

Unum Retirees Newsletter **Winter 2024 – 44th edition**



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 207-749-2712 or maineblt@roadrunner.com.

We decided to continue with a Winter newsletter. I hope you enjoy the news from our fellow retirees. Also, we are continuing with two picnic meetings and a luncheon for the annual meeting in October. Attendees were very happy with the plan for the last two years.

From the Editor

Thank you to those of you that contributed to this edition! We welcome your articles in order to keep the newsletter personal and interesting. Please contribute by submitting articles and/or ideas to make this the newsletter you want to read.

And in this issue, we hope to start a new ongoing section of pictures from the past! We are starting in this issue with some pictures from Unum Today from 1989! Do you recognize anyone? We would love for you to contribute to future issues by sending any Unum pictures you have. Surely some of you have pictures of former coworkers.

Please send articles, pictures, or feedback to me at cpascoe@maine.rr.com.

Thank you, Connie Pascoe, Editor.

Important Dates for 2024

5/21 – Spring Picnic
8/20 – Summer Picnic
10/23 – Annual Meeting

2024 Unum Blood Drives

March 13
May 22
July 24
September 18
November 19

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

Membership

By Bruce Theriault

We ended the year with 620 members. That is an increase of 35 members, with 66 new members and 31 losses. Your help has enabled us to make changes to 107 members. This includes submitted changes and corrections.

With all these changes we decided to republish the list at the end of 2023. That resulted in five new members, 14 changes, and three losses.

Kim Williams was wondering if anyone had Delia Doyle's contact information. Delia was in IT at Worcester. Any help with this?

We have lost connection with Susan Mack. Does anyone have any contact information for her?

Keep up the good work on getting the word out to our fellow retirees, especially those who have not heard of us!

A Blast From the Past



25 Years

Betty Goodnow displays the forecaster clock given to her by Chairman and CEO Jim Orr (far right) in commemoration of 25 years with UNUM. With her are Jim Orser (far left) and Craig Owens.



The LTD DBS training program includes: first row left to right, Chuck Burice, Karen Gagne, Beth Scholten and Bill Hall. Second row, Janice Cyr, Diane Dionne, Julie Fellows, Melissa Clark and Mike Barski. Last row, Sara-Sue Stewart, Pat Stanley, Marc Reid, Bert Stone, Heather Newman, Sally Seidl.



Priscilla Badgley (far left), and Judy Montgomery (second from right), handle seven to ten new Home Office short-term disability claims per week, with another 10 to 15 continuing claims on a weekly basis. Diane Phillips (seated, at left), and Gina Stivaletti process about 380 dental claims a week for Home Office employees.



Home Office medical claims are processed by examiners (from left), Tracy Feeney, Ruth Cote, Joanna Flanders and Becky Gadbois. Not pictured is Donna Sparks, Life examiner.

Get to Know Your Fellow Retirees

John W. Copeland

I retired the first time in 1989 when I turned 55, returned part time in 1994 and retired again about one year after the merger with Provident- which annoyed me no-end.

The day after I retired the second time, I got a phone call from someone at Met Life who I had previously helped train at UNUM. I contracted to write a couple of manuals for Met Life. That led to a full-time assignment that lasted until I was 66.

My wife and I had bought a motorhome, our third, and when we could we traveled out of Florida during the summer. Around 1997 we downsized from a large home to a small one in a managed community in a more rural county in Florida. First, I became involved with managing our community, then I got involved with the Code Enforcement Department of our county, for ten more years. I've been appointed to advisory committees by the county commissioners twice. Sounds like a success story but actually I've been a failure at retiring. Last week, just two months short of age 90, I was elected to our community board of directors, and it's a two-year term – My God!

I have learned a few things I suggest to anyone thinking about retiring early. Don't! But if you must, keep working at something, keep learning new things, keep teaching others, keep contributing your skills. Don't be afraid to take on responsibility for a job you don't have a skill. Let the job teach you that skill.

Stan Small

I was employed at Union Mutual/UNUM for 18 years, accepting the early retirement offer in July 1999. One of my fondest memories while working there was being selected as Arnold Palmer's standard bearer during the Union Mutual Seniors Golf Tournaments in 1985 and 1986.

