

OBITUARIES



ETTA "PEARL" SMITH

NEW LIMERICK, MAINE AND GEORGETOWN FLORIDA - Etta Pearl Smith 75, died peacefully Sunday, August 7, 2016 at her residence at Drew's Lake. She was born March 6, 1941 in Woodstock, NB, Canada, the daughter of Levi and Bertha (Sparrow) White.

Pearl grew up in Woodstock, NB and came to the United States at the age of 16. She met and married Franklin L. Tompkins who passed at a young age in 1960. Pearl met George in 1970 and were married July 9, 1976. During their 40 years of marriage Pearl was a homemaker and assisted with the farming operation. Pearl also helped establish and run the "Family Store" and assisted with the New Limerick Post Office.

She worked as a receptionist for a Subaru dealership in Exeter, NH and at the Battered Women's Shelter in Houlton, sometimes bringing her "work" home with her. Pearl loved having children in her home and fostered many, along with raising her own. She loved animals, telling jokes and shocking people with her humor. Pearl was always quick to lend a hand to those in need. She will be remembered for her favorite saying "I love you anyway".

Pearl is survived by her husband George Smith of New Limerick; five children Kimberly Wright and her husband Millard of Ludlow, Leone Sanford and her husband Kevin of Weston, Michael Gray and his wife Renee of Waterville, Danny Smith and his wife Karen of Bucksport, Sandra Smith Hill and Bill Price of NC; seventeen grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and a special dog "Mandy May"; special friends in Florida "Mr. Ed" Dumais, Liz Standafer and Linda Ruggles. She was predeceased by her parents, her first husband Franklin, her son Franklin "Jake" L. Tompkins, II, and her daughter Noel Dame-Potter.

Services will be announced at a later date. A service of Dunn Funeral Home 11 Park Street Houlton, 04730. Online condolences and guest book.



RONALD W. JELLISON

Ronald W. Jellison, age 78, of Niceville passed away on Wednesday, August 10, 2016. He was born in Bangor, ME on May 18, 1938. He honored his country with service in the United States Navy.

Ronald was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore A. and Stella M. Jellison. Survivors include his loving wife of 59 years, Clara L. Jellison of Niceville, FL; daughters, Teresa (Andy) Simmons, Jr. of Niceville and Noelia (Bill) Henry of Bangor, ME; brother, Theodore C. (Bonita) Jellison of Bangor, ME; grandchildren, Roland Simmons, III of Gaithersburg, MD, Jill Hopkins of Bangor, ME, Jason Simmons of Miami, FL, Francisco Simmons of Freeport,

THAYNE EASTMAN

NEWPORT- Thayne Eastman, 87, passed peacefully on August 11th, 2016 after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. Thayne was born on August 8, 1929 in Exeter, Maine. He was the son of Avis Cloudman Eastman and Ora Eastman. As a young lad Thayne worked on the farm and learned to appreciate nature. He loved the birds and watching things grow. Thayne attended Exeter School and Corinna Academy. When Thayne was young, he was fascinated with bulldozers. He made up his mind that he would one day own one. He saved his money and finally his dream came true. He purchased a bulldozer and taught himself to operate it. It was the first of many and a lifelong career. He built many roads, bridges, farm ponds and worked for lumber companies in the northern part of the state. He was well known and respected for being honest and a hard worker. Thayne had many interests. He became interested in aviation and got his pilot's license. He was a member of the Pittsfield Pilot's Club. He enjoyed skiing, ice skating, snowmobiling and deer hunting among other things. He went to Newfoundland moose hunting several times. Thayne came to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus and was baptized in 1995.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Dorinne (Sprague) Eastman, one son Jack Eastman and wife Erica Rudloff, two step-sons Richard Maguire and Robert Maguire, two grandsons, Jared Maguire and Ora Thayne Rudloff-Eastman, two granddaughters, Dakota Rudloff-Eastman and Aino Rudloff-Eastman, two brothers Dean Eastman and wife Sandra, and Galen Eastman and wife Jean. He was predeceased by his father, Ora Eastman and mother, Avis (Cloudman) Eastman, and by two brothers Dale and Wendell Eastman.

