

**DENNIS W. STURGES**  
PALERMO—Dennis W. Sturges, 64, of Parmenter Road, died December 25, 2011, as the result of an automobile accident on Route 3 in Palermo. He was born in Dallas, Texas, on June 25, 1947, the son of John L. Sturges and Beverly J. (Millican) Sturges. Dennis received his associate degree in computer science from the University of Maine at Augusta.

He served honorably in the Air Force during the Vietnam War.

Prior to becoming disabled, he did small-engine repair for several years at Chapman & Sons and was an auto mechanic at Rotary Garage in Augusta for several years.

Dennis was a member of Palermo Christian Church, Malcolm Glidden American Legion Post 163 and Past Master of Dirigo Masonic Lodge 104, AF & AM, of Weeks Mills.

He was predeceased by his parents, and by his wife, Christine Ann (Lucier) Sturges, who died on March 24, 1997.

Surviving are two stepsons, Craig Hopkins, of Gardiner and Roy Lucier, of Palermo; one brother, Darrel Sturges, of Denver, Colorado; and two sisters, Glenda Emery, of Grapevine, Texas, and Stephanie Fraire, of Garland, Texas.

Memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements were by Plummer Funeral Home, 16 Pleasant Street, Augusta.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.plummerfh.com](http://www.plummerfh.com).

**ROY E. LUCIER**  
PALERMO—Roy E. Lucier, 82, born May 30, 1929, was killed in a car accident on December 25, 2011, in Palermo.

Roy was formerly from Coventry, Rhode Island.

He is survived by daughters Barbara and husband Raymond Battey, of Augusta, Jackie and husband Bob Berry, of Mesquite, Texas, Patty and husband Charlie Thurston, of Augusta, Brenda and husband Bruce Davis, of Palermo and Theresa Wade, of Dallas, Texas.

He is also survived by 10 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

**LOUISE F. CLIFFORD**  
CHELSEA—Louise F. Clifford, 85, died Wednesday, December 28, 2011, at the MaineGeneral Rehabilitation and Nursing Care at Glenridge, in Augusta.

She was the beloved wife of George Clifford for 66 years, loving mother to her daughter JoAnne Rudwall and son-in-law William; six grandchildren, Brian and his wife Kim, Janene and her husband Brett, and Scott and his wife Rebecca, Laurie and her husband, Bill, Bill Jr. and his wife Alice, and Jamie and his wife Julie; and great-grandchildren Alyssa, Mallory, Angel, Meadow, Paris, Jasmine, Roger, Cassandra, Morgan, Isabelle and Jake.

She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law Pat and Burt Truman; her brother, Gus, and his wife Laurie; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by sib-

lings, Alice, Leon, Al, Helen, Tony and Joe.

**LÉONARD F. ALEXANDER**  
CHELSEA—Leonard Frank Alexander Jr., 85, passed away on December 30, 2011. He was born December 14, 1926, in Dresden, the son of Leonard E. and Nettie Mae Alexander.

After graduating from Bridge Academy in 1949, he married his high school sweetheart, Barbara Louise Blodgett, October 27, 1951. Right after graduating, he and his brother, Bruce, started Alexander's Garage in Randolph. From there, he went to Augusta Provision, later known as Jordan Meats, as a meat cutter. After retiring from Jordan Meats, he went to work as a mechanic for Percy Bailey Auto Sales.

Len loved spending time with his family. His favorite hobbies included hunting, fishing, camping, antique car meets and vegetable gardening.

He was a member and past master of the Chelsea and East Kennebec Pomona Grange for 50 years. He had completed all degrees of the Grange, including the National Grange. He was also a member of the Pittston Historical Society and St. Matthias Church in Richmond. He was a member and past president of the Maine Obsolete Automobile League (MOAL). He also served as a Boy Scout troop leader for many years.

Len was predeceased by his parents, and his wife, Barbara Alexander.

He is survived by his son, Leonard G. Alexander, of Farmingdale, his daughter, Betty L. and husband Daniel R. Bailey, of Farmingdale; his son Edward I. and wife Catherine F. Alexander, of Whitefield, grandson Douglas D. Bailey, granddaughter Lauren E. Alexander, of Whitefield; his brothers Phillip L. Alexander Sr., of Chelsea, Alan G. and wife Edith Alexander, of Monmouth, Bruce A. and wife Marjorie Alexander; his sisters-in-law Marie Bronn, of Chelsea, Deidre Blodgett, of Dresden, Norma "Tootie" Blodgett, of Pittston; several nieces, nephews, and friends.

The family has requested that contributions be made in Len's memory to the Alzheimer's Care Center, Maine General Health Office of Philanthropy, P.O. Box 828, Waterville 04903.

**JAMES E. MCCRAIN**  
WINDSOR—James E. McCrain, 74, of Windsor, died Sunday, January 1, 2012, at MaineGeneral Medical Center in Augusta. He was born in the Bronx, New York, on April 22, 1937, one of 12 children of Joseph and Grace Enright McCrain.

Jim joined the U.S. Army in



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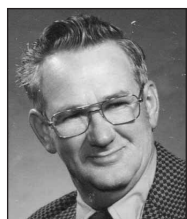
1967, serving three stints in Vietnam, discharging honorably in 1977. He also served in Germany, Japan and Korea. Following his military service, he was employed as a chef at Boston College, Harvard University and Perkins School for the Blind. He relocated to Augusta in 1996.

