

OBITUARIES



CLINTON M. KILBY JR.

BREWER and BANGOR - Clinton M. Kilby Jr., 82, died April 14, 2015, at a Bangor hospital. He

was born June 13, 1932, in Stockton Springs, and was a longtime resident of Brewer.

Clinton was a graduate of Brewer High School and served in the U.S. Army for four years. He married Nancy (Quigg) Kilby in 1955 and he worked for the U.S. Postal Service as a letter carrier, and eventually as a supervisor retiring after 25 years of service. Clinton was involved in coaching Little League and PAL Basketball, and he found enjoyment as a fan of the Red Sox, Patriots and harness racing.

Surviving are two sons, Bill Kilby and his wife, Nettie, of Holden and John Kilby and his wife, Chris, and his only grandchild, Fiona, all of Vista, CA; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Carol and Donald Luchetti; a special friend, Earlene Beckett; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife and mother of his children, Nancy, in 1978; and and by his second wife, Geneva. Clinton's family gratefully thanks the residential unit of the Maine Veterans Home for their excellent care.

A private graveside service and burial will be held in June at Woodlawn Cemetery, Brewer. For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to Mann Ministries, P.O. Box 2763, Bangor, ME 04402-2763 or mannmaine.org. Arrangements by Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 69 State St., Brewer.

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Chicago Cardinal Francis George dies at 78

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO — Cardinal Francis George, the first Chicago native to serve as the local archbishop and a man who during that 17-year tenure became the intellectual leader of the American church, has died after a years long struggle with cancer. He was 78.

The death was confirmed by an archdiocese source, and a local parish sent a message regarding his death on social media.

George had been on home care since April 3 after being hospitalized late last month for hydration and pain management issues.

As head of the nation's third-largest archdiocese, he shepherded the Chicago church through school closings and the priest sexual abuse scandal, striving to reconcile his support for the clergy with the pain of victims.

He also became a point person between the U.S. and the Vatican on the abuse scandal and matters such as liturgy of the Mass, playing a key role in revisions that brought the English translation closer to the original Latin.

George in November 2014 became the first Chicago archbishop to retire, following his third cancer diagnosis, and was replaced by current Archbishop Blase Cupich.

George received his first cancer diagnosis in 2006 and had surgery to remove his bladder and prostate. He was diagnosed with cancer again about six years later and underwent more surgery.

His most recent diagnosis came in March 2014, when doctors found new cancer cells in his right kidney. He underwent chemotherapy, but the archdiocese announced in late 2014 that he had stopped taking an experimental drug because it had not been effective.



GRACIA HARKINS LARGAY

CUMBERLAND FORESIDE Gracia Harkins Largay, 76, died April 15, 2015. She was born in Lewiston, May 20, 1938.

Gracia was a graduate of John Bapst Memorial High School, Mercy Hospital School of Nursing and Case Western Reserve University. She spent the majority of her career as a public health nurse and administrator for the State of Maine Department of Health and Human Services. She was a caring and compassionate person who loved people and enjoyed working in public health. Gracia grew up in the Bangor area where she met her husband of 34 years, Larry. They made their home in Thomaston where they enjoyed all the splendors of the midcoast. Gracia loved to sing and was a member of Downeast Singers. After Larry's death, she moved to Cumberland Foreside where she continued to pursue her love of learning having enrolled in numerous and varied classes at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Southern Maine, art classes and involvement with the Southern Maine Astronomy Club. Her passion for nature was evidenced by her love of astronomy, bird watching, hiking and beach combing. Travel also fed her love of learning and her adventurous spirit. She adored her daughter and grandchildren; time spent with them as well as family members and friends brought her great joy. Gracia lived life with grace and humility, tender forgiving heart and care for those in need.

She was predeceased by her husband, Lawrence Largay. She is survived by her daughter, Catherine Largay Moore and her husband, Jeff of Poolesville, MD; her two grandchildren, Ella and Christian; her siblings and their spouses: Michael Harkins, Margaret Willette, Bernard Harkins and his wife Julie Everleth, Mary Alice Commeau, Kathleen Harkins and her husband Leyton Sewell, Leslie Harkins and Anthony Harkins and his wife Nancy; her 14 nieces and nephews and many great nieces and nephews.

A private memorial service will be held. Arrangements by the Dolby Funeral Chapel, 434 River Road, Windham. Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.dolbyfuneralchapels.com. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Gracia's memory to Good Shepard Food Bank, P.O. Box 1807, Auburn, ME 04211. Please reference Gracia Largay on the memo line of the check.

H. MARGARET LARSEN, PH.D.

ORONO - Dr. H. Margaret (Elliott) Larsen, 89, died April 16, 2015. She was born August 16, 1925, in Galveston, TX, the daughter of Dr. Monroe L. and Helen (Marrs) Elliott.