A memorial service will be held at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Exeter at 4 p.m. Sunday August 14th. Arrangements are under the care of Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Avenue, Belfast. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.ripstaffh.com.

DIANE MARIE ROBBINS

Diane Marie Robbins of Takoma Park, Maryland died Sunday, July 31, 2016, of heart failure.

Born November 11, 1945, in Monticello, Maine she was the daughter of the late Leslie and Phyllis Wade.

Diane graduated from Bridgewater Classic Academy in 1963. In November of that year, she joined the United States Navy. She was very proud and passionate about her commitment to her country. She was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal with Gold Star and a National Defense Service medal with the bronze star during her Naval career, after being stationed at Anacostia, and Coronado. She opted to retire and returned to Maryland in 1993. For the past 23 years, she found her second career as an administrative assistant. She joined Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton as a legal secretary in 2003 where she found challenge and enjoyment. She retired from service in early 2016.

Diane was an avid reader whose home always overflowed with books. She was a skilled knitter, often donating her afghans. She enjoyed her daily cup of orange spice tea and she looked forward to time spent with family and friends near and far. Diane was tremendously proud of her granddaughter Kayla and would share pictures with all she met.

She is survived by two children, her son Michael Witty of Clearwater, Florida, and daughter, Allison Kimble of LaPlata, Maryland; two brothers Terry Wade of Houlton, Maine, Brian Wade of Oxnard, California and one sister Lezlie Carson of New Brunswick Canada.

A memorial will be held at George P. Kalas Funeral Home, 2973 Solomons Island Road, Edgewater, MD on Thursday, August 18, 2016, at 10 a.m. Interment will be held at Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham at 1:00 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to Home for our Troops, 6 Main St., Taunton, MA 02780 (<https://donateno.w.networkforgood.org/HomeforOurTroops>). Online condolences and tributes may be made at www.KalasFuneralHomes.com



MELVA L. LONG

ALEXANDER- Melva Louise Long, 67, died in Bangor on August 11, 2016 after a courageous fight against cancer. Melva was born on August 1, 1949, the second daughter of Philip and Edna (Stanhope) Donovan.

She is survived by a son, Lee Roderick; granddaughter Mallory Roderick; grandson Alexander Roderick; niece Jessica Melhisier; great niece Ashley Melhisier and her son, Hudson Green and great nephew Ryan Melhisier. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Linda Ross.

Friends and family are welcome to attend a graveside service 2:00 p.m., Sunday, August 14th at Calais Cemetery, Calais. Donations in Melva's memory may be made to PAWS Brave Heart, 368 South St., Calais, ME 04619. Arrangements by Mays Funeral Home, Calais & Eastport. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.maysfuneralhome.com

KENNETH THEADORE GATCOMB

HANCOCK - Kenneth Theadore Gatcomb, 73, passed away August 11, 2016 in Bangor, surrounded by his family. He was born in Hartford, CT, October 20, 1942, to Austin Harding and Rose Mary (Martin) Gatcomb.

Early on, Ken worked as a car salesman, fished on a shrimp boat in LA., and was a sponge diver in FL., before discovering his true passion for carpentry, to which he dedicated 45 years; owning his own business and working with Larry Smith on the houses at Grindstone Neck. A devoted father and husband of 34 years, Kenneth loved to go cruising through Maine, trying to find that one road he and Marcia had never been down before.