Jim was predeceased by his daughter, Lynn McCrain; his brother, William McCrain; and three sisters, Eileen Baer, Grace Calvano and Joan McCrain.

He is survived by his son, James McCrain, of New York; three brothers, Joseph McCrain and his wife, Joyce, of Coram, New York, Edward McCrain and his wife, Mary, of Long Island, and Thomas McCrain, and his wife, Tina, of Bronx; four sisters Lois Ozga and her husband, Stanly, of Dumont, New Jersey, Patricia Stone and her husband, Warren, of Rindge, New Hampshire, Dorothy Pierce, of Bronx, and Catherine Traylor, of Windsor; plus several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Donations in his memory may be sent to St. Jude Tribute Program, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis TN 38148-0142.

**MILLARD A. PINKHAM**  
FAIRFIELD—Millard "Pinky" Ardene Pinkham, 81, died January 3, 2012, at the Lakewood



Caring Care Center, of Waterville.

He was born in Bath, June 5, 1930, the son of Therlow and Josephine (Cookson) Pinkham.

Pinky was educated in the schools of Bath and played basketball while in High School.

He was a veteran who served in the US Navy. Pinky married Dorothy Watts on August 19, 1961, in Fairfield Center, and worked most of his life as an electrician in the surrounding area. He also was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and retired 20 years ago.

Pinky enjoyed woodworking and learned the finer arts of woodworking as a true craftsman. He also enjoyed fishing.

He is survived by Dorothy

Pinkham, his wife of 50 years; a step-son, Joseph Daniel Fortin, of Waterville; a sister, Frances Porter, of Bowdoinham; several nieces, nephews and a cousin, Thatcher Pinkham.

In lieu of flowers, friends wishing may make donations in his memory to HealthReach Hospice, PO Box 828, Waterville, Maine 04903 or on line at [www.give.maine-general.org](http://www.give.maine-general.org).

Arrangements under the care and direction of Dan & Scott's Cremation & Funeral Service, 445 Waterville Road, Skowhegan.

**THELMA L. MARSTON**  
FAIRFIELD—Thelma L. Marston, 93, of Green Road, Fairfield, died on Thursday, January 5, 2012. She was born in Kingman, a daughter of Percy and Mary Anne (Davis) Sutter Sr.

Thelma was educated in Gardiner Schools. She worked for various health-care providers, retiring from the Augusta Mental Health Institute in 1978 as a nurse's aide. Thelma devoted much of her life to the Old Time Pentecostal Blood Bought Church in Oakland. She was a founding member and a member of the board of trustees. Thelma enjoyed seeing God's handiwork while traveling North America from coast to coast throughout her life. She loved to ride and truly enjoyed scenery.

Thelma is survived by her children, Donna Preble, of Texas, Tom E. Sr. and wife Mitzy Marston, of East Hampton, Connecticut, Dana G. and wife Betty Marston, of Fairfield, Candace L. Amburg and husband Douglas, of Carmel, Bishop Dean J. Marston Sr. and wife Rev. Shirley Marston, of Waterville and Dale A. Marston Sr., of Fairfield. She also leaves a sister, Marjorie Connors, of Florida; 25 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; 15 great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by her husband, Elmer L. Marston; her children Dawn L. Marston, Dixie E. Davis, Michael P. Marston and George D. Marston Sr.; her parents; and eight siblings.

**RICKY C. AKERS**

**VASSALBORO**—Ricky C. Akers, 41, of Vassalboro, passed away peacefully at MaineGeneral Medical Center in Waterville on Friday, December 30, 2011, following a long and courageous battle with many illnesses.

Ricky resided in Vassalboro his entire life, and was a 1989 graduate of Winslow High School.

Ricky was an avid computer enthusiast who enjoyed collecting, building and racing radio-controlled cars. He loved participating in and watching all types of sports, particularly football, baseball and hockey. Most of all, Ricky enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and was always willing to help and support them whenever needed.

Ricky is survived by his mother and father, Laurel (Abbott) and Jesse Akers, of Vassalboro; his brother, Michael; sister-in-law Charlene; nephew Matthew Akers, of Belgrade, many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Ricky has requested that donations be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Maine, 87 Elm Street, Suite 206, Camden ME 04843 or the National Kidney Foundation of Maine, 470 Forest Avenue, Suite 302, Portland ME 04101, two charities he held very close to his heart.

An online guestbook may be signed at [www.lawrybrothers.com](http://www.lawrybrothers.com).

**JANE B. RICHARD**  
EAST VASSALBORO—Jane B. Richard, 74, died following a courageous battle with lung cancer on January 5, 2012, at the Hospice House of Androscoggin. She was born on February 26, 1937, in New York City, to John and Doris Behringer.

She attended schools on Long Island, New York, and went on to graduate from the University of Maine where she met her husband, Ray. Jane was a great lover of animals and over the years had many treasured pets.

Besides her husband, Ray, Jane is survived by her four children and their spouses, Sue and Mike Leighton, John Richard, Jim and Lela Richard, and David and Angela Richard. She also survived by nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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