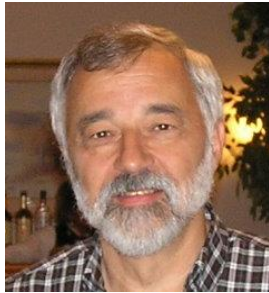




Words from the Chair



If you know of any recent retirees who may not be aware of the organization, let them know about us and how they can join by contacting us through the website: www.unumretirees.org or by contacting **Bruce Theriault** at 749-2712 or maineblt@roadrunner.com.

Steve Bailey has left the UNUM retiree board as of the end of 2022. He has been on the board since October 2009 when the organization was created. We want to thank Steve for all of his efforts as treasurer and membership director. We will miss him at the board meetings and hope to continue to see him at our lunches. Good luck Steve in your second retirement.

Kathy Woodbrey has volunteered to take over the position of Treasurer as of January this year. Kathy has been on the board for some time as our Blood Drive Liaison. Thank you to Kathy for stepping into a vital position for the organization.

Bruce Theriault is taking over the Membership Director role. Connie Pascoe is taking over the Blood Drive Liaison role.

As you may have noticed we will not have a spring luncheon this year and we have opted for picnics on May 23 and August 22 and a lunch/annual meeting on October 24. This is a reaction to the limited availability and cost of indoor facilities. Also, we have had very good turnouts for the picnics at Two Lights State Park in Cape Elizabeth.

We decided to publish a newsletter in February this year to stay in touch and allow you all to send in articles. We have nearly 600 members on our roster. In our last email we had quite a number of rejections. Please send an email to Bruce (maineblt@roadrunner.com) with any change in address, email and telephone number.

Finally, we could use some additional members on the board. Perhaps you have some ideas that would make the organization even better. Please send me a note if you would like to attend a board meeting to see how you might be able to contribute. If you come, there is no commitment as we would like to see you. Contact me at caperioux@gmail.com. Meeting dates: 5/9, 6/6, 8/8, 9/12, 10/10, and 11/7. We go out for lunch after these meetings.

From the Editor

To those of you that contributed to this edition, thank you so much! Remember, this newsletter is for YOU so let's make it what you want. Please contribute by submitting articles and/or ideas to make this the newsletter you want to read. You can reach me at cpascoe@maine.rr.com or 648 Butternut Lane, Scarborough ME 04074. Thank you, Connie Pascoe, Editor.

Important Dates to Save for 2023

5/23 – Spring Picnic
8/22 – Summer Picnic
10/24 – Annual Meeting

2023 Unum Blood Drives:

March 14th

June 14th

September 19th

December 19th

Note - If you are willing to help out with the Unum Blood Drives, please contact Connie Pascoe at cpascoe@maine.rr.com

Retiree Attendance Survey

In November we conducted a brief survey regarding attendance at the Retiree group gatherings.

Here is a summary of the survey questions:

- Still concerned about gathering with groups due to COVID, or other potential exposure?
- Timing, schedules, cost, or personal health situations hinder my attendance?
- Not interested in attending these events.
- What topic might encourage you to attend?
- Other reason? Thoughts?

We received about 65 responses to the survey.

The results:

- 15 cited Covid, etc. as a reason
- 30 cited timing or schedule issues
- 8 said not interested
- 6 gave other reasons, such as not living in Maine
- 6+ commented positively about belonging to the retiree group

Overall, it seems that most appreciate being part of the group and having the opportunity to participate to the extent that their health considerations and social needs allow. For many, the newsletters provide the connection they want.

We recognize that even though we are UNUM “retirees” we are a diverse group across a wide age range and geographical locations. The retiree board helps maintain the ‘connections’ that so many of us had during our working lives. We appreciate all the feedback and thoughts and hope we continue to meet that need. Some evidence that supports that -- at our annual meeting Roger summarized the growth of our membership over the past 13 years has grown from 304 to 581 people.

We thank you again for your participation. And if you know of a former Unum employee that has retired, please make them aware of our group.

Membership

By Bruce Theriault

I recently took over the role of Membership on the UNUM Retirees Board. First, I would like to thank Steve Bailey for his many years of maintaining the membership roster. His work enabled us to send you the newsletter and event invitations. One of the challenges of maintaining the membership roster is to keep up with changes. The only way we get them is if you let us know when you change an address,

email, or phone number. I recently sent out the 2022-year end roster and you guys came through, giving me your updates. Some of you also talked with fellow retirees who did not get my email and they sent email updates as well as several retirees joining the group!

One of the services of the group is to let you know when a fellow retiree has passed. This is done whether they are part of the UNUM Retirees Group or not. Our Communications point, Leo Lamoureux keeps an eye on the local papers for obituaries of UNUM retirees. This information also helps maintain the roster. If you know of a UNUM Retiree who passes and lived away, and might not be in the Portland, ME paper, please pass the obituary on to Leo and myself.

Word of mouth is how we maintain our roster. UNUM does not let us know when someone retires nor do they let new retirees know about us. If you know of someone who has retired, let them know about us. Point them to our webpage unumretirees.org. Membership in the UNUM Retirees Group is for those who have retired from UNUM or an individual who worked at UNUM and is of retirement age.

Thank you for your help!

Unum Retirees volunteer report for 2022

By Beverly J. Dahms

The Unum Retirees membership was asked to provide the Board with an estimate of the number of hours and types of activities that you volunteered at during the past year. Even with the current events and restrictions we are all under, we are very happy to report that we received responses from 20 of our members and the number of volunteer hours reported was 4,764.

Our members were very busy helping in their local communities. Several members have volunteered at hospitals, churches, animal shelters, schools, colleges, libraries, municipalities, museums, senior citizen activities, nursing homes, red cross agencies, historical societies, local arts and theaters, botanical gardens, children's organizations and food pantries.

Some examples of the non-profits supported by our members:

- Partners for World Health
- PAWS Animal Hospital
- Mid Coast Hunger Prevention
- Independent Senior Network
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- American Red Cross
- Yarmouth Coronavirus Task Force
- Friends of the Scarborough Marsh
- Fort Williams
- Portland Wheelers
- Maine Audubon Piper Plover Monitoring
- Maine DEP Volunteer Water Monitoring
- Southern Maine Agency on Aging
- Boys Scouts of America
- Knights of Columbus
- Kennebunk Free Library

Again, thank you all for supporting our local non-profits and your many hours of volunteering.

A Blast from the Past?

In the 90's most Unum financial officers were sent to a program at Penn State to update us on the trends and latest approaches in business finance at that time. This is one of the classes— of course, of the best and the brightest.