He is survived by his 6 children, Michael Gatcomb and wife Laura, Eric Gatcomb and his wife Heather, Stacey Gatcomb, Becky Gatcomb, Michelle Arrick and Angela Mora and children; 3 grandchildren, Desiree Gatcomb, Jakob Gatcomb 'Little Buddy' Gatcomb, and Bela Gatcomb 'Little Bumpkin'-Gatcomb; siblings, Pamela Saffell, Gerald Kief, Jr., Marjorie Butler and husband Ernie, David Kief and wife Lyn, Mary Card and husband Malcolm, Kathy Carter and husband Richard and Timothy Kief and wife Chris, Paula McFarland and husband James, George Gatcomb, Freida Finch, and Brenda Gatcomb. He was predeceased by his parents; son, Kenneth T. (Teddy) Gatcomb, Jr.; brother, Dewey; infant sister, Angela.

A funeral service will be held 2:00 pm, August 16, 2016 at the Eastside Baptist Church, Hancock. Interment will be at Hillcrest Cemetery, Hancock.

Arrangements by Jordan-Fernald, 113 Franklin St. Ellsworth.

Condolences may be expressed at www.jordanfernald.com

MARY C. WEST

NEWPORT- Mary Catherine West, 101, died August 11, 2016 at the Pittsfield Community Home. She was born September 20, 1914 in Greenfield, MA, a daughter of Edward and Mary (Raleigh) Dupuis. She graduated from the New Haven (CT) Commercial High School, Class of 1932, and worked most of her life as a bookkeeper.

She is survived by a son, Ronald and wife Rita West of Garland; a daughter, Madelon and husband William Dyki of New Britain, CT; 2 grandchildren, Mary West of Corinna, Kenneth West and wife Angel of Bangor; 2 nephews, Richard and wife Laura Seaberg of Wallingford, CT, and Thomas Dupuis of Cheshire, CT.

She was predeceased her husband Cecil, her son William, sisters Dorothy and Violet, and brothers Jack, Earl and Edward.

A graveside funeral and committal service will be held 2 P.M. Thursday, August 18th, at the Centerville Cemetery, Hamden, CT.

Arrangements are by Crosby & Neal, Newport. Those who wish may leave written condolences at www.CrosbyNeal.com

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cally arranged in glass-topped wooden cases, accompanied by maps, graphs and carefully typed informational labels explaining where each was collected and the time period it represents.

Around the corner in an adjoining space, the collection changes from fossil to mineral specimens. These include football-sized geodes, broken open to display their sparkling, jeweled interiors, and feathery dendrites from Mexico, formed by the calcification of manganese oxide into delicate branching patterns etched in rock. In a separate room, a large collection of fluorescing stones glow in intense shades of aqua, hot pink and orange when exposed to ultraviolet light.

Gradually, the human record emerges, with cast resin models of the skulls of human ancestors, Indian artifacts and tools such as arrowheads and stone axes. Some aboriginal items were collected in the Milo area, along with specimens from cultures throughout the Americas and across the globe.

Harrigan purchased some of the specimens but collected many himself. The breadth of the collection and the care with which it is displayed is remarkable.

"This is a great gem of a museum, well put together and totally correct," said Harold Borns, a retired professor of geology and founding director of the Climate Change Institute at the University of Maine. Borns met Harrigan three years ago and has supported the museum project ever since. While the collection doesn't contain any unique specimens or surprises, he said, it represents a remarkable opportunity for Mainers to view a global collection not equalled anywhere else in the state.

"It is unique to central Maine and in no way distorts Earth's history at all," he said.

"It is very nicely done," said Gretchen Faulkner, director of the Hudson Museum at UMaine and board member of Maine Archives and Museums, who visited the Harrigan museum last week. "It is quite a comprehensive collection, and [Harrigan] interprets it very well for visitors."

'All his idea'

Born in New York City, Harrigan began collecting fossils and minerals in his teens. While he built a successful career with Bell Laboratories in New Jersey, he nurtured his passion for collecting throughout his adult life, especially on vacations and after retirement.

"A lot of this collecting was done as part of our travels," he said, looking at Nancy, his wife of more than 40 years.

"It was all his idea," Nancy said. "I just went along as the driver."