It is still difficult to comprehend, yet Lord willing as of this coming July I will have been retired for 25 years. Both my wife and I have been blessed with relatively good health (the usual tests & procedures for our age notwithstanding) which has allowed us to enjoy seasonal camping in Bridgton, ME until the tornado in 2017, which removed camping off our itinerary as well as our camper and vehicle.

We started off the new century with a 20th wedding anniversary trip to Hawaii (Sept. 2000). We were able to spend the winter of 2005 in Townsend, TN (the quiet side of the Smokies), looking toward a possible future move in that direction. In 2007 Pat and I along with 2 other couples embarked on a 12-day land tour and sea cruise to Alaska. In 2010 we took a 10,470-mile cross-country trip, visiting family & many National Parks along the way.

We stopped in Leesburg, FL on the way back across the country and visited friends from Maine who were living there. Again in 2014 we paid these same friends a return visit, only this time they were saying "you aren't getting any younger", so as we would say on Grand Manan "it was either time to fish or cut bait"!!! Upon our return home to Maine, we decided it was time to cut bait.

Long story.....short..... our Maine home closing took place on February 27, 2015. Arrived in Florida March 6, 2015, and we were in our new Florida home on April 1st!!! How these events took place, all Glory goes to God. We continued coming back to Maine in the summer thanks to church friends (who have since moved to IN) and their in-law apartment until 2021.

In February 2018 we took a 12/13-day cruise to the Panama Canal with stops on HA's Cay island, Aruba, Curacao, Cartagena, Columbia, Colon, Panama then after passing thru the Canal traveled by motor coach to Panama City and back to Colon and on to Puerto Limon, Costa Rica and back to Ft. Lauderdale.

I guess you might say it was a hobby because I enjoyed having garage sales at our home for what amounted to about 22 years. Met so many interesting people, some of whom I am still in contact with today. It was so much fun while it lasted!!!

In addition to being involved in making church deposits and volunteering at our church's Thrift Store (on the sales floor naturally) I have been drafted (??) as a play-by-play announcer for our Hawthorne's Division 3, 5 and 6 men's softball league. Never will fill the shoes of the man who had been doing the announcing as he was full time with the Detroit Tigers. It brings me back to listening to Curt Goudy back in the 50/60's, however, without the amount of acclaim that Curt enjoyed.

Throughout my soon to be 25 years of retirement and some 19 years prior to that we have had multiple occasions to visit my birthplace, Grand Manan Island, NB Canada. Time, health, and logistics all play a part in any future Maine and Grand Manan Adventures, however, as I've told many a person....." you can take the boy off the island, but you can't take the island off the boy"!!!

The last item on the survey said.....Anything Else!!!! And all of you are saying no.no.no. we've had enough..... so, I'll bring it to a close right here.

Doris Carpenter

I started working at Unum in the fall of 2000 after my two daughters graduated high school and I stayed for 16 years. I retired in the fall of 2016.

It doesn't seem possible that it has been nearly 8 years already, time flies. I haven't been doing anything very exciting like traveling, but I keep busy on the home front. We like going for walks to try to keep in shape and I do my gardening in summer, both flowers & vegetables (I make lots of pasta sauce to freeze for winter out of the fresh tomatoes). In winter, we still try to get some walking in, but it's mostly on the treadmill.

Every once in a while, I get together with a group of people that I worked with way back in the beginning. It is always nice to see everyone and catch up.

The days are getting longer again, spring is on the way. Life is good.

John Dean

I retired in August 2022, after working at Unum for 37 years.

Since retiring I am still breathing, have less stress, play golf, and spend time with my grandkids.

Some of the numbers on my license are not accurate.... but life is good!

Peter Carrier

I retired in 2013 after working at Unum for 20 years, 1979 -1999, then two years at L.L. Bean doing mainframe automation, then eleven years at MIT in Cambridge MA.

I still play drums and bass but have mostly been playing piano since retiring. I play contemporary Christian music every Sunday at church. I still spend a lot of time looking at computer screens.

I've been going to the same church for over forty years. I love my church family!

The Card Game Bridge

By Keith Sawyer

Are you perhaps looking for a new hobby to keep mentally active during the winter months? Have you considered learning to play the card game Bridge? I will host a weekly online session for anyone interested in learning the basics of the game. Email me at keithmsawyer@outlook.com and I will set up a ZOOM call for the group to begin.

