

OBITUARIES



GERTRUDE C. NEVELLS

ORONO - Gertrude C. Nevells, 86, died peacefully April 12, 2016, at home surrounded by her family. She was born Sept. 1, 1929, in Orono, the daughter of Walter and Mary (Martin) Lucas.

Gertrude was educated at St. Mary's Catholic School in Orono. She worked at local shoe shops and the Orono nursing home for many years. Gertrude volunteered at the Orono Thrift Shop and was vice President of the Orono Senior Citizen. She loved to play cards and games on her computer. Gertrude was a very loving mother to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved it when they would visit or received a new photo for her family wall.

In addition to her parents, Gertrude was predeceased by her husband, Donald O. Nevells Sr.; six brothers and four sisters; and also, by Joan Lucas, who was a very dear friend. She is survived by three sons, Donald O. Nevells Jr. and his wife, Sally, of Orono, Ronald J. Nevells and his wife, Terry, of Lincoln and Mark A. Nevells and his wife, Barbara, of Carmel; two daughters, Jacqueline M. Wilbur and her husband, Fernald, of Milford and Beth Aucoin of Milford; grandchildren, Matt, Angie, Brandy, Ronnie-Jo, Ian, Brent, Brian, Nick, Adam, Nicole, Dustin, Jessica and Brent; seventeen great-grandchildren; two brothers, Bernard and Kenneth Lucas; and two sisters, May Ranco and Thelma Nevells. The family would like to give a special thank you to Gentiva, New Hope Hospice and Arcadia Home Care for providing such loving care for their mother.

A graveside service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, May 28, 2016, at the Riverside Cemetery, Bennoch Road, Orono. Relatives and friends are invited to share conversation and refreshments at the Orono Chapel of Brookings-Smith, 72 Main St., Orono, immediately following the graveside service. Those wishing to remember Gertrude in a special way may make a gift in her memory to a charity of your choice. Condolences to the family may be expressed at

www.BrookingsSmith.com



HAZEL JOYCE HILL HEWS

DOVER-FOXCROFT - Joyce Hews, 84, crossed over to the next life on May 4, 2016, surrounded by the love of family and friends. She was born Hazel Joyce Hill in Garland, Maine, on August 14, 1931, the daughter of Harold and Hazel Colbath Hill.

She was predeceased by her husband, Paul E. Hews; daughter, Julie Ann Hews; granddaughter, Mary Jo Hews; and great-granddaughter, Ashley Carson. She is survived by her daughter, Paula Hews and children, Gordon Engstrom II, wife, Daniela and son, Benjamin; Brian Engstrom; Samara Engstrom Ambrosio, husband, Christian and children, Tenzin, Ronin and Aviana; her son, Chris Hews Sr., wife, Rosemary and children, Marney Johnson, husband, Chris and children, Patrick, fiancée, Crystal and daughter, Miranda; Daniel and Cody; Chris Hews Jr.; Andrew Hews; Adam Hews, wife, Maureen and daughter, Samantha; and her daughter, MaryAnn Hanners, husband, Shawn and children, Matthew Bjork, Olivia Bjork and Travis Hanners.

Joyce attended Foxcroft Academy, Class of 1950, and was a Rose Award recipient. People fondly remember her as a clerk at the A&P; a past president of the Mocutoc Club and as an insurance agent. Along with Paul, Joyce owned and operated Pat's Dairyland for 17 years, as well as, Hewey's Café for 9 years. Joyce also enjoyed working as a home health-care giver until she retired at the age of 70.

Always an avid seamstress and quilt maker, her most favorite "hobby" was her grandchildren, whom she dearly loved.

In 2004, she moved to Southern California, for the third time, where she was treasurer of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. She always said her two favorite places: Maine and California were too far apart.

In 2007, she relocated to Roanoke Rapids, NC, where she resided with the "Hews Clan" until 2015. Upon returning to her family home in Dover-Foxcroft, ME, she was able to revisit many familiar places and people.

A graveside memorial service will be held this summer in the family plot at Pine Grove Cemetery.



MARY ROSE CECILE (DAMIEN) SPEAR

OLD TOWN AND BROOK-LIN - Mary Rose "Cecile" (Damien) Spear passed away peacefully on May 3, 2016 with her daughters by her side. Cecile was born to Marie Ann (Roy) and Amos Emile Damien on December 17, 1923 in Old Town, Maine, the second of seven children - Alice Hale, Robert Damien (deceased), Velma Cote (deceased), Louis Damien, Marie Nogrady and Philip Damien.