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Ann Mohnkern
Flora Bacco*

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Howard Coon
Dave McMahon
Andy Bernstein
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Tutoring Opportunity

Retirement comes with an exciting opportunity to pursue new interests and opportunities. For Unum retiree Kevin Huber, retirement has meant a greater capacity to deepen his involvement in a community program at Portland High School called Math Motivators. Math Motivators provides math tutoring to students who might not otherwise have the opportunity for private tutoring. "I really enjoy working with the kids," Kevin noted. "Retirement has given me the opportunity to get more involved with this program."

Currently in its fifth year, and after a few seasons impacted by Covid, the program returned last fall with strong student showing and tutor involvement. Now in the second semester for the 2022-2023 school year, Math Motivators is seeking volunteer tutors to meet the needs of students waiting to receive help. The program pairs groups of two to three students with a consistent tutor, building a relationship and forming trust. The experience is tailored to the students' specific proficiency level, personality, and attitude towards math.

A recent parent newsletter included this student testimony: *"This year is my first year at Portland High and before now I haven't really liked math. This year I have Mrs. Waybright as my math teacher and when she talked to us about Math Motivators I thought it would be a good idea to join and get stronger in math. The style of working with a tutor with a few other kids who are at my level in math really works for me. Because of Math Motivators, I have grown as a math student and I have enjoyed math this whole year."*

Math Motivators thrives because of consistent volunteers who give of their time to invest in these students. A 50-minute commitment on Thursday afternoons can make all the difference to a student needing encouragement to engage with math. "I get more out of the program than I put into it, that's for sure," Huber pointed out. "It's a diverse group of students and they are really engaged. I also really enjoy the relationships I've formed with the other tutors."

Math Motivators meets at Portland High School from 2:00 – 2:50 on Thursdays, with immediate opportunities available. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to connect with Kevin for more on his experience, contact Jennie Larson, Program Coordinator, at jennifer.larson@actfnd.org. Thanks for considering this opportunity!!

Get to Know Your Fellow Retirees

In the summer 2022 newsletter we introduced the idea of getting to know more about your fellow retirees. We started with the bios of our current Board Members and have now moved on to randomly selecting members. I hope you enjoy getting to know more about each other in our retirement years. And please watch your inbox in case you are selected for a future issue!

Marty Hoxsie

I retired on June 2, 2017, after working at Unum just 10 days short of 39 years.

Life after retirement; I have made tons of quilts, many jelly roll rugs, knitted Christmas stockings, done needlepoint, played with my sister and my friends, and belong to a neighborhood walking group.

Family is everything! My 2 grandchildren come over every weekday morning (my daughter Hannah and her family live across the street!) and play until the school bus comes and then I pick them up from the bus stop at the end of the day and watch them until their parents are home. 2023 is going to be a great year for us. Our younger son Trevor's wife is expecting a baby in April and our older son is getting married in October. Then all will be done and dusted!

Randy C. Laverriere

I retired on 12/31/2020 after working at Unum for 38 years.

Life after retirement is relaxing and a much slower pace. What's that saying, "Taking time to smell the flowers!" Able to get more accomplished without having to rush. My wife and I are into health and fitness so more time to devote to that. More time for woodworking projects. Also, we are able to just get up and go whenever we want.

My wife is Denise Laverriere who also worked at UNUM for 35 years. We retired at the same time.

Curious! Learning Can Be Fun And Exciting At Olli At USM

By Connie Dehais

If you've heard of OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute), you may think of it as a place to take classes in retirement and it is certainly that; but it's a lot more, too. It's located on the Portland campus of the University of Southern Maine (USM) and is committed to providing its members with a wide variety of stimulating courses, lectures, workshops and complementary activities in a creative and inclusive learning community.

OLLI offers a variety of 6–8-week peer-taught courses in the liberal arts, sciences, and other topics. For instance, in Winter 2023 classes include popular music, murder movies, the game of Bridge and several writing classes. One day workshop topics this winter include Yoga for Arthritis, The Music of Disney, and Retirement Tax Planning. Local bus trips and tours to spots like Iceland, Egypt, China have also taken place. But that's not all.

OLLI also offers Special Interest Groups such as Book Clubs, Biking, Walking and Hiking, Photography, Acting, Singing and Wine Tasting. Our "Pop Up" groups, born during the pandemic, provide on-line opportunities for game playing, and discussions on various topics. WHEW!!

I joined OLLI right after I retired from UNUM in August of 2016. I have taken many interesting courses such as Reading Mystery Books, Drawing Mandalas and Understanding the Human Gene. The wonderful part about this is that there are no tests, no homework and "class participation" is welcome but not required. I have met many new friends and reconnected with several old ones. I've also taken one-day trips to the Museum of Fine Arts and the Peabody-Essex Museum in Salem.

Since OLLI relies heavily on volunteers I have gotten involved there too. I volunteer in the office answering phone questions and helping members. I also serve on the Membership Committee. It's all been great fun.

This winter we are doing all events on ZOOM. In the Spring it will be a mix of ZOOM and some in-person on the Portland Campus. Longer term plans call for an ongoing mix of ZOOM and in- person with in-person opportunities increasing.

To the details:

- One year OLLI membership is \$25
- OLLI has 4 sessions each year – Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall.
- Classes are 6 weeks long in Winter and Summer – 8 weeks in Spring and Fall.
- Classes are \$50 each
- One day workshops are generally \$15
- Special Interest Groups (SIGS) and Pop-Ups are free with membership
- Each Fall and Spring OLLI offers Tuesday morning lectures and current issues shared by leaders in the Portland area and beyond. Subscriptions are \$50 for the series, or you could take a single lecture for \$10.

Please take a look at our website: <https://usm.maine.edu/osher-lifelong-learning-institute/> and see the opportunities we offer. If you have questions, feel free to call the office at 780-4406. Ask to join our mailing list and you'll receive the Course Catalog for Spring 2023; with all the information you'll need.

Try It, I think you'll like it!



Goldfinch

Backyard Birding By Bruce Theriault



Wild Turkey

One of the great things about living in rural Maine is the wildlife. I live on the Saco River in Hollis, Maine and I get a wide variety of wildlife. Between what I see and what I catch on my game camera, I have spotted over 10 different mammals, including deer, porcupine, red fox, bear, and most recently bobcat. While fishing in the river, I caught bass, pickerel, chub, and crappie. But my favorite thing is the wide variety of birds I see. On or over my property I have seen over 40 species of birds. From raptors, to songbirds, to woodpeckers, to hummingbirds, to aquatic birds, I see some beautiful birds.