Bridge is an intellectually challenging game that is enjoyed by players with a wide range of skills – it is as challenging and rewarding to the expert as it is to the novice. It is also a game that can never be completely mastered, which allows for a lifelong learning experience as one seeks to improve one's game.

Bridge is played around the world, can be played online or in person, is played by 10-year-olds as well as 90-year-olds, and physical handicaps are seldom a barrier to enjoying the game. It is played both socially and competitively, hundreds of books have been written on the game, bridge columns appear in all major newspapers, and there are bridge clubs in hundreds of cities throughout the country.

At one online bridge site there are consistently more than 15,000 players logged in at the same time. The American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) has 125,000 active members, including Bill Gates and Warren Buffet, and it sponsors local bridge clubs in over 1,500 cities. It also sponsors regional and national championships on a regular basis and sends teams to international competitions.

Drawing on aspects of both deductive reasoning, partnership communication, personal judgment, human psychology, and sometimes outright guessing, the current form of the game has maintained its appeal for over 90 years and is expected to continue as a favorite pastime for many in the years to come.

Phone and Internet Scams

By Roger Rioux

There have been many reports lately about phone and internet scams. I thought I would include some recent examples.

Answering the phone

Be very careful when answering the phone. You could get a call that says, "Hi grandpa, I need your help". If you don't recognize the caller ID or the voice hang up. It is a scam asking you to send money or a debit card. This may seem farfetched, but people have been scammed using this technique.

Also do not say yes to answer any question unless you know who is calling. If they say, "Can you hear me?" Reply "Who is calling"? Do not say yes. The "Don't Say Yes" phone scam is a type of scam where the scam artist records the victim's voice saying "yes" and then uses the recording to sign the victim up for a product or service and demand payment. The scammer can also use the recording to authorize unwanted charges on bills, credit cards, and more. The Better Business Bureau and the Consumer Federation of America have both warned against this scam. If you say yes, they can record it and they have you answering yes to a charge.

Kidnapping scam

This distressing case was reported recently on CNN:

Jennifer DeStefano's phone rang one afternoon as she climbed out of her car outside the dance studio where her younger daughter Aubrey had a rehearsal. The caller showed up as unknown, and she briefly contemplated not picking up. But her older daughter, 15-year-old Brianna, was away training for a ski race and DeStefano feared it could be a medical emergency. "Hello?" she answered on speaker phone

as she locked her car and lugged her purse and laptop bag into the studio. She was greeted by yelling and sobbing. “Mom! I messed up!” screamed a girl’s voice. “What did you do?!? What happened?!?” DeStefano asked.”

The voice sounded just like Brie’s, the inflection, everything,” she told CNN recently. “Then, all of a sudden, I heard a man say, ‘Lay down, put your head back.’ I’m thinking she’s being gurnied off the mountain, which is common in skiing. So, I started to panic.”

As the cries for help continued in the background, a deep male voice started firing off commands: “Listen here. I have your daughter. You call the police, you call anybody, I’m gonna pop her something so full of drugs. I’m gonna have my way with her then drop her off in Mexico, and you’re never going to see her again.”

DeStefano froze. Then she ran into the dance studio, shaking and screaming for help. She felt like she was suddenly drowning. After a chaotic, rapid-fire series of events that included a \$1 million ransom demand, a 911 call and a frantic effort to reach Brianna, the “kidnapping” was exposed as a scam. A puzzled Brianna called to tell her mother that she didn’t know what the fuss was about and that everything was fine.

The scammers had used artificial intelligence software to make the call sound like her daughter’s voice. If in doubt call the person yourself to verify an issue.

Computer access

Don’t let anyone you don’t know take over control of your computer. I recently bought access to TurboTax software. When I tried to download the software, I was directed to a bogus website that said my access code was wrong or had been used previously. It provided a number to call to fix the problem. When I called, he sent me a link to grant him access to my computer. When I refused, he hung up. It can happen to anyone so be skeptical of phone calls from anyone you don’t recognize.

Free credit freezes

In our November issue, we had a section on cyber security. It included a recommendation to freeze your credit. I have repeated it here because it can save you a significant financial loss or time to fix. Security freezes, also known as credit freezes, restrict access to your credit file, making it harder for identity thieves to open new accounts in your name. Starting September 21, 2018, you can freeze and unfreeze your credit file for free.