Dr. Larsen received her B.A. from Rice University in 1945, her M.A. from the University of California at Berkeley in 1946, and her Ph.D. from Harvard in 1948. After postdoctoral work at Harvard as an A.A.U.W. fellow, she served at Washington University in St. Louis as Instructor in Mathematics, 1949-51; Assistant Professor of Mathematics, 1951-55; and Associate Professor of Mathematics, 1955-65. In 1965, she was appointed Professor of Mathematics at the College of William and Mary. From 1968-92, she was Professor of Mathematics at the University of Bridgeport in CT, serving as chairperson of the Mathematics Department, 1969-73. In 1992, Dr. Larsen relocated to Orono, where she taught in the Mathematics Department at the University of Maine from 1992 to 1995. At various times during her career she held a variety of research fellowships. She had extensive experience teaching by television on both educational and commercial



ROSEMARY BICKMORE CANNEY

OLD TOWN - Rosemary Bickmore Canney, 69, passed away on April 17, 2015. She was the youngest of six children of Wendell and Avaline (Lovejoy) Bickmore; and the wife of Ralph Canney for 52 years.

Rosemary was an English teacher at Old Town High School for 32 years, during which she also directed 17 musicals, advised a dozen yearbooks, and was for a time National Honor Society advisor. She graduated magna cum laude from the University of Maine.

Her passion was travel, and for the past seven winters she and Ralph lived in Rome, Paris, Dublin, Shannon, the French Riviera, and the Baja Peninsula. On top of that, she and their close friend Jackie Hill took trips to Scotland, The Isle of Capri, and Brittany as well as two trips with her sisters. After retirement, she also worked for Pearson, scoring SAT essays, and authored two books - In the Parking Lot at Grady High and The Substitute.

Rosemary was blessed with two loving, caring children, Crystal and Scott and their spouses, as well as two grandchildren who, according to her, were the smartest, bravest, most talented children in the universe: Alex Canney and Avalena Linsky. She is also survived by four siblings, Ray Bickmore of Charleston and Time Bickmore of Corinth, along with two sisters, Joan Blackwell and her spouse, and Janice Cynewski and her spouse of Corinth; and many cousins and nieces and nephews. She was also fortunate to have several wonderful friends. She was predeceased by her parents; and one brother, Albert Bickmore.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 5-7 p.m. at Birmingham Funeral Home, 438 Main St., Old Town, Maine, and funeral services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Birmingham's. The family invites you to join them at the Stillwater Federated Church on Bennoch Road immediately following Monday's service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sarah's House; Attn: Judy Collier, 346 Main Rd., Holden, ME 04429.



LOUISE CORA (RINKS) MOORE

GREEN LAKE (DEDHAM) and BANGOR - Louise Moore passed away Wednesday, April 15, 2015, at a Bangor nursing home. She was born January 16, 1925, in Belfast. She was the daughter of the late Freeman and Beulah (Mank) Harvey.

Louise retired from C.H. Rice Co. after many years of service. She enjoyed many outdoor activities, including hunting and fishing with her husband, Carl. She also enjoyed putting together puzzles and going to Bingo with friends. She enjoyed spending time with her family.

She is survived by her four children, Warren Rinks of Bangor, Donna Palmer and her husband, Donald, of Kentucky, Nancy King and her partner, Rick Welch, of Eastbrook and Gordon Rinks and his wife, Georgia, of Hermon; her brothers, Donald and Bruce Harvey, her stepchildren, Harry, Alice, Natalie and Donnie Moore; grandchildren, Michael Palmer and Jenny Kelly of Kentucky, Jody Varney of Veazie, Jennifer King of Bangor, Adam Rinks of Corinth and Shane Rinks of Bangor; great-grandchildren, Mikaela Palmer, Samantha Harris, Lindsey Kozar, Jonathan King, Jacob and Justin Kelly and Jackson Varney; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Carl R. Moore; daughter-in-law, Darlene (Rae) Rinks; brothers, Robert and Ronald; sisters, Marian, Ruth and Phyllis; and great-granddaughter, Madison Louise. We would like to give special thanks to the Staff at Westgate Center for all the care they gave Louise during her time there.

There will be a graveside service at a later date.

NELSON NEWELL RANCO II

ORONO - Nelson Newell Ranco II, 83, passed away Wednesday,



April 8, 2015, at his home in Orono, Maine. He was born November 3, 1931, in New York City, the son of Germaine White (Robinson) of Orono and Nelson Newell Ranco of Indian Island.

In addition to his wife, May Ranco, Nelson is survived by his four children, Nelson "Cappy" Ranco and his wife, Ellen, of Collegeville, PA, James "Chip" Ranco and his wife, Pam, of East Hanover, NJ, Robert Ranco of Austin, TX, and Darren Ranco and his wife, Stephanie, of Hampden; and 11 grandchildren, Ezra Ranco, Rafiq Walker, Jessica Ranco, Nicholas Ranco, Morgan Ranco, Eric Ranco, Tori May Ranco, Kasey Ranco, Holden Strong, Sadie Strong and Jude Strong.