The raptors are always exciting to see. I have a Bald Eagle that uses the river as its hunting grounds. Red-tailed Hawks can be seen overhead as well as Turkey Vultures. One afternoon, I spotted a Sharp-shinned Hawk standing in the yard looking at my bird feeders. I wonder what he was thinking. I have yet to see an owl, that will be a treat! It is always fun to see a flock of Wild Turkeys feeding around the base of my feeders. Sometimes I have up to a dozen of them at one time. My favorite birds are the songbirds and I get a wide variety of them. I get the usual ones that one thinks of in Maine, Chickadees, Tufted Tit Mouse, and the Nuthatch, but I also get Eastern Bluebirds, Cardinals, Baltimore Orioles, and Scarlet Tanagers to name a few.



Eastern Bluebird



Purple Finch



Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Some of the birds live here year-round, while others migrate to Maine during the spring and summer. Some birds, such as the Snowy Owl migrate to Maine in the winter to get away from the frigid north. While I have seen one in Gorham, I have not and will not get one on my property. Some cold winter

days, I will see a flock of 12 Bluebirds or as many as 30 Starlings. During the spring and summer, the Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, Baltimore Orioles, Scarlet Tanagers, and Blue Indigos arrive and liven the yard up.

So, how do I attract so many different birds? The first thing is the environment. Different birds are attracted to different environments, even the type of trees can impact the birds that visit. The more diverse the environment the wider the diversity of birds. Woods, open yards, fields, and water all factor into what birds will show up. As I mentioned, I got around 40 different species of birds, one of my sons had a more inviting environment and he had over 70 species of birds.



Piliated Woodpeckers on Suet



Goldfinch on Feeders



Baltimore Oriole and an Orange

The second thing to consider is food. Many birds do not come to feeders, so you have little control there. These birds feed on insects, berries, or fish, to name a few things. Raptors want open spaces, such as fields, and small mammals or birds to feed on, while the Eastern Phoebe eats insects. I have a pair of Eastern Phoebes in my yard because they like the space under my deck for their nest. There are a lot of birds that will come to feeders, and this is where you can have an impact. The Ruby-throated Hummingbird wants nectar. This can be supplied by flowers and/or a hummingbird feeder. Hummingbird feeders deliver sugar water to the birds. Don't use the red stuff you get at the store; the red dye is not good for them. You can simply mix sugar and water at a 1 to 3 ratio. One cup of sugar to 3 cups of water. Woodpeckers like suet, which can be purchased at your local hardware store. It is usually embedded with nuts and berries. There is nothing funnier than seeing two large Piliated Woodpeckers on a suet feeder at the same time. The Baltimore Oriole like half an orange or some jelly. Grape jelly seems to be their favorite. Many birds like the black oil sunflower seeds, a tube feeder full of them will attract the White-capped Chickadee, the Nuthatch, and the Tufted Titmouse to name a few. The wild bird food mix seems to be popular with the sparrow and Pine Siskins. They also like thistle, both of which have feeders designed for them. The tray feeder is a popular place for birds to visit. Some will only feed at a tray feeder. I mix black oil sunflower seeds with dried mealworms, and this seems to be very popular in the tray. I used to add peanut butter balls and that went over great, but one of my grandsons has a peanut allergy and while I really enjoy the birds, I like him even more, so the peanut butterballs were dropped from the menu.

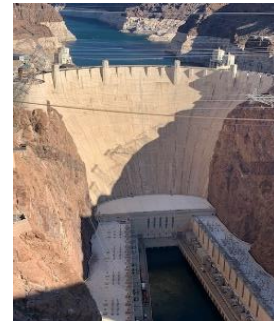
The next thing to consider is pests. Some think that some species of birds are pests, such as pigeons, Blue Jays, and Starlings, and these people will chase them away. I see all birds as equal and enjoy any and all that visit my feeders. Now, the squirrel is a pest as they will eat all your bird food. Some feeders are designed to keep squirrels out. I use a cone shaped baffle on the pole my feeders hang on and this works great and can be entertaining. For Hummingbird feeders there are two pests. The first is bees, the sugar water attracts them. They don't seem to bother the birds though. The second pest is mold which can be dangerous to the birds. During a hot spell you need to check your hummingbird feeder regularly and change the food every few days. The biggest pest of all is the neighborhood domestic cat! Cats are one of the biggest killers of songbirds out there.

There are so many birds out there for you to enjoy. Start small, with one or two feeders and see what comes to visit. I get great pleasure in sitting out on my porch to have lunch and watching the birds feed. It is so relaxing and entertaining. Happy birding!

Tom Bore's Football Journey

My wife got me a ticket to see the New England Patriots play against the Los Angeles Raiders in Las Vegas on December 18 as a Christmas gift. I flew out on December 14 and had a friend from Maine join me in Vegas. Besides attending the Patriots/Raiders game in Allegiant Stadium we also attended the Bowl Game between Florida and Oregon State and a hockey game between the Las Vegas Golden Knights and New York Islanders. We also took a bus trip out to Hoover Dam and the Pat Tillman Bridge. The view of the dam from the bridge is amazing. Long climb up to the bridge but I made it. Wanted to see the water level in Lake Mead for myself and it has really gone down.

Except for the outcome of the football game, it was a great trip. Looks like the Patriots will play in Vegas again this season so another trip will be in order. No trip to Vegas is complete without a trip to Secret Pizza in the Hotel Cosmopolitan if you can find it. And it's really good, open till about 3 or 4 AM.



Obituaries



From Portland Press Herald, November 3, 2022

SCARBOROUGH – **Douglas L. Dalrymple**, formerly of Cape Elizabeth, Orr's Island and Green Valley, Ariz., passed away on Oct. 29, 2022, at Holbrook Health Center at Piper Shores at the age of 90.

Doug was born Feb. 29, 1932, to George and Enid Dalrymple in Needham, Mass. After attending Needham schools and graduating Needham High School in 1950, Doug attended Northeastern University on a basketball scholarship and graduated in June 1955 with a B.S. in Business Administration. After graduating, Doug enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in France until discharged in July 1957.

Doug was predeceased by his wife, Carole (Gaysunas) Dalrymple, whom he married on Aug. 17, 1957. They were blessed with four children.

Doug began working in insurance for New England Life in Boston, Mass. in 1958 and opened a new claims office in Cleveland, Ohio in 1959. He joined Union Mutual as a regional claim manager in 1962 in Boston, Mass. and then was promoted and moved to Portland in 1966 and served in various executive roles until retiring in 1992 after 30 years with UNUM. Doug was involved in many insurance and health care organizations, such as the Health Insurance Association of America, the Maine Health Information Center, and he was very involved in various charitable organizations, including 20 years of service with the Mid Coast Hunger Prevention program.