How will these freezes work? Contact all three of the nationwide credit reporting agencies – Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. If you request a freeze online or by phone, the agency must place the freeze within one business day. If you request a lift of the freeze, the agency must lift it within one hour. If you make your request by mail, the agency must place or lift the freeze within three business days after it gets your request. You also can lift the freeze online temporarily without a fee.

Don’t confuse freezes with locks. They work in a similar way, but locks may have monthly fees. If you want a free freeze guaranteed by federal law, then opt for a freeze, not a lock.

I hope this is helpful. It is a lot to absorb, but I hope some of what I presented here will prevent an attack that could have a significant impact on your personal and financial well-being.

Ireland, Northern Ireland, and Scotland

By Bruce Theriault

On June 18, 2023, my wife, Linda, and I had our 40th wedding anniversary. To celebrate we went on a bus trip through Ireland, Northern Ireland, and Scotland. The trip started in Dublin, Ireland, visiting some 22 cities over a 14-day period, ending in Edinburgh, Scotland. Our tour guide sent us an email before the trip with some hints to prepare for it. One of them was that Ireland is damp and cool, so bring slacks and rain gear instead shorts. The weather turned out to be quite the opposite - we had multiple days in the 70's and 80's and very little rain. The tour guide and bus driver were amazed with the weather, and it made for a great experience for all of us.

It is our practice to arrive a day ahead of the tour, to recover from the jet lag. This gave us an extra day to roam around Dublin before things started. We visited St. Patrick's Cathedral and Christchurch Cathedral. They were both breathtaking.



St Patrick's Cathedral



Christchurch Cathedral

Linda must eat gluten free and that can often be a challenge, but not so much on this trip. Our first lunch was fish and chips and mushy peas. We enjoyed it so much that we went back for supper on our third dinner in Dublin. The tour included a breakfast buffet each day and several dinners. We enjoyed the food of the region focusing on fish and chips, Irish stew, and for me, Haggis. Turns out I really like Haggis and had it nine times. We definitely ate well throughout the trip.



Fish and chips and mushy peas



Irish Stew



Pork Pie

Traveling through Ireland showed us why it is called the Emerald Isle. Farmland separated by rock wall, fields, and mountain sides dotted with grazing sheep and a look at the Atlantic Ocean from the other side.



Some of the highlights we visited in Ireland included a National Stud Farm, a Jaunting Car ride through a National Park, Blarney Castle, the drive around the Ring of Kerry and the Cliffs of Moher. The line to see and kiss the Blarney Stone had an estimated ninety-minute wait time. We decided to skip this; we roamed the grounds and enjoyed the beautiful gardens. While traveling the Ring of Kerry, I got the chance to chat with Charle Chaplin, who regularly visited the town of Waterville, Ireland. At the Cliffs of Moher, we walked along the cliffs and saw the cave featured in one of the Harry Potter movies.



Blarney Castle

Chatting with Charlie

Cliffs of Moher and the Harry Potter Cave

Some of the cities/towns we visited in Ireland included Dublin, Cork, Cohn, Kildare, Killarney, Galway, and Cong. In Cohn we visited the Heritage Center which told the story of when the Irish left for America due to the potato famine and the Titanic which stopped there before heading out to sea. We took a walking tour of Galway where we saw a memorial to President John F. Kennedy. Cong is the town where “The Quiet Man”, starring John Wayne and Maureen O’Hara, was filmed. Being a big John Wayne fan, I really enjoyed the museum and the statue!

