

# OBITUARIES



**ETTA MARSH HUBBARD**

**GREENVILLE** - Etta M. Hubbard, 96, wife of the late Harold E. Hubbard, passed away April 20, 2016, at C.A. Dean Skilled Care Facility in Greenville. She was born October 19, 1919, in Greenville, the daughter of William D. and Elizabeth J. (Wood) Marsh.

Mrs. Hubbard had worked as a cook for many years, then for a number of years as a clerk at the Maine State Liquor Store. She especially liked her many years at the Shaw Public Library, retiring when she was 93 years old. For many years she had been considered the local historian in the Greenville area, fielding calls from all over the country, if not the world. She enjoyed cooking, berry picking, gardening, reading, writing in her journal, as well as sketching and painting. Of all the things Etta enjoyed, family was her greatest love. Coming from a rather large family, it was natural for her to have many people around, and there always were many around, especially on Sundays for dinner. In fact, family grew to include everyone who came to know Etta.

She is survived by two daughters, Patty Brown and her husband, Clowes of Eliotville, and Linda McBrierty and her husband, Alan of Greenville. She leaves two grandchildren, Rebecca Brown and her husband, Troy, and Laura Pollis and her husband, Steve; two step-grandchildren, Bryan McBrierty and his wife, Heather, and Elizabeth Ireland and her husband, Andy; two great-grandchildren, Zoe Brown and Bensyn Pollis; four step-great-grandchildren, Katie and Cooper McBrierty and Andrew and Grace Ireland; several nieces, nephews and grandnieces and grand-nephews. In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by seven brothers, Clair Roberts, Norman Roberts, Coburn Roberts, Carl Roberts, Lee Roberts, William Marsh, and an infant brother, Robert Roberts; three sisters, Martha Roberts Powers, Florence Marsh Carter, Virginia Marsh; a daughter, Donna Hubbard; and an infant son, Harold Hubbard II.

Friends are invited to call 6-8pm Friday, April 29, 2016, at the Greenville Chapel of the Lary Funeral Home, 281 Pritham Ave, Greenville. A memorial service will be conducted 3pm Saturday, April 30, at the Union Evangelical Church, Greenville. Burial will be in the family lot in Greenville Cemetery. Condolences may be expressed at [www.laryfuneralhome.com](http://www.laryfuneralhome.com).



**MARTIN SCOTT JOHNSON**

**PENOBSCOT**-Martin Scott Johnson, passed away Friday night, 01 April 2016, at roughly

6:33PM. He was in the family home at the time of his passing and surrounded by his loving wife, Carroll; son, Matthew; as well as his daughter-in-law, Shannon. His final moments consisted of a last smile and a grateful and loving squeeze of both his hands, one upon his wife of nearly 36 years and the other upon his only son of almost 35 years.

Marty lived a full life from February 3rd of 1960, through the 1st of April 2016. During his life he accomplished many things; He was a decorated Army Soldier, a self-made and skillful finish carpenter, who made many fine furniture and cabinetry projects over the years, mechanic and tractor business owner, Code Enforcement Officer of Penobscot, volunteer firefighter, baseball coach, mentor and friend to many, loving husband and father, and so much more. It would be much easier to list off the things that he did not do, than to list his accomplishments.

He leaves behind his wife, Carroll Johnson, his son, Matthew Johnson, daughter-in-law, Shannon Trask, and four grandchildren; Kylie Johnson, Madalynn Benoit Johnson, Haylee and Heather Jacobs, as well as an adopted grandson, Cole Casey. Marty is also survived by his parents, Harold and Audrey Johnson; two sisters, Wendy Wright and Joy Huffacker; a brother, Gregg Johnson, and various nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his mother, Sarah Mae Johnson; his grandparents, and several friends.

Services will be held 11AM on April 30th 2016 at the Riposta Funeral Home in Belfast, ME.

In lieu of flowers and arrangements, please send a donation in his remembrance to either the Bangor Humane Society, St. Jude's Hospital, or The Arbor Day Foundation, these were places that Marty really cared about.

**ROY A. MACGREGOR**

**BANGOR** - A celebration of life for Roy A. MacGregor, 89, who died on Feb. 22, 2016, will be held from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, April 24, 2016 at Penobscot County Conservation Association, 570 North Main St., Brewer. If you would like to make a donation in Roy's memory, please forward it to Westgate Center, 750 Union St., Bangor, ME 04401.