Doug found great pleasure in attending his children's and grandchildren's athletic events. He could always be seen and heard either on the fields, in the gym or at the pool. His enjoyment shifted to softball in later years with the birth of his grandchildren Allie and Sarah, then back to soccer and basketball with PJ and Phoebe and finally to football with his great-grandson, Daniel.

Doug and the family spent many summers on Brandy Pond in Naples developing lifelong friendships, boating, golfing and entertaining friends and family.

Doug derived great pleasure from his family. He and Carole were married 60 years and were fortunate to travel the globe. He was especially fond of Nova Scotia, New Zealand and Scotland.

Surviving are his four children, Susan Hendrix of Scarborough, Scott Dalrymple of Sweden, Kim Dalrymple Rovzar (Michael Woodside) of Bridgton, and Paul Dalrymple (Lisa) of Waddell, Ariz.; his grandchildren Allie Hendrix of Pennsylvania, Sarah Hendrix of Scarborough, PJ and Phoebe Dalrymple of Waddell, Ariz., Emma and Ethan Peavey of Raymond; his great-grandchild, Daniel Sargent of Scarborough, and his companion, Elizabeth Wagner.

A special thank you to the caring staff at Richard's Wing of MMC and Holbrook at Piper Shores.

Visitation will be held on Monday, Nov. 7 at 11 a.m. at Hobbs Funeral Home, 230 Cottage Rd., South Portland, with a service to follow at 12 p.m. Committal will take place at Riverside Cemetery in Cape Elizabeth following the service.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at <http://www.HobbsFuneralHome.com>

In lieu of flowers a contribution can be made to the Mid Coast Hunger Prevention program.



From Portland Press Herald, November 4, 2022

SOUTH PORTLAND – Dianna Lynn Lear, 55, a resident of South Portland, passed away Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022, at Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough, surrounded by her loving family following a brief but courageous battle with cancer.

Dianna, “Dee” to all who knew and loved her, was born April 8, 1967, in Washington, D.C., the daughter of Dale Everett and Kathleen Radl Lear. She was a 1989 graduate of University of Maine Orono with a B.A. in business and advertising. Following her internship with Business Daily, she joined UNUM, where she has worked for over 30 years. Her current position was an administrative assistant in the Portland office.

A devoted animal lover, she volunteered with the Animal Welfare Society in West Kennebunk for many years. Dee also loved to tend her vegetable garden, always sharing her crops with friends and family, and in the summer making jams for family and friends.

Dee was predeceased by her beloved Lucy, who was her canine companion on many adventures.

Survivors include her parents Dale and Kathy Lear; a sister, Pam Lear; niece, Emma Grace Lear, nephew, Aiden Lear; and a wide circle of extended family and friends scattered throughout the country.

Visiting hours will be held 5 -7 p.m., Wednesday Nov. 9, 2022, at Bibber Memorial Chapel, 67 Summer St., Kennebunk.

To leave a message of condolence, please visit Dee’s book of Memories Page at <http://www.bibberfuneral.com>

Arrangements are entrusted to Bibber Memorial Chapel, 67 Summer St. Kennebunk.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to Road Trip Home, a charity that brings dogs and cats from kill shelters in the south to their forever homes:

Road Trip Home

P.O. Box 372

Acworth, GA 30101

roadtriphome@ymail.com



From Portland Press Herald, November 4, 2022

GORHAM – Shirley A. (Bragdon) Wedge, 86, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022, at the Gorham House. She was born Jan. 26, 1936, in Portland, the daughter of Ralph and Gladys (Laffin) Bragdon.

Shirley grew up in Westbrook and attended local schools. She was a 1954 graduate of Westbrook High School. After high school she worked at Unum and later worked at St. Josephs College for 13 years where she made many friends.

In 1956 Shirley married her high school sweetheart, Norman Wedge. They moved to the White Rock section of Gorham in 1958 where they started a family. She was a member of the White Rock Auxiliary Club, a leader of the local Girl Scout troop and a member of the United Church of Christ where she was a Sunday school teacher.

Shirley greatly enjoyed her home; the inside was always decorated for the season and the landscape received careful attention. She enjoyed weekly coffee with her friends at McDonalds in North Windham. While for most of her life she preferred outings close to home, she enjoyed many family trips in retirement to New York City, Ireland, and Florida. Above all, Shirley enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by her children, Debra Deering and her husband, Lindley of Raymond, Donna Harmon and her husband, Robert of Corea, Dianna Brown and her husband, William of Wells, Doreen Holden and her husband, Michael of Chapin, S.C., and Douglas Wedge and his wife, Jennifer of Scarborough; 14 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; brother-in-law, Richard Dobson, and her sister-in-law, Ann Wedge.

She was predeceased by her husband, Norman; brother, Donald Bragdon, sister-in-law, Gloria Dobson, and brother-in-law, Anthony Wedge.

Shirley's family would like to express their appreciation to the staff of Gorham House for the outstanding care she received in the six years she was there. Special thanks to Mary, Kathy, Nancy, Jackie, and Toby for their care and support.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 9 at the Hillside Cemetery, Houston Road, Gorham. To express condolences and to participate in Shirley's online tribute, please visit <http://www.DolbyBaisSegee.com>



From Green Acres Mortuary in Scottsdale AZ

George Arthur Chittenden, age 94, of Chandler, Arizona passed away on Sunday, November 6, 2022.

Born in Baltimore on January 23, 1928, George grew up in Ralston and Omaha, Nebraska. He was the only child to George and Stella Chittenden. He met Frances Parker, the eventual love of his life, while living in Ralston. Their two families were well acquainted as Fran's father rented a large home from George's grandfather when they first moved to NE and George's father ended up working for Fran's father a few years later. Fran and George played together as youngsters and danced together as preteenagers at the annual company parties. George enlisted at the age of 16 (forged his DOB) and served in the Navy in the Asian-Pacific theater on board ship. Fran wrote letters to George while he was in the Navy, but their romance did not begin until George returned from WWII. George and Fran became reacquainted when Fran asked George to a high school Sadie Hawkins Dance at the suggestion of Fran's mother. Following that, they continued to date and dance together.

After graduation from college, George started what would become his lifetime career in Insurance sales when he started working at Mutual of Omaha. George and Fran were married August 27, 1949, in Omaha. They began raising a family of four children while living in Nebraska, Mississippi, Massachusetts, Maine, and Arizona. George eventually started his own Insurance Brokerage firm after moving to Arizona in 1972.

George was an avid dancer, fisherman and otherwise outdoors man. He also enjoyed many adventures with Fran around the world from the Great Wall of China to the outback of Australia to the Blaney Stone in Ireland. Locally, he enjoyed exploring the USA in their large motorhome, fishing in their boat and traveling throughout AZ with Fran.