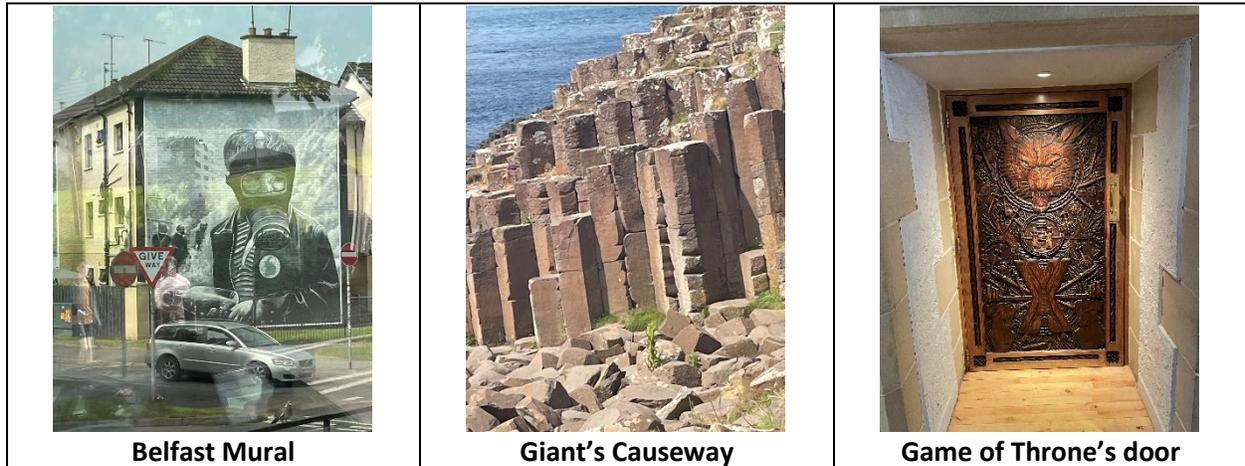


JFK Plaque

My first and last Guinness

“The Quiet Man” Statue

From Cong we headed to Northern Ireland, changing from Euros to the British Pound. The first thing we did was a walking tour of old Belfast with a focus on the “Northern Ireland Troubles”, the period of conflict between the Catholics and Protestants. The local tour guide grew up during this time. He told us how much George Mitchell means to them. From Belfast we visited the Giant’s Causeway, an area of interlocking basalt columns, the result of an ancient volcanic fissure eruption. It was a unique formation of rock. We ended the day in Ballygally where we stayed at the Ballygally Castle Hotel. The hotel has a tower haunted by a ghost; we visited it but did not see one. The entry to the dining room was a large ornate door which was seen in an episode of “King of Thrones”.



Off to Scotland and Loch Ness, Inverness, and St. Andrews. We took a cruise on Loch Ness but never saw Nessie, needless to say my hopes were dashed. If you are a “Outlander” fan you will recognize Inverness. My wife and I enjoyed the show and the references of it on the tour. This included a visit to the Culloden Battlefield where Bonny Prince Charles and the Scottish Highlanders faced and lost to the British Army. In St. Andrews I visited the Links and then met up with my wife at the diner where Prince William and Kate would eat during their time at university.

Las Vegas

By Tom Bore

On October 12 I flew out to Las Vegas and met my friend Rick from Maine for a quick 4-day trip to see the Patriots play the Raiders, attend a U2 concert and attend a Las Vegas Golden Knights hockey game. This time we stayed in New York, New York and really enjoyed our stay there. On Friday night it was the concert I had been waiting for to see U2 at The Sphere. I have attended hundreds of concerts from small clubs to football stadiums but have never seen anything like The Sphere. Being inside is amazing, the LED lights create an experience like nothing I have ever seen before. The Sphere is the only one in the world.

On Saturday we met another friend from Maine and had lunch with her and her husband at the Hard Rock Cafe. That evening we had a short walk to T Mobile Arena to see the Las Vegas Golden Knights play the Anaheim Ducks. The pre-game show in Vegas is not to be missed. Everything is done better in Las Vegas.

Sunday it was time to see the Patriots play the Raiders. The result wasn't what we wanted but it was great to see another game in Las Vegas since it will be a while before the Patriots play there again.

Overall, it was a great weekend trip to Vegas. Not sure what 2024 will bring but my first trip will be a quick flight to Boston in March to see The Bruins play Toronto. And the Red Sox play in Miami this coming season.



Hawaii, Check

By Linda Robichaud

Almost everyone has a bucket list, and there's quite often one that doesn't get checked off. We had one big item left on our list — an extended Hawaii trip, planned around the first few professional golf tournaments on the schedule. Finally, the stars aligned, and we were able to check it off!

We flew out on January 3, bound for Maui, where we landed at Kahului Airport around 3:00 pm. We had gorgeous oceanfront accommodations and seven days to explore. We spent a day at the Sentry Tournament of Champions golf tournament in Kapalua. (Check) During the remainder of the week, we enjoyed an amazing Road To Hana tour, a Royal Luau, a little bit of golf ourselves and relaxing at the pool. The Road To Hana, besides its beautiful scenery, waterfalls, black sand beach, is also famous for hundreds of one-lane bridges and hairpin turns — much better done by a professional than an ill-prepared tourist! The Lahaina fires have had a dampening effect on tourism. We had to pass by the downtown section of Lahaina almost every time we left the property. The recovery is progressing, but never as quickly as anyone would like. Maui Strong!

