint Angela Way in Waterville on Friday March 11, 2016 followed directly by a Mass of Resurrection in celebration of her life in the Ursuline Chapel there. She will be buried in the Ursuline Cemetery also at 1 St. Angela Way later this spring. Please visit [www.veilleuxfuneralhome.com](http://www.veilleuxfuneralhome.com) to view a video collage of Sister Ursula's life and to share condolences, memories and tributes with her family.

Memorial gifts may be made to either Ursuline Academy in memory of Sr. Ursula or to the Retired Ursuline Sisters of Maine and Massachusetts, in care of Sister Angela Krippendorf, 100 Campus Avenue, #211, Lewiston, Maine, 04240.



GREGORY SCOTT CONDON

FLOWER MOUND - Gregory Scott Condon of Flower Mound, Texas, passed away on Monday, March 1, the day before his 54th birthday.

Born in Bangor, Maine, Greg attended Bangor schools. He spent many of his formative years playing Little League baseball and YMCA basketball both as a player and a coach. Later in life, he continued his love of sports as a coach for his children's soccer and baseball teams. Greg was also on the Bangor High School tennis team. After high school, he went on to graduate from the University of Maine. While at UMO, he took off a semester to work on an oil rig in Wyoming. In 1990, he moved to Texas where he met his wife, Margaret Jasso, while employed at DacEasy. Most of his adult career was spent working for Microsoft until his retirement in 2000.

Greg had a passion for life. Growing up, he loved fishing and camping with his family. After his move to Texas, he participated in marathons, triathlons, and obstacle races always trying to best himself, often running with his children. An avid reader, he treasured reading to his children as a way to wake them up for school. He loved Halloween and Christmas; spending many hours on decorations and surprises much to the delight of his family and neighbors. His quick wit, smart intellectual humor, and profound knowledge of useless trivia provided endless entertainment to everyone who knew him.

Greg is survived by his three children, Charles Parker, Spencer Alphonse, and Katherine Rose, as well as his very dear friend and mother of his children, Margaret Jasso Condon. He is also survived by his parents, Ronald and Mary Ann Condon, a sister Suzanne Condon, an aunt, Rose Mary Hencinski and husband, George Hencinski, and an uncle, Rick Condon. He was predeceased by a sister, Cheryl Condon.

A memorial service celebrating Greg's life will be held on Monday, March 7, 2016 at 2:00pm at Flower Mound Family Funeral Chapel.

[www.flowermoundfuneralhome.com](http://www.flowermoundfuneralhome.com)



PIERRE "PETE" A. DESROCHERS

MT. DESERT - Pierre "Pete" A. Desrochers, 79, died February 29, 2016 in an air ambulance on route to Maine. He was born November 1, 1936 in Orange, NJ, the son of Adalbert B. and Blanche (Daigell) Desrochers.

Pete received his BS from Seaton Hall University in South Orange, NJ and began his career in sales at Johnson and Johnson. Pete then became part of the original sales team for Sealed Air Corp., mfr. of the packing bubbles you love to pop. Pete married Kathryn "Lynn" Kennedy in 1982 shortly after he started The Masking Company, a film coating company. He and Lynn ran that business for 10 years before they sold the business and took to the road in their motor home. They traveled 275,000 miles around the US and Canada. They then bought Barcadia Campground at the head of MDI, and together built it into a camping resort.

Foremost, Pete loved his family. He was the go to man for advice and help of any kind. Pete enjoyed lobstering, especially eating lobster, gathering with friends, living on the water and working on his property. Pete served for 4 years on the board of The Bagaduce Music Lending Library in Blue Hill, and was always eager to pitch in and help in any way he could.

Pete is survived by his beloved wife Lynn, daughter Deborah Canonico (Mike) of Flemington, NJ; daughter Suzanne Desrochers (Filan) of Newton, NJ; son Michael (Maria) Desrochers of Robinsville, NJ; and 9 grandchildren: Timothy, Matthew, Andrew and Allison Canonico; Laura (Filan) Togno, Paul and Brian Filan; Peter and Paul Desrochers; and two great grandchildren - Natalie and Sophia Canonico. He is also survived by his brother Rene Desrochers (Rosie) of Sedona, AZ. His parents predeceased him.

A funeral mass will be celebrated at 1:00pm, Saturday, March 12, 2016 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 231 Main Street, Ellsworth, ME, with a gathering to follow at the Somesville Fire House, Main Street, Mt. Desert.

Gifts in Pete's memory may be made to the American Lung Association or Jackson Laboratory.

Arrangements in care of Jordan-Fernald, Mt. Desert. Condolences may be expressed at [www.jordanfernauld.com](http://www.jordanfernauld.com)

## Opiate

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a national initiative implemented in 1995 established pain as "the fifth vital sign," that medical professionals should measure at every patient interaction, along with body temperature, pulse, respiratory rate and blood pressure. This initiative grew out of widespread recognition in the medical community that chronic and acute pain had for too long been undermanaged and that patients were suffering needlessly as a result. The initiative spurred a major increase in prescribing for pain that coincided with the development and easy availability of more effective and often more addictive drugs.