George was predeceased by his wife Fran, and son George Alan. George is survived by his daughter, Linda L. (Glen) Huff of Virginia Beach, VA; his two sons, David P. (Vicki) Chittenden of Chandler, AZ and Dale L. Chittenden of Tempe, AZ as well as eleven grandchildren and twenty-three great grandchildren.

Private family only funeral arrangements are under the direction of Green Acres Mortuary & Cemetery, Scottsdale, AZ.

In lieu of Flowers that just wilt away, the Family asks that you sign the guest book below and leave a remembrance of George so that we can have that memorialized to keep his memory living forever. George always said he wanted a party when he passes away so tell us your favorite memory or funny story about him.



From Portland Press Herald, December 4, 2022

DENVER, Colo. – **David Emery Hughes**, 75, passed away on October 31, 2022. Despite his 20 years of health challenges, he remained a pillar of strength, maintaining his intellect, witty humor and overall zest for life; his resilience is unmatched.

David was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., on Aug. 24, 1947, to William and Margaret Hughes. He attended American University and Georgetown Law School, before working on Capitol Hill in D.C., where he also was active in the Civil Rights Movement. In his early 30's, he moved to Maine with the resolve to live life on his own terms. While working as Senior VP and General Counsel at UNUM, he met his wife of 35 years, Peg. Together, they raised their family in Cumberland and spent many summers sailing the coast. After 40 years in the Greater Portland, area, they moved to Denver, Colo., to be closer to their two daughters.

David led a rich life outside of his career and remained active in his community, seeking knowledge and new experiences right up until his passing. He kept bees, played saxophone, taught English as a Second Language courses, mentored high school students, and deepened his practice of Zen Buddhism, including teaching mindfulness at hospitals to patients and staff members alike. In 2009, David was ordained in the Plum Village tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh. In 2021, he received the lamp transmission to become a dharma teacher.

He spent his final days surrounded by his beloved family: his wife, Peg, his daughters Marissa and Sarah, his sons-in-law Dan and Leland, and his new grandson, Camden. He is also survived by his brother, Bill, and his nieces, Maggie and Jackie. His bodily form is being lovingly returned to the Earth and sea, after a beautiful water cremation ceremony at Be a Tree Cremation.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, December 17, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Nonantum Resort in Kennebunkport, Maine.

In gratitude for and in honor of Dave's life, the family requests any donations be made to the Thich Nhat Hanh Foundation, which fosters peace and community among all people, animals, plants, and our planet.

From Bartel Funeral Home

Kristine Johnson Ciak, 71, of Webster died Wednesday, March 9, 2022, after a long illness. Kristine was born in Worcester, MA. She is the daughter of the late Runo C and the late Louise M (Greiner) Johnson.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 42 years Kenneth Ciak and one daughter: Kriste Warner of Worcester granddaughter Brandy Warner, three sisters: Donna Murphy of Auburn, Elaine Hamlin of Ravena, NY and Kathy Smith of Ravena NY, and two brothers: Donald Smith of NY and Phillip Smith of NC.

Kristine retired in 2017 from Comm. Of Mass as office manager of Human Resources at Dept of unemployment, previously worked at Paul Revere and UNUM Insurance. She loved tennis, golf and was a champion racquet ball player.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held 10:00 am on Saturday, April 23 at St. Louis Church, 14 Lake St., Webster. Please Omit flowers donations to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital @ St.jude.org or to

the Neurology Dept. at Brigham and Woman's Hospital 75 Francis St. Boston, Ma 02115

www.bartelfuneralhome.com

From Central Maine.com, August 26, 2021

ROYAL PALM BEACH, Fla. – **Christine Chase Pooler**, 93, of Royal Palm Beach, Fla. and previously of Gorham, passed away on August 22, 2021, from a mesenteric tumor.

Christine was born on Dec. 26, 1927. Christine graduated from Waterville High School in 1946. She was married over 53 years and had lived in Maine, Canada, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Florida. She retired from Union Mutual in 1992. Christine will be remembered for her kind, generous heart and sense of humor.

She was predeceased by her husband, Donald Arnal Pooler; three brothers, Lawrence, Russell and Arnold Chase; parents Leafy and Charles Chase.

She is survived by five daughters, Marcia Tamblyn, Diane Pooler, Sharon Accinno, Kathy Thompson, and Jayne Johnson; eight grandchildren, Hillary and Samantha Hansen, Joseph and Greg Accinno, Ashleigh Lemaire and Allison Nugent, Matthew and Valerie Johnson; also, four great-grandchildren, Ava and Alexander Lemaire, McKenna Diaz-Hansen and Joseph Nugent.

A graveside funeral service will be held on Saturday, August 28 at Maplewood Cemetery at 2 p.m.



From Bibber Memorial Chapel, January 6, 2023

James "Jim" Fitzgerald, Jr. passed away on December 28, 2022, at SMHC with his family by his side.

Jim was born on April 17, 1945, in Baltimore, MD, son of James Sr. and Virginia May Vince. Jim spent his first few years in Maryland, then moved with his family to Wildwood Crest, NJ, where he grew up. After high school, Jim attended the

Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling, WV, where upon graduation he enlisted in the military and served his country during the Vietnam War.

He reported to Craig Air Force Base in Selma, AL for pilot training. Jim flew B- 52's throughout the Vietnam War, first as a co-pilot, then as a pilot. He and his crew reported to Guam from Loring Air Force Base in Maine. He and his crew flew combat missions throughout southern Vietnam through the remainder of the war. Jim was very proud of his service to his country.

Following his service, Jim moved to the Portland area of Maine. He began to explore his love of performing and theater with a local community theater, The Portland Players. He also served on the Board of Trustees, and eventually became the president of The Portland Stage Company. Additionally, during this time he began a career at UNUM that lasted for over 15 years.

Following his years in the Portland area, he moved to Kennebunkport, Maine and met his soulmate, Betsy. They both shared the same birthday...April 17th, but not the same year. They were married in Cape Porpoise on October 18, 1997. Jim and Betsy worked in real estate in the York County area for many years. They made many friends from near and far. They loved to travel. They traveled to Europe several times and took many cruises...the most recent in the spring of 2022. Jim loved going to Disney World, too. He always had more fun than the kids!

Jim was a committed volunteer on many local committees. He was a proud member of the Kennebunkport Business Association and looked forward to doing the countdown for the lighting of the Prelude Christmas tree every year. He even recorded it during the pandemic. He was a volunteer with

the United Way of York County, York County Community College, Habitat for Humanity, Kennebunkport Heritage Housing Trust, and he was a volunteer auctioneer at various events. He was a member of the First Congregational Church of Kennebunkport.