A week later, we headed from Maui to Oahu and our accommodations at The Outrigger right on Waikiki Beach. Can you say, "Culture Shock"? We left behind the vegetation of Maui for the big-city life in Honolulu. We're talking 5-lane downtown streets, a Tesla dealership across the street and Rodeo-Drive shops lining the street. From leisurely walking the beachfront to wall-to-wall sunbathers. It sounds dreadful, but it wasn't. We monopolized the concierge for a while, working out our adventures for the week, and made some great choices!

Our first excursion was to Pearl Harbor, where we visited Bodfin submarine, the USS Arizona Memorial, the air museum, and the USS Missouri. To say the whole experience was moving would be an understatement. Next was an 'easy' hike up Diamond Head. Hmm... Saturday was a day at The Sony Open at Waialae Country Club. (Check) Our final excursion was the Circle The Island tour to get a better feeling for the whole island, not just Waikiki!

On the move again on the 17th, this time to The Big Island. We landed at Kona Airport and headed for Hilton Waikoloa Village to unpack for the last time. The first thing you notice as you're driving along is that everything is black lava rock. Completely different, again, from either of the other two islands. Our resort was lovely and very large! It was a half-mile walk from our Tower to the Shuttle pick-up location!! No excuse for not getting your steps in. We spent the first couple of days acclimating and enjoying the sunsets at Sunset Beach. We were joined by Rick's sister and brother-in-law on Friday and then the fun really began! We did a custom tour around the island and the big one — a helicopter tour of the five volcanoes. Most of us had never been in a helicopter before, so this was huge. You don't really appreciate the scale of the volcano valleys until your helicopter is sharing a valley with another, and when you spot it, it looks like a dragonfly!

Rick and I headed out on the 25th for the marathon journey back to Maine. We left our resort at 11:00 am (4:00 p.m. EST). After a quick stop in LA and a Red-Eye to Boston, then a Concord Coach shuttle to Portland and an Uber home, we arrived at home a little before 11:00 a.m. —about 18 1/2 hours.

Hawaii, Check!!



We've arrived. Aloha Maui!



The Royal Luau. Good food, good drinks, good show with new friends.



Big surf and lava rocks everywhere.



Watching the big boys play golf at Waialea.



Just prior to our hike to the top of Diamond Head crater.



Sun-bathing turtles at Black Sand Beach.



We saw MANY spectacular waterfalls on each island.



Checking out the volcanos, cliffs, waterfalls, and general landscape from a helicopter. WOW!



Pearl Harbor tour of Bowfin Submarine, the Arizona, Air Museum, and the Missouri. Very emotional and educational at the same time.

6 Week Escape

By Kris Miller

Well, Chuck and I will be heading to Florida on Thursday for our annual "6 Week Escape" from the cold and snow in Maine. I drive and we stop to visit overnight with family and friends along the trip south then spend the entire month of February in Bradenton, FL. We plan to return to Maine early March, but who knows, we may do some detours on the return trip.

Obituaries

From the Portland Press Herald, January 30, 2024

Veronica "Val" Locke, the Jones and Locke families are sad to report the death of Veronica Ann 'Val' Locke, who passed away on Jan. 24, 2024, following a battle with pancreatic cancer. Born on Oct. 21, 1957, to William and Joan Locke, Val grew up primarily in Brunswick and attended Brunswick High School (Class of 1974) while helping to raise her four younger sisters.

After graduating magna cum laude from the University of New Hampshire in 1978, Val moved to Boston to begin her career at New England Life as a systems support analyst, later moving to Louisville, Ky., to work for Capital Holding Corporation. Her life in Louisville was rich with career achievements, friends, and civic involvement, the latter garnering her the prestigious commission of Kentucky Colonel. She also enjoyed renovating her historic Victorian home, gardening, and rescuing homeless street dogs.