In Central and South America, across Europe and Asia, in Australia and New Zealand and in every state in the U.S., the couple visited established fossil-hunting grounds and mineral mines, as well as following Tom Harrigan's instincts for searching off the beaten path. Many of his best specimens, including a baby mammoth tusk, were discovered in rivers in central Florida, where the Harrigans lived for more

than 10 years before coming to Maine.

Once they got settled in Milo, Tom Harrigan said, he started thinking about how best to hand his prized collection on for the future.

"I want to keep it in Milo," he said. "I want it to benefit the schoolchildren and the economy of the town." Initial proposals to give the collection to the town or the schools were rejected. "Maybe they just didn't want the responsibility," Harrigan said. "So then I decided that the only way I was going to get a museum was to build it myself." And he did.

Community pride

To realize his goal, Harrigan worked with the local Kiwanis club, of which he is a member.

On a piece of land purchased from the town for \$1, he paid about \$250,000 out of his own pocket for the construction of a new Kiwanis facility, including a large kitchen, meeting space and an auction area.

It's the first time the civic club has had a home of its own, club president Brenda Kelly said. "Before this, we just met at the town hall."

The club raises money for reading programs and swimming lessons for local children, a Secret Santa holiday event for struggling families and other community projects. In addition to supporting the annual auction and other fundraising activities, the new facility has been in demand for weddings and other private events. "We've been booked solid every weekend this summer," Kelly said.

Once the new club facility was built, Harrigan turned his attentions to building the museum on the same parcel, using local builders and contractors. The construction cost about \$200,000.

Area resident Linda Belisle, 73, caught wind of the project and volunteered her time and energy to help set up the birch display cases.

"I knew absolutely nothing about how to do it," she said, but she soon found herself in charge of lining the cabinets with fabric and arranging the specimens. She learned a lot along the way. "I had never even heard of a geode," she said. "It blows my mind that that it just looks like a plain rock until you slice it open."

The museum also features large, colorful, action-filled murals by Brownville artist Suzette East. Her panels depict specific periods and milestones in the history of the planet, from the late Cambrian oceans teeming with simple organisms to a dour prospector panning for gold with Mount Katahdin rising in the background.

Harrigan has donated his entire collection to the Kiwanis foundation, entrusting it to the organization's care for the future. He's at peace with this decision, knowing the vast collection amassed over his lifetime will be protected and used to benefit the community he has come to regard as home. Through educational programs and tourism, he hopes the unusual museum will develop pride in the area, create economic opportunity and expand inquisitive minds.

"When people come here, I tell them this is your museum, something you can be proud of," he said. "When you come in here and you see these things, it just has to open your mind up."

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in some sort of dignified sequence.

This is what comes of not reading the seed packets. Because, of course, what actually happened, what is happening right now as I write, is not at all dignified. Instead, we have an explosion, a total glut of beans, all ripe and ready to harvest at once. Even Douglas' Velours came through.

We've stayed up late to dilly the beans while they're perfect. We rinse the beans

in the sink and snip each one to fit in a pint jar, adding a pungent chunk of garlic, some spicy sprigs of dill, a bit of mustard seed, some hot pepper flakes and the special brine that Douglas brews up in a kettle. We drop the jars into a hot water bath for a few minutes, set them to dry on a rack on the counter and listen for the satisfying "plink" of the lids as they cool and seal.

We fully expect to spend a few more evenings in this industrious manner. We'll also be blanching and freezing some of the green beans and the filet beans. They're

so much better fresh, but despite gobbling them down as fast as we can, we just can't keep up with them all.

The good thing about growing a vegetable garden — one of the many good things — is that each year brings a new opportunity to refine your plan. Already, I'm resolved to do a better job next year of planting our bean crop, staggering the dates in a more disciplined way so we can take a breather between batches of dilly beans. That is, assuming I don't get carried away again on the first warm day of spring.

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