Jim loved to cook and always went all out during the holidays.... his favorite time of year. He loved to try new recipes. His salsa and lobster dips were the best! The gardens he maintained were beautiful and you could always find him puttering in the garden or just enjoying his yard!

Jim was really larger than life and will be missed by all. He is survived by his wife, Betsy; his daughter, Cheyenne Scola, her husband, Sam, and their sons, Bryson and Rowen; and his son Christopher (by a previous marriage), his wife, Jessica, and their sons, Charlie and Emmet. He is also survived by his sister, Barbara Marx and her husband, Pete, of California. His dog Frankie will miss him, too!

A celebration of life will be held in the summer of 2023.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Travis Mills Foundation, 647 Castle Island Road, Mt. Vernon, ME 04352, or to the Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256 (<https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/default.aspx?tsid=10043>).

To leave a message of condolence, please visit Jim's Book of Memories at www.bibberfuneral.com.

Arrangements are entrusted to Bibber Memorial Chapel, 67 Summer St. Kennebunk.



From Portland Press Herald, December 27, 2022

SCARBOROUGH – **Harold Page Burnham** – Beloved family man, Landlord for nearly 60 years, passed away unexpectedly in Florida after enjoying a life of 80 years. Harold had been very active and mentally alert up to his passing.

He was born on Feb. 15, 1942, the son of Harold Ansel Burnham and Priscilla Page Burnham in Pine Point, Scarborough. His father was a lobsterman, lifeguard, and hunter, a true lover of the outdoor life. Harold Page inherited his need for individual freedom from his dad.

Harold graduated from Scarborough High School in 1960 participating in many sporting activities and then served honorable in the United States Marines before completing his education at the University of Maine and graduating with a Business Degree in 1968.

He married Patricia Peterson on Feb. 1, 1964, his high school sweetheart and they were inseparable for his entire life. They were best friends and participated in many sports and business activities together. They enjoyed bowling and golfing together. Harold won many bowling tournaments in his younger years and played competitive golf in Maine and Florida. Harold was a devoted, faithful, and loving husband to Patricia for 59 years.

After college Harold worked in the computer field for 10 years designing many of the first online computer networking merchandising and banking systems. He was many times tempted with employment outside of Maine but considered his family and their quality of life was more important than career advancement. He loved his community, donating and building the Peterson Field complex was just one of the generous acts that will be enjoyed for many generations to come.

Harold enjoyed being independent and making his own life's decisions which resulted in his decision to become self-employed. He and his wife became real estate brokers in 1973 and started building a career in real estate investments. Over a period of 60 years, they owned more than 50 properties in the greater Portland area. Through courageous risk and thorough business skills they provided affordable workforce housing and consistently owned more than 300 units of housing in the area.

In business, as in life, Harold treated everyone with kindness and respect. He was a consummate family man using all his spare time coaching youth sports for 15 years as his sons grew up. He enjoyed teaching the eager youngsters the skills of the games of baseball, basketball, and soccer.

Harold and Patricia owned harness horses for many years and their horse, Michael's All Star, held the State of Maine pacing record for many years. They had a great time following their horses throughout New England and at all the Maine Agricultural Fairs.

After retiring from active participation in his business enterprise, he devoted many hours to recording events in his and Patricia's life and writing their family's genealogy. It was a labor of love that occupied years of their lives. The culmination of his efforts are detailed in his book of 2000 pages entitled "The Burnham Saga" documenting 400 years of his family's history.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Patricia; their three sons, Kenneth Page Burnham and wife Jessica of Scarborough, Michael Page Burnham and wife Roxanne of Scarborough, and Harold Page Burnham II of Scarborough; six grandchildren, Domonique Ariel Soules and husband James Soules of Saco, Sophia Paige Burnham, Anthony Page Burnham, River Page Burnham, Maysun Frances Burnham, and Noelle Olivia Burnham; two great-grandchildren, Matthew Emmet Soules and Daniel James Soules.

Burial will be in the Burnham Family Plot in the Scarborough Memorial Cemetery across the street where he lived for over 50 years on the Old Blue Point Road. Harold Page Burnham was a role model and an outstanding community member and will be deeply missed.

If you would like to send condolences, cards, letters, or flowers please send to Hobbs Funeral Home, 230 Cottage Rd., South Portland, ME 04106.



From Portland Press Herald, January 8, 2023

WESTBROOK – **Debra Whalen**, 65, of Westbrook, passed away on Dec. 16, 2022.

Debra believed in angels. She had a gift for seeing them everywhere, in the faces of strangers, in the better nature of her friends and loved ones, in the countless small actions she performed daily with others in mind. For 65 years, they watched over her as she lived on this earth with grace and kindness. Before the first gray light of Dec. 16, 2022, and before the first gentle snowflakes fell throughout the day, a flight of them sang her to her rest.

Debra was not religious, though she believed devoutly in the goodness of people. Against all arguments, she maintained a steadfast optimism about the human heart. Perhaps it was this magnanimous spirit that finally overtaxed her own delicate heart. And in her passing she would no doubt be more concerned for the heartache that others who knew her must now endure.

Born in Manchester, N.H., on May 30, 1957, to Mary and George Whalen, she traveled throughout her early life with her parents and brother, Patrick, to various military bases around the world, before settling in Farmingdale to complete her last two years of high school. There she found her closest friends who would remain an integral part of her life, including her best traveling pal and fellow adventurer, Linda.

After graduating from Hall-Dale High in 1974, Debra attended the University of Maine at Orono, earning her bachelor's degree in Math and Philosophy, and later earning an M.S. in Statistics at USM. During those years she met another group of women who would be lifelong friends who met on a regular basis to support and care for each other through life's challenges and joys.

In every year she lived, Debra spent time at her beloved family camp in Robbinston, not far from Eastport, where both her parents (and she herself, at times) were raised and educated. Many a summer day was spent swimming and relaxing on the nearby shore of Boyden Lake. In later years she would find more time for visits there, despite the four-plus-hour drive and her partner's complaints. But it was always worth the trip, especially after her dear cousin Margie retired and could spend even more time in her neighboring camp. Oh, the stories they shared, and the laughs.

After working over 30 years in IT for the state of Maine and at Anthem and UNUM, Debra retired in 2014 along with her partner Rob, and together they traveled extensively throughout the U.S., Mexico, the Caribbean, and Europe. Alas, it was on their last journey together departing from Zurich, Switzerland, that Debra's sweet heart failed but was revived long enough to return home to see many of the people she cared for.