In 1997, Val returned to Maine, her true home, to be closer to family and the beach. Here, she joined Unum as VP of Project Management and met the love of her life, Lee Jones. Val and Lee married in 1999 and settled into an idyllic family farmhouse on Harpswell Neck with their beloved dogs, cats, stacks of books and movies (in their original VHS and DVD formats), and beautiful flower gardens. Following retirement, Val continued her civic participation in local politics, at the Coastal Humane Society, at MidCoast Hospital, and most recently, on the Board of Directors at the Brunswick Naval Aviation Museum.

Born with a brilliant mind and razor-sharp wit, Val not only embodied the role of caregiver to her sisters, her nieces and nephews, and all of those she loved, but she constantly entertained her family and friends while doing so. Val talked fast and thought faster, and heaven help the unsuspecting stranger who engaged her in friendly debate. Her humor and laughter were infectious and unforgettable. She will always be remembered for her joyful giggle, generosity, confidence, and the way she lived her life with absolute genuineness.

Preceded in death by her mother, Joan Locke, Val is survived by her loving husband of 26 years Merrill Lee Jones, and her father, William Locke; her sisters Laura (Paul Mourning), Tracy (Patricio Adams), Kimberly (Richard Heim), and Courtney (Greg Im); her nieces and nephew, Emma Mourning, Louisa Mourning, Simone Heim, William Im, and Tallulah Im; and Lee's daughter, Tori-Jean Jones, son, Jesse Lee Jones, and their respective children, Drew and Miles Gagnon, and Maura Jones. Her family and friends mourn her loss and will forever keep her in their hearts.

No service is scheduled at this time.

Memories and Condolences can be shared at <http://www.brackettfh.com>. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial donations to the:

Coastal Humane Society

at <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E146632&id=202>

or the:

Brunswick Naval Aviation Museum at <https://bnamuseum.org/donate/>



From Chad E. Poitras Funeral Service

HOLLIS- **Jacqueline Sargent**, age 88, passed away at her home in Hollis on Dec. 31, 2023.

She was born in Hollis on Aug. 3, 1935, a daughter of the late Merton and Becky Sargent, and graduated from S. D. Hanson High School in Buxton.

Jacqueline will be forever remembered for the enjoyment she had caring for her horses and donkeys, knitting, reading, gardening, and attending church.

She was employed by UNUM as the secretary to the Vice President and was a longtime member of the North Congregational Church in Groveville. (Jacky began working at Unum, 400 Congress Street in Central Transcribing and later moved to Blueberry Hill when the department was renamed Word Processing. When Word Processing disbanded, she moved to the Medical Department. She was most proud of being a member of the UNUM track team and won many medals running in the senior group.)

Besides her parents, Jacqueline is predeceased by a brother- Bruce Sargent. She is survived by her children- Jacqueline Hopkinson of NH, Rowena Hawkes of Oxford, Brenda Farrington of Hollis, David Harmon of Montana, and Danny Harmon of Portland; siblings- Barry Sargent, and Joleen Thomas; ten grandchildren; and twelve great grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday Jan. 4th at 1 PM at South Buxton. Cemetery, River Road, Buxton. Arrangements have been entrusted to Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service, Buxton, www.mainefuneral.com



From the Portland Press Herald, January 07, 2024

GORHAM – **Judith “Judy” (Tyler) Hairsine**, 72, of Gorham, passed away peacefully, Dec. 31, 2023, at home after a long illness.

She was born in Farmington, 1951, to John W. and Barbara Tyler of East Wilton (both deceased).

Judy is survived by her husband John Hairsine of Gorham; daughter, Jasmyn Padmore and her husband Norris of Sharon, Mass., daughter, Jansen Hairsine of Portland; sister, Sharon Ring and her husband Dennis of West Bath; and grandchildren Kenny and Ellie Padmore.

Judy grew up next to her grandfather’s farm. The family were members of the Wilson Grange, Judy and her sister participated in 4H. Judy was an accomplished equestrian earning many blue ribbons on the Maine horse show circuit including Grand Champion at the Eastern States Exposition. She was a member of the Maine Quarter Horse Association.

John and Judy married in 1972 and lived in East Vassalboro until moving to Gorham in the late ’70s. Judy worked for Unum and was a member of their corporate track team for 26 years, making many lifelong friends. Unum’s team gives an award in her name. She has been inducted into the United States Corporate Athletics Association Hall of Fame.