Cecile was with us for 92 years and is survived by her five daughters - Nancy Leavitt and her husband Jim of Newburgh, Joan Belyea and her husband Steve of Hermon, Kathleen Kazmierczak and her husband Stephen of Winterport, Susan Palmer and her husband Rick of Brewer, Mary Jane Cote and her husband Joseph of Brewer; eleven grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

Cecile, a beautiful woman both inside and out is celebrated by her family for all that she was in life. She has moved from this world and is now free from all the human constraints of Alzheimer's disease. She was a daughter, sister, wife, mom, aunt, gramma and great-gramma to a family who loved her.

As a wife and mother, she was a chef, seamstress, doctor, housekeeper, painter, landscaper, designer, avid reader and most important of all she bestowed unconditional love on her family and to all those that were lucky enough to know her.

The love of her life, Shirley B. Spear, passed on January 11, 2016. They met in Presque Isle where they both worked at the base. Dad was the riveting instructor and Mom was one of his students. Mom was proud to have served her country as a



**RONALD F. COATES
"BANJO MAN"**

DOVER-FOXCROFT - Ronald "Banjo Man" Coates, 84, formerly from Brighton, MA, passed away peacefully on May 5, 2016. He was born April 8, 1932, the son of Robert and Mildred (Leacey) Coates. Ronald proudly served his country in the Army during the Korean War and was also an Artillery Instructor at West Point.

He was a man of many talents known mostly as a Musician Extraordinaire. His band, "Ronnie's Ragtime Band" played for 20 years on the Bay State Cruise boat out of Boston to Provincetown, MA every summer. Ronald was a pilot and belonged to the Dexter Aero Club. He was an avid banjo, harmonica, and piano player; and he never left home without his 1" harmonica in his pocket which he took out and played for everyone within hearing distance. He brought many smiles to countless people. Ronald was most happy playing his banjo and harmonica while sitting on his favorite lighted stool, wearing one of his fun ties while playing a "gig" anywhere, in any state. His music will live on inside all he touched.

He leaves behind his devoted companion, Marjorie A. Morris and his large loving family, great friends, and the many acquaintances he met through his love of music, performing, and piloting. Ronnie loved life and always had a smile and positive attitude.

A private burial will be held in Dover Cemetery. Arrangements are in the care of Lary Funeral Home, Dover-Foxcroft. Messages of condolence may be expressed at

www.laryfuneralhome.com.

KEVIN FULLER

BANGOR - Kevin Fuller, 60, died after a brief illness. He was born in Newark, N.J., the son of William & Althea Fuller.

He graduated the from H.O.M.E. Co-op extension program in 1973. He worked at Eastern Fine Paper for 30 years. He also was a union rep. first as a Shop Steward, then as 1st Vice President of Pace Local 403 at the Eastern. Kevin always tried to help folks wherever he went. Kevin loved being with nature. Whether it was hiking, canoeing, or photography, he loved exploring God's gift to us.

He is survived by his brothers, Shawn and Sandy Porter of Monroe and Keith and Stacy Kelley of Prospect; and sisters, Vicky Ward of Bucksport and Ellen Finch of Bucksport. He will be sadly missed by his long time friends, Donna Morresir & family of S.C. and John & Pam Zachary of Brewer.

Services will be private. Friends who would like to honor Kevin may make contributions the the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter on Main St.

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ELLEN F. DOW

DOVER-FOXCROFT - Ellen F. Dow, 83, passed away May 5, 2016, at her home. She was born March 1, 1933, in Dover-Foxcroft, the daughter of Elmer C. and Alice (Brown) Dow.

She was a graduate of Foxcroft Academy and the University of Maine at Orono. A retired school teacher, Ellen enjoyed crafts, particularly quilting, and was well-known for her home made jellies and breads.

She is survived by a brother, Frank Dow and his wife, Janis, of Carmel; a sister, Joline Brown of Liberty, MO; and several cousins.

A graveside service will be conducted 11am Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at the family lot in East Dover Cemetery. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home, Dover-Foxcroft. Condolences and memories may be expressed at

www.laryfuneralhome.com.

In Memoriam

In Loving Memory Of
VELMA HOWARD
Sep 05, 1931 - Mar 19, 2016



Happy Mother's Day.
We all miss you very much.

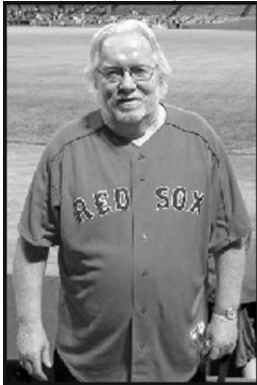
In Loving Memory Of
RAYLAN L. BRASSLETT
May 07, 1946 - Feb 28, 2015



Your family wishes you a 70th birthday today
It was so difficult to have you go away
It was a year that we laid you to rest
We all know that you were the best.