Debra kept busy in retirement, always looking for some way to be of use to others. She volunteered for years at Portland Adult Education, where she met one of her "sisters," Sameerah, who will forever remain close. She went on to assist at Catholic Charities for years, as well as being a foster parent to many a needy animal (mainly cats and bunnies). Just before her untimely passing, she was preparing to volunteer to help elders with their taxes, as she was brilliant when it came to numbers.

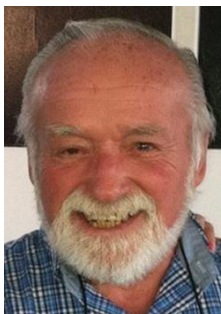
Another way Debra found to spread light and joy was through the love of her "adopted" family, Marc and Francine and their three beautiful daughters, Briella, Nicky, and Anaella. Among other things, Debra arranged swimming lessons for everyone for years, insisting they would need them living in Maine, particularly when they would all visit at camp each summer. Her imagination and her heart were boundless when it came to finding ways to care for and delight the girls.

There is more to be said about this wonderful woman, and those who knew her will find words to share more of the stories and the many ways we loved her. A celebration of Debra's life will occur sometime around her birthday on May 30. Details will be posted on the website below as the time nears. Until then, please think of her and share that light with everyone you might encounter, for any one of them may be an angel in disguise.

Also, much appreciation to the kind folks at New England Rehab and CenterWell Home Health.

Please visit coastalcremationservices.com, where remembrances may be left.

If you feel like donating, please consider Friends of Portland Adult Ed or the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland.



From Portland Press Herald, January 15, 2023

PORT RICHEY, Fla. — **Thomas Bartlett Fox Sr.**, 86, of Port Richey, Fla., formerly of Falmouth and Portland, passed away on Jan. 1, 2023, after a long illness.

Thomas, fondly known to family and friends as "Tom" or "Tom Cat", was born to Philip C. and Nilda B. Fox on May 27, 1936, in Portland.

Tom attended schools in Falmouth and graduated from Holderness School in New Hampshire in 1955. He went on to attend Nichols College in Massachusetts where he received an associate degree in business.

After he graduated from college, Tom went to work in his family's lumber business, N.T. Fox Co. Inc. (Fox Lumber), and eventually became part owner. After the business closed in 1992, Tom worked in the customer service department at UNUM until he retired in 1998.

Tom enjoyed spending time between his home in Florida and his camp in Hiram where he had a never-ending list of things to work on and had anything you needed “right in stock”.

An avid outdoorsman, Tom always enjoyed being in the woods whether he was hunting, fishing, canoeing the Saco River, snowmobiling or stacking wood for camp.

One of his greatest joys was spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a dedicated Papa and Gampi who loved taking them out on the four-wheeler and telling stories.

Tom was a member of the Portland Masonic Temple for 63 years where he was awarded the degree of Master Mason. He was also a member of the Cumberland Club, Woodfords Club, Falmouth Lions Club, and the Aripeka Elks Lodge in Hudson, Fla.

Tom was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Kevin Rydzewski.

He is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Donalene N. Fox; brother, Jeffrey T. Fox and wife Brenda; as well as six children, Kimberley F. O’Connell and husband Patrick of Portland, Chrisanne Fox of Buxton, Thomas B. Fox Jr. and wife Deborah of Naples, Timothy Moody and wife Barbara of Port Richey, Fla., Kimberlee Rydzewski of Nottingham, N.H., Heidi Joy and husband Robert of Windham; 15 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to express heartfelt appreciation to the staff of Elevated Estates in New Port Richey, Fla. and Accent Care Hospice for the exceptional and loving care they provided for Tom for the past 18 months.

No services are planned at this time. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer’s Association (www.alz.org) are appreciated.



From Portland Press Herald, January 15, 2023

FALMOUTH – **Bruce Pennington Clement**, 90, a lifelong resident of Falmouth, passed away on Dec. 16, 2022, surrounded by his family.

Bruce was born Oct. 9, 1932, in Portland, the son of Guy P. and Winifred (Greenhalgh) Clement of Falmouth. He graduated from Deering High School and afterward joined the U.S. Coast Guard. After his military service, Bruce attended college at Bowling Green and Columbia Universities, receiving his degree in business and finance. After a short time in banking, Bruce joined Union Mutual (UNUM) as a Life Insurance Agent, and after many successful years there, he and two colleagues established Planned Financial Services, a thriving business through which he formed many friendships and from which he eventually retired.

Bruce was a devoted father and could regularly be found at his kids’ sporting, musical and other events. He was also very active in the Falmouth community, as a volunteer for the Falmouth Fire Department and as a longtime and honored member of the Falmouth Lions Club.

From a very young age Bruce was an avid sailor. He embraced the true art, essence and feeling of sailing and was highly regarded and sought after as a navigator in Maine racing. For over 70 years he was an active member of the Portland Yacht Club and loved cruising Casco Bay and beyond with his family and friends.

Bruce loved a wide variety of music, shared it with his children, and could often be heard playing his cornet in the basement. He was also a Model Railroading enthusiast, and his expansive self-made layout in the basement has entertained generations of family and friends.

Bruce was known for his quick wit, integrity, patience and kindness. He was an anchor for our family, and he will be greatly missed.

Bruce was predeceased by his wife, Margery A. Clement; his brother, Warren G. Clement, and his sister, Beth Wachendorf.

He is survived by his four children, David Clement (wife Tara), Tim Clement (wife Cathy), Joel Clement, and Margaret Clement, two stepchildren, Sally Webster and Bennett Schneider; as well as many loving nieces; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Our family wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to The Heron House in Cumberland for the genuine love and exceptional care Bruce received during his final weeks.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28, at Hobbs Funeral Home, 230 Cottage Rd., South Portland.

Condolences may be expressed online at <http://www.hobbsfuneralhome.com>.



From Portland Press Herald, January 15, 2023

CAPE ELIZABETH – **Barbara Theresa Ridge Foley**, 97, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Monday, Jan. 9, 2023, after a period of declining health.

Barbara was born, the youngest of three children, to proud Irish immigrants, Stephen Joseph and Mary Lee Ridge. She grew up on Munjoy Hill in Portland surrounded by a large extended family of Ridges and Lees. Barbara attended Cathedral Grammar school and was a 1944 graduate of Cathedral High School. At Cathedral, Barbara developed strong friendships that lasted a lifetime. Happy stories of the escapades of this group of girlfriends having fun dancing on the pier at Old Orchard Beach and shopping in Boston were told and retold to children and grandchildren for many years.