**THELMA AVIS (THOMAS) CRAIG**

**MARYSVILLE, WA AND BANGOR** - Mom passed peacefully from death unto life in Christ on March 25th, 2016. She was surrounded by her daughters, Marian and Lynne and her dogs, Dorie and Cindy. Thelma was born August 6, 1917, in Mars Hill, to Harley and Emma (Sennett) Thomas. She was the eldest daughter in a family of 18. She had stories galore of a hard life during the depression that was shared without bitterness but rather with a sense of accomplishment for all that got done with so very little.

Thelma was a devoted believer who attended Pentecostal Assembly in Bangor. She taught VBS with Margaret McGinnis; Junior Church with Robina Thompson; and adult Sunday School with Pauline Garland and Louise Church. Mom also led Tuesday night Bible study with Helen Crabtree. My mom read her Bible daily. She faithfully prayed for all her family and friends and special prayer requests even for a dying dog who recovered. She leaves a strong legacy of faith and prayer for us all to emulate. Her baking was legendary, especially, her cinnamon rolls.

Thelma was preceded in death by her husband, Vincent Craig and her son, Harley Craig. She is survived by her children: Eva (Craig) McKinnon, Marian Craig, Mannie (Jeanette) Craig, Rose (Warren) Benner, Elinor Craig (wife of Harley Craig (d)), and Lynne Craig with whom she lived for the latter part of her life. She is also survived by 19 grandchildren; 57 great-grandchildren; and 5 great-great grandchildren, her brother, Vinal Thomas and her sister, Norma Berry, numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Thelma, Sis, Nana, Nana-Great, Aunt Thelma, Sister Craig was loved by all who knew her.

Relatives and friends are invited to come to a memorial gathering to remember her 10 A.M. Saturday, April 30, 2016 at Glad Tidings Church, 1033 Broadway, Bangor. Interment will be at Hart's Corner Cemetery in Holden. Condolences to the family may be expressed at [www.BrookingsSmith.com](http://www.BrookingsSmith.com)

**ROWENA G. MCLEOD**

**ST. ALBANS** - Graveside committal services for Rowena McLeod, who died March 1, 2016, will be held 11 AM Monday, May 2nd, at Maloon Cemetery, St. Albans. Arrangements by Crosby & Neal, Newport.



**JOSHUA R. PARKER**

**MADAWASKA & VAN BUREN** - Joshua R. Parker, 35, died Thursday, April 21, 2016 at a Portland hospital following a long illness, with his family by his side. He was born December 10, 1980 in Fort Kent, the son of Walter S. Parker Jr. and Lise (Therault) Parker.

Josh graduated from Madawaska High School, Class of 1999. He enjoyed working on computers, woodworking and loved his pets. He will be greatly missed by his two dogs, Marshall and Tucker, his cat, Cougar, and rabbit, Bella. He was an avid member of Battleaxe Warriors, assisting their drug-free and crime-free ideology and support system. Josh was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease at 9 years old. Though hindered by his disability, he was never shy to spread a smile on any who met him.

He is survived: his fiancée of eleven years, Jessica Bosse of Van Buren; his father, Walter S. Parker Jr. and his wife Joanne of Van Buren; his mother Lise (Therault) Parker of Madawaska; three step-siblings, Jessica Bounville and her husband Nick and Jeffrey Santora, all of Leominster, MA, and Laurie Santora of Templeton, MA; many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews; and many friends in the St. John Valley and beyond.

Relatives and friends are invited to greet the family 6-8PM on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at Lajoie Funeral Home, 114 10th Ave., Madawaska. Funeral services will be private and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations in Joshua's name may be made to: Life-Flight of Maine, PO Box 899, Camden, ME 04843. To share condolences online, please visit [www.LajoieFuneralHome.com](http://www.LajoieFuneralHome.com)

**GARY A. CARTER**

**MAPLETON** - Gary A. Carter, 75, the husband of Sandra (Lunney) Carter, passed away on Monday, April 18, 2015. A visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 from 12-1pm at West Chapman Advent Christian Church, where a funeral service will be held at 1pm, Rev. Nathan Gardiner officiating. Memories and condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.duncan-graves.com](http://www.duncan-graves.com)

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## Police: No signs of trauma or suicide in Prince's death

BY PIYA SINHA-ROY AND JILL SERJEANT  
REUTERS

Police found no signs of suicide or obvious trauma in the death of music superstar Prince, but it could take weeks before autopsy results reveal how the groundbreaking performer died, authorities said Friday.

The intensely private musician, whose hits included "Purple Rain" and "When Doves Cry," was found dead in an elevator at his home in suburban Minneapolis on Thursday at the age of 57, shocking millions of fans around the world and prompting glowing tributes by fellow musicians.