Some of her favorite activities included backpacking, skating, skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing, canoeing, boating and days at the beach, all with family. Judy was an avid motorcyclist, riding coast to coast in the U.S. as well as much of Canada, often in pursuit of music festivals, art, car, or motorcycle shows and numerous natural wonders and parks. She was a supporter of United Way, The Bruce Robert’s Fund,

Love 146, as well as the Beach to Beacon 10K and the Boston Marathon, volunteering, fundraising, and participating in many events. Judy was a member of The Maine Track Club.

No funeral service is planned, as she requested.

If you want to give a gift in Judy's memory, please consider a contribution to your favorite charity.



From the Portland Press Herald, December 29, 2023

SACO – **Doreen Elaine (Hooper) Carter** passed away on Dec. 27, 2023, after a long battle with illness. She was born on Sept. 16, 1960, to Lucille (Doucette) and Donald Hooper. She attended schools in Old Orchard Beach where she was a good student and enjoyed cheerleading.

Doreen spent her career as a graphic designer at UNUM and just recently retired. In her younger years she was the life of the party and a good friend to many. She enjoyed painting, crafts, and was a wonderful cook. She took great pride in her natural style of decorating her home.

In 1990, she married the love of her life, Wendell Carter. A few years later they had their son Kyle who is her pride and joy.

Doreen was predeceased by her parents, Donald and Lucille Hooper and her grandparents.

Doreen is survived by her husband of 33 years, Wendell Carter and her son Kyle and partner Ellyn O’Brion. Also survived by siblings Daniel Hooper and wife Soledad of Virginia Beach, Va., David Hooper and wife Lou-Ann of Cranston, R.I., Donald Hooper and wife Cristina of Windham, and Diane (Hooper) Perreault and husband Tracy of Windham. Doreen is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Also survived by her special pup, Arabella.

At Doreen’s request there will be no funeral or visiting hours. Family and friends may send words of condolences to 2 Rosewood Drive, Saco, ME. 04072 or online at the Chad E. Poitras Cremation and Funeral Service website, <http://www.mainefuneral.com>.



From the Portland Press Herald, December 27, 2023

NORTH FORT MYERS, Fla. – On Dec. 12, 2023, **Paula Marie (Perry) Charles** passed away at 73 after a long illness.

Paula was born in Portland to Franklin and Jeanette (Gladu) Perry on Jan. 17, 1950. She married Donald Charles on Sept. 30, 1967. They had two children, Melissa and James. They lived in Windham for more than 30 years. She worked for various employers including Brooks Drugs, Unum, and Colonial Electronics. They moved to North Fort Myers, Fla. in 2004. Point Sebago in Casco was their summer home for several years.

She was predeceased by her parents; sister-in-law, Kathy Charles; son-in-law, Samuel Jones; and two brothers, Richard Perry and Franklin Perry.

Paula is survived by her husband, Donald, her children Melissa Jones of Houston, Texas, James Charles and his wife Kimberly of Newburg, Ind.

grandchildren Kyler and Griffin Charles of Newburg, Ind., and Mariah Charles of Austin, Texas; three great-grandchildren; sister, Joan Blodgett of South Portland; several nieces, nephews, and cousins. While she loved all of her cousins, she was especially close to Susan Wilder of Glen Allen, Va.

The family would like to express their thanks to close friends who provided care and support in North Fort Myers, Fla.



From the Portland Press Herald, November 8, 2023

WESTBROOK – **Judith Lorraine Doten**, a resident of Westbrook, passed away peacefully at her home on Nov. 3, 2023, at the age of 81.

She was born on May 4, 1942, to William and Leona Brown of Fryeburg. She graduated in the class of 1960. She married Leroy Doten on Feb. 12, 1963.

Judy worked for Union Mutual, Dr. Harry Bliss, and most recently, Cardiovascular Consultants for 20 years before retiring.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Julie Ann Doten; and her seven siblings.

She is survived by her loving husband, Leroy Doten; and their son, James Doten, and daughter-in-law, Cathy Kelso-Doten. Judy's legacy lives on through her four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren; all of whom were a constant source of joy in her life.

Judy had a green thumb and her skills as a quilter were remarkable. She enjoyed watching birds, with Cardinals being her favorite and enjoyed Monarch butterflies. She and Roy enjoyed many winters in Florida after retiring.

In accordance with her wishes, a private ceremony to celebrate her life will be held at Brooklawn Memorial Park. The family kindly requests that you remember Judy in your own special way.