Barbara met the love of her life and future husband, Louis J. Foley, in the late 1940s. They were married in Portland at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception chapel in September 1950. Barbara and Louis soon purchased a home in South Portland where they raised their two daughters. Barbara was a stay-at-home mom while her family was young but after the girls were in school full time, she returned to work. Growing up during the Great Depression shaped Barbara's strong work ethic and frugality. She was a dedicated worker from her first job selling tickets at the Capitol Theater on Congress Street in the early 1940s to her last full-time position as bookkeeper for Martin's Shop 'n Save at Millcreek in South Portland from which she retired in the late 1970s. In retirement, she spent a couple of years working part-time running the Union Mutual 2211 Employee Store. She very much enjoyed the daily interaction with employees who passed through the small convenience store to pick up candy, greeting cards, stamps, and refreshments.

Louis and Barbara enjoyed doing everything together. They participated in a bowling league at the Millcreek Bowling Alley in the 60s, volunteered at their church, traveled extensively throughout the country, golfed throughout the Northeast and Florida, and hosted yearly Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations for extended family. They happily moved to their dream home in the Shore Acres neighborhood in Cape Elizabeth in 1975, making many new friends there as they entered their

retirement years. They also enjoyed snow-birding in western Florida every year with a group of long-time friends until Louis's untimely death in 1996.

They were thrilled to become grandparents, welcoming the birth of their grandson in 1986 and their granddaughter two years later. They doted on them, attending school events, concerts, and sports games from soccer to softball and everything in between; enthusiastically supporting their efforts and applauding their accomplishments. Barbara was proud and grateful to attend not only her daughters' college graduations but those of both her grandchildren as well.

Barbara was an avid Boston Celtic fan, rooting for the team every year since their inaugural NBA season. She looked forward to watching every game, although her post game analysis usually included critique for the coach. She thought shots from the outside were crazy and that he should encourage the team to drive the ball down the lane for "old fashioned 3 pointers". We are sure she is still following their season and cheering for banner 18 to make it to the rafters this year.

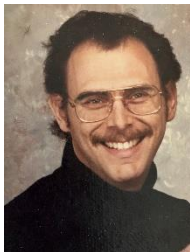
Barbara was predeceased by her beloved husband Louis; her parents; sister Mary Ridge Roberts and brother Stephen Edward "Hank" Ridge.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Denise F. and John Budkiewicz of Cape Elizabeth, daughter Barbara L. Foley of Scarborough; granddaughter Rachel M. Budkiewicz of Cape Elizabeth, grandson and his wife Joseph F. and Bethany Budkiewicz of South Carolina; and three great-grandchildren, whom she adored, Ella, Owen, and Will Budkiewicz of South Carolina. Barbara is also survived by a devoted nephew, Kevin F. Roberts of Massachusetts, and a dear friend from their Cathedral school days, Katherine Joyce of Portland.

The family would like to thank the staff at The Cedars for the compassionate care they extended to Barbara in her final days.

Visiting hours will be held Tuesday, Jan. 17 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Jones, Rich & Barnes Funeral Home, 199 Woodford St, Portland, ME 04103. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 18 at St. Bartholomew's Church, 8 Two Lights Rd., Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107.

In lieu of flowers, a charitable donation to organizations near and dear to Barbara's heart, Cheverus High School and the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland, is appreciated. Her rescued grand-puppies, Georgie, Daisy, and Millie will miss the ever-present pocket treats from Nana-Baba.



From Portland Press Herald, January 28, 2023

LYMAN – **Gary Philip Singer** passed away on Jan. 25, 2023, at the age of 76 following a brief illness. Gary was born on July 20, 1946, in Boston to Samuel and Helen (Ackerman) Singer.

He grew up in Dorchester and graduated from Boston Latin School in 1964. He received a BA in math from McGill University in Montreal in 1968. During the Vietnam War he served in the US Army Reserves and the Maine National Guard.

He first came to Maine in December 1969 for a job as an actuary with Union Mutual Life Insurance Co. He designed and programmed in Fortran a management information system giving the company extensive information about the experience of their disability income policies. The company became the leader in the industry with this product line. While there, he met his wife Paula (Noyes) Singer when they worked on a computer system together.

Following a move to Norwood, Mass. in 1979, Gary was in charge of computer operations for several major corporations including H.P. Hood, Howard Johnson's, and Plymouth Rock Assurance Corporation. At Howard Johnson's he successfully designed and installed two IBM computers, the network and the software associated with the migration of their reservation system in-house, a feat featured in Computer World.

In 1994, Gary joined with his wife Paula (now a tax lawyer) in founding Windstar Technologies, Inc. to provide sophisticated software for dealing with the complex federal tax rules and procedures companies had to follow when making payments to foreign students and scholars. They grew the company to serve more than 450 client sites at colleges, universities, teaching hospitals, research institutes and the Library of Congress.

Gary liked working with tools and had many projects, including building a new deck. He always had many challenging hobbies. He took up snorkeling and then scuba diving, becoming certified on The Wall off Grand Cayman Island. He was an avid ham radio operator, becoming proficient in Morse code at 20 words per minute. For better reception, he had a 50-foot tower installed in the back yard. He became an avid sailor safely piloting their successive sailboats and their trawler through the dangers of Boston Harbor, as well as the coasts of Massachusetts and Maine (in the fog). He took up nature photography, traveling to Lubec to photograph the Puffins on Seal Island, a trip which triggered their retirement to Maine upon the sale of their company to Thomson Reuters in 2011. Gary was also an avid duplicate bridge player and with his partner, Paula, took up bridge again during their retirement after a 30-year hiatus from playing. They won the Maine State Championship in their class in 2016.

He is survived by his mother (now 100 years of age) of Potomac, Md.; his wife of 46 years, Paula; his daughter, Samantha Singer and her husband Kevin Spencer, of Longmont, Colo.; his stepdaughter, Beth Goodrich, her husband, Kevan Whitten, and their twin daughters, Grace and Rose Whitten, of Lyman; his brother, Stephen Singer and his wife, Janet of Merrimack, NH, his brother, Dr. Richard Singer and his wife Miriam of Potomac, Md.; and numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Gary spent the last three months of his life at Avita of Wells. The family will be forever grateful for the loving care he received from their staff and from the hospice staff of Compassus.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. with a celebration of his life from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Bibber Memorial Chapel, 67 Summer Street, Kennebunk, ME 04043. Come casually and bring your stories to share. A private burial will take place at Goodwins Mills Cemetery at a later date.

To leave a message of condolence, please visit Gary's Book of Memories at <http://www.bibberfuneral.com>.

Arrangements are entrusted to Bibber Memorial Chapel, 67 Summer St. Kennebunk.