Nelson grew up primarily in Orono with his mother's family and went to St. Mary's for primary and high school. A veteran of the Korean War, he attended Husson University and spent most of his professional life working as an accountant for Diamond International.

Nelson was beloved by many and was known for his great sense of humor. He was a kind, loving and even-tempered man. His wife, May, was the joy of his life and his children made him glow with pride. Smiling and laughing were common in Nelson's presence, as he would share stories and an occasional glass of Chivas Regal with his friends and family.

A memorial service will be held on 11 a.m. Saturday, May 23, 2015, at Birmingham Funeral Home, 438 Main St., Old Town. In lieu of flowers, donation may be made to the Lung Cancer Alliance, P.O. Box 418372, Boston, MA 02241-8372, 1-800-298-2436, www.lungcanceralliance.org.



LEO E. LEFAY

MONTICELLO - Leo E. LeFay, 88, passed away April 16, 2015, at the Maine Veterans' Home in Caribou. He was born April 25, 1926, at Stowe, Vermont, the son of Theodore LeFay, Sr. and Edith (Fisher) LeFay.

Leo served in the U.S. Army as a parachutist. He married Betty Stewart in 1951 and they were happily married for 43 years until her passing in 1995. Leo was a heavy equipment operator in Connecticut for many years. He retired in 1977 and they moved to Florida, then to Monticello in 1994. Leo was a 50-year Mason. He enjoyed hunting, boating and playing cards, especially poker and cribbage. Leo was very family oriented, his family always came first. He will be remembered by many for his very dry sense of humor.

Leo is survived by his daughter, Lynda C. Jewell and her husband, "Buz," of Monticello; three grandchildren, Jessica Jewell Galbioti and her husband, Scott, of Bangor, Lindsey Jewell Hughes and her husband, Pat, of Boulder, Colorado, and Lisa Jewell of Washington, D.C.; great-granddaughter, Raleigh Jewell Galbioti of Bangor; two brothers, Theodore LeFay Jr. of Houlton and Leslie LeFay and his wife, Nelly, of Oakfield; brother-in-law, Donald Stewart and his wife, Carol, of Houlton; sister-in-law, Polly Stewart of Presque Isle; several nieces and nephews. Leo was predeceased by his parents; his wife of 43 years, Betty (Stewart) LeFay; brother, Wilfred "Buster" LeFay; and sisters, Gila Laing, Betty Roy, Lena Peters and Elizabeth McNinch.

Graveside service will be announced in the spring. Gifts may be made in Leo's memory payable to the Ark Animal Sanctuary or the Houlton Animal Shelter, care of Dunn Funeral Home, 11 Park Street, Houlton, ME 04730. Online condolences and guest book: www.dunnfuneral.com.



DR. PAMELA J. CORMIER, DPM

OAKLAWN, Ill., and ED-DINGTON - Pamela J. Cormier, 57, passed away Saturday, April 11, 2015, surrounded by her loving family and friends after a brief illness. She was born November 4, 1958, in Bangor, Maine.

She spent most her youth in Eddington and after high school pursued a career first as a Veterinarian and then changing to Podiatric Medicine, attending Michigan State University and the Dr. William School School of Podiatric Medicine. After completing her internship in Illinois she returned to Maine and set up practice in Bucksport for a year, later deciding to return to Illinois, where she practiced and met her husband, Larry Callen. "Dr. Pam," as she loved to be called, practiced her career on and off for the next 25 years. She made many friends along the way with her kind heart and soul and was always there for a friend in need. Pam loved animals deeply like she loved her friends and family, she was a great cook with skills she learned from her mother Mary, sister Paula, and grandmother Pauline.

She leaves behind her husband, Larry Callen and family; her father, Alfred Cormier and stepmother, Myrtle; loving sister and best friend, Paula and husband, Gary Locke; brother, Patrick and wife, Terri; special nephew, Wesley and wife, Carolyn Campbell, and their girls; and lifelong friends, Kathy Brancley, Nancy Coulter, Dawn Bisson and Sally Furuy. She was predeceased by her mother, Mary Cormier Vittum and stepfather, Bob Vittum; grandparents, Stephen and Pauline Giordani, Leo and Laura Cormier; and several aunts and uncles.

There will be a gathering of remembrance to celebrate Pam's life to be announced at a later date. If you would like to remember "Dr. Pam" in a special way please donate in memory to The Last Stop Horse Rescue, 938 Tar Ridge Road, Prentiss, ME 04487 <http://www.laststophorserescue.com> or the Arc Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 276, Cherryfield, ME 04622 <http://thearkpets.org>.

WHAT IS IT?



ROBERT CROUL

Send your answers for this week's What Is It (above) to: Robert Croul, 1095 North Road, Newburgh, Maine 04444. Readers may respond by email to recestat@midmaine.com. Be sure to write "What is it?" in the subject line.



In the April 4 Bangor Daily News, this "What is it?" was correctly identified as a copper foot-warmer by Erny Levesque of Saint David and Stephen Dickinson of Presque Isle.