Missed so very much by your loving wife, Ruthena, and children, Kurt, Todd, Rayette and their families

In Loving Memory Of
STERLING LEO BRITTON
Jul 19, 1943 - May 07, 2015



OUR ADVENTUROUS
IRRESISTIBLE FORCE
GONE FROM OUR LIVES
ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS
LOVING AND MISSING YOU
DAILY

YOUR CLAN,

SANDY, NIKKI, ISIS &
FURRIES

In Loving Memory Of
**HILDA MARIE (BARRY) HIGGINS
LEO J. HIGGINS SR.**

May 8, 1926 - May 2, 2009
July 27, 1920 - May 18, 2012



In our hearts your memory lingers, sweetly tender, fond and true. There is not a day, dear mom and dad, that we do not think of you.
Love your family

In Loving Memory Of
WILLIAM T. MEUCCI
Nov. 11, 1926 - May 8, 2013



Not a day goes by that you aren't dearly missed. You were the glue and the strength that held us all together. Thank God you were in our lives for 86 wonderful years. You will always be in our hearts and in our prayers and forever in our memories.

Sadly missed
Meucci Family

In Loving Memory Of
VALERIE HARTSTONE
May 2, 1942 - May 10, 2001



Happy Mother's Day!
Love, husband, Sheldon; children, Allison, Andy and Heather; and grandchildren, Erin, Tommy, Jake, Emma, Taylor and Amyanne

In Loving Memory Of
LILIANE V. PHILIPPON
Aug. 7, 1930 - May 18, 2012



Cheri, On this Mother's Day you are missed for all you did for us. Loving you always, Joe, children and grandchildren

In Loving Memory Of
PATRICIA COTE
Nov 27, 1931 - Apr 13, 2014

Happy Mothers Day
Mom losing you has been harder than you'll ever know, my hearts full of sadness I miss you so. Though we are thankful god took you home peacefully
its hard on us all, its still hard for me.
When I'm having a bad day and feeling sad it gives me comfort knowing your in heaven with Dad. So on this special day I just want to say we love you Mom
Happy Mothers Day.
Sadly missed by your loving family.

In Loving Memory Of
BLANCA J. SKIDGEL
Aug. 26, 1939 - Oct. 7, 2005



Happy Mother's Day.
We love you.
Love, Herbert; and sons, Tony, Herbert Jr., John and Alfie

Committal Services

ROLAND T. CLUKEY

DEXTER - A Mass of Christian Burial for Roland T. Clukey, 97, who died January 23, 2016, will be celebrated 11 AM, Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Dexter with burial in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Dexter. Arrangements by Crosby & Neal, Dexter. For a complete obituary go to CrosbyNeal.com

JOHN J. GILES

GARLAND - Graveside committal services with military honors for John J. Giles, 91, who died April 3, 2016, will be held 1 PM, Thursday, May 12, 2016, at the Evergreen Cemetery in Garland, with Pastor Scott Millett officiating. Arrangements by Crosby & Neal, Dexter.

CrosbyNeal.com.

JOANN K. FUNAIOLE

GLENBURN - A committal service for JoAnn Karol Funairole, 77, who died Feb. 5, 2016, will be held 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at Pleasant View Cemetery, Glenburn, with the Rev. Lee Witting, chaplain at Eastern Maine Medical Center, officiating. A service of Brookings-Smith, Bangor.

PRUDENCE R. MILLER

ORNEVILLE TWP - Graveside committal services for Prudence R. Miller, 72, who died January 28, 2016, will be held 10 AM, Monday, May 9, 2016 at the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Dexter with Pastor Stephen Dean officiating.

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JAMES F. SPELLMAN

OLD TOWN - A graveside service for James F. Spellman, who passed away January 7, 2016, will take place 1 p.m. Friday, May 13, 2016, at St. Joseph Cemetery in Old Town.



LAURA M. SNELL

HOULTON - Laura M. Snell, 80, passed away March 17, 2016 in Houlton. Committal services will be held 2 p.m. on Monday, May 9th at the Ludlow Cemetery with Rev. Dr. Dennis Ashley officiating. For an online memory book and to leave condolences please visit

www.bowersfuneral.com

DORLIDA M. WORSTER

CORINNA - Graveside committal services for Dorilda Worster, who died February 19, 2016, will be held at 10 A. M. Saturday, May 14th at Morses Corner Cemetery in Corinna. Arrangements are by Crosby & Neal Chapel, 68 Exeter Road, Corinna.

HARRISON WILLIAM POMEROY

GLENBURN and EDDINGTON - A committal service for Harrison W. Pomeroy, 90, who died March 3, 2016, will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, May 12, 2016, at Woodlawn Cemetery, Brewer. A service of Brookings-Smith, Bangor.