Carver County Sheriff Jim Olson, whose office is investigating the circumstances of his death, said Prince was last seen alive by an acquaintance who dropped him off at his home at about 8 p.m. Wednesday.

"There were no obvious signs of trauma on the body," Olson told a news conference. "We have no reason to believe at this point that this was a suicide. The rest is under investigation."

The influential star, born Prince Rogers Nelson, was found unresponsive in an elevator at the Paisley Park Studios complex where he lived in the suburb of Chanhassen, authorities said.

Olson declined to say whether any items were recovered from the home by police, citing the ongoing investigation. He did say that no one else was found at the property.

The local medical examiner's office conducted a post-mortem examination Friday morning for four hours but its results could be some time coming. Prince's body was released to his family on Friday afternoon, the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office added in a statement.

"As part of a complete exam, relevant information regarding Mr. Nelson's medical and social history will be gathered. Anything which could be relevant to the investigation will be taken into consideration," the statement said.

No information will be released until all results have been obtained, it added. "Gathering the results will take several days and the results of a full toxicology scan could likely take weeks," the medical examiner's office said.

Prince's music blended styles including rock, jazz, funk, disco and R&B, and it

won him seven Grammy Awards as well as an Oscar. He had been on a U.S. tour as recently as last week.

But he was briefly hospitalized a week ago after his plane made an emergency landing in Moline, Illinois, suffering from what his representative told celebrity news website TMZ was the flu.

Nevertheless, the star hosted a party at Paisley Park last Saturday night at which one attendee said Prince played two tunes on a piano and then introduced fans to his doctor.

Prince first found fame in the late 1970s before becoming one of the most inventive forces in American pop music.

On a trip to London, President Barack Obama said he listened to "Purple Rain" and "Delirious" on Friday morning at the U.S. ambassador's residence to get "warmed up" for his meetings.

"I loved Prince. ... It's a remarkable loss," Obama told a news conference.

As well as singing and songwriting, Prince played multiple instruments including guitar, keyboards and drums. A Jehovah's Witness and a strict vegan, he sold more than 100 million records and was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2004.

Record producer L.A. Reid told NBC's "Today" show on Friday that he was perplexed by the death of his friend.

"The Prince I know was superhealthy, a vegan, wasn't an abuser of drugs, wasn't an abuser of alcohol," Reid said. "He was clean and he looked young and he looked really healthy and vibrant, so the whole thing is really mysterious to me."

During his life, Prince was known as fiercely determined to protect his intellectual property.

How others might profit from his legacy hinges on how astute he was about arranging for control of his music after death. Twice divorced with no surviving children, he apparently lacked any immediately identifiable heirs.

Ex-wife Manuela Testolini said that as well as being a husband and friend, Prince had been a "fierce philanthropist" who encouraged her to set up her own charity. She had contacted him only a few days ago, she added, to tell him she was building a school in his honor.

"I am heartbroken beyond words," Testolini said in a statement Friday.

## More evidence links heartburn drugs to serious kidney problems

BY MADELINE KENNEDY  
REUTERS

People taking common heartburn medications known as proton pump inhibitors, or PPIs, are at increased risk of new and severe kidney disease, according to a U.S. study.

Among hundreds of thousands of patients in Department of Veterans Affairs databases, new users of PPIs without kidney disease were 30 percent more likely to develop chronic kidney disease over the course of five years. Their risk of kidney failure was doubled.

PPIs such as Nexium and Prevacid are prescribed to treat ulcers, heartburn and acid reflux and are some of the most effective forms of treatment available, the study authors write in the Journal of the American Society of Nephrology.

These drugs are generally viewed as safe and may be overprescribed and continued for long periods without being necessary, they note.

"We suggest judicious use of PPI, and that use be limited to when it is medically necessary and to the short-

est duration possible," said senior author Dr. Ziyad Al-Aly, associate chief of staff for research and education at the VA St. Louis Health Care System.

The study team analyzed data in national VA databases on 20,270 people who had recently started taking PPIs. They compared this group with 173,321 people who had started taking H2 blockers, a group of drugs that reduce stomach acid by a different mechanism, blocking histamines in the stomach.

All patients were free of kidney problems at the start, and were followed for five years to see if their kidney function changed.

After adjusting for personal, social and economic factors as well as health conditions that could influence kidney disease risk, the study team found that people taking PPIs were at significantly higher risk of new kidney problems compared to those taking H2 blockers.

The risk of a decline in kidney function was 32 percent higher for people taking PPIs and the risk of new cases of chronic kidney dis-

ease was 28 percent higher.

Patients taking PPIs were 96 percent more likely to experience end-stage renal disease — kidney failure — than those who took H2 blockers.

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