More recently, Diaz told the committee, a questionnaire developed for hospital patients by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services includes questions aimed at determining how effectively medical providers managed pain during hospitalization. Hospitals get paid more by Medicare when Medicare patients respond favorably, leading some physicians to over-medicate for pain.

The combination of clinical pressure to eliminate pain using powerful new drugs and the financial incentive to keep hospitalized patients totally free of discomfort has proven disastrous, Diaz said. "The result is, we now give more opiates and have more addiction, diversion and overdoses," he said. "This is increasingly a problem for the elderly."

Diaz proposes a shift in chronic pain management strategies for all patients, including older adults, away from potent, addictive pharmaceuticals and toward a multidisciplinary approach that incorporates physical therapy, acupuncture, relaxation therapy and other elements, including cautious and informed prescribing of less dangerous drugs. Powerful opiates should be reserved for intractable pain

associated with cancer and end-of-life conditions, he said.

For those already addicted to pain medicines and other opiates, Diaz said treatment must be de-stigmatized and made ready available through primary care offices, not reserved for specialized clinics and inpatient programs that may not meet the needs of Maine seniors.

### Treatment options

"Alcohol is still the drug of choice for most older people," said Pat Kimball, executive director of Wellspring, an established substance abuse treatment agency based in Bangor. But among all ages, the percentage of clients at Maine agencies being treated for opiate addiction is on the increase, she said.

While addiction to opiates and other substances can arise in any socioeconomic group, Kimball said it often is associated with childhood abuse or neglect, military service and other sources of physical and emotional trauma. Mental disorders such as depression, bipolar disease and other conditions also may be present.

For many, 180-day residential programs prove most effective, allowing clients to focus on their recovery and to separate from unhealthy relationships with people who may not be supportive of their goals. But others, including many older clients, chose an outpatient setting instead so they can maintain employment, family responsibilities and other obligations.

Ability to pay also is a deciding factor. Few clients have private insurance, many low-income adult Mainers do not qualify for Medicaid and Medicare and Medicaid coverage are subject to many conditions. Out-of-pocket costs for the residential program can be as much as \$200 per day, but Kimball said costs for some clients can be offset through grant funding and donated gifts.

Treatment typically consists of therapeutic counseling, behavior modification

strategies and developing tools for managing stress and adversity. For opiate dependency at any age, Kimball said, replacement therapy using medications such as methadone or Suboxone can mean the difference between success and failure.

"Methadone can be very effective for long-standing addictions," Kimball said, but can require a lifetime commitment to daily clinic visits and other regulatory hurdles.

"Later-in-life addiction may respond well to Suboxone," Kimball said, which can be managed on a month-to-month basis through a qualified primary care provider, making it more convenient and reducing stigma.

"Pride and stigma have a lot to do with why older people don't seek treatment," Kimball said. "Here they are, functioning members of their communities, holding down a job, taking care of their families, and all of a sudden they're turning themselves over to an addiction treatment center."

Kaye at the University of Maine Center on Aging said more must be done to change prescribing behaviors among physicians and to reduce the availability of illicit and illegal opiates. And, he said, it's essential to bring more older Mainers into treatment, to help them manage their addiction, restore relationships with their families and reduce the likelihood of unlawful behavior.

"But because this population is less visible," he said, "the problem of addiction in older people is easy to ignore and to just sweep under the rug."

For more information about efforts in Maine to reduce the abuse of opiates and other drugs, visit the website of the Office of the Maine Attorney General at [maine.gov/ag/initiatives/drugsummit2011](http://maine.gov/ag/initiatives/drugsummit2011).

For information about treatment services, contact the Maine Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services at 207-287-2595 or visit the website at [maine.gov/dhhs/samhs](http://maine.gov/dhhs/samhs).

## WHAT IS IT?

Send your answers for this week's What Is It (right) to: Robert Croul, 1095 North Road, Newburgh, Maine 04444. Readers may respond by email to [reccstate@my-fairpoint.net](mailto:reccstate@my-fairpoint.net). Be sure to write "What is it?" in the subject line.



ROBERT CROUL



The What Is It in the Feb. 20 edition of the Bangor Daily News was correctly identified as an antique butter press/mold by Sharon Wolfe, Stephen Dickinson of Presque Isle and Erny Levesque of Saint David.

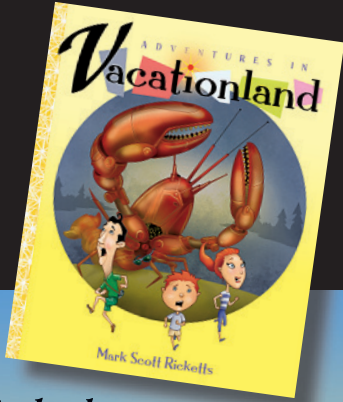
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