

**DANA A. JOHNSON**

VASSALBORO—Dana Arthur Johnson, 54, of Vassalboro and Belgrade, died March 22, 2010, due to severe medical complications. He was born May 12, 1954, in Augusta, the son of Arthur and Ruby (Allard) Johnson of Sidney.

He graduated in 1973 from Messalonskee High School in Oakland, and then went on to graduate from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. He worked as police officer for the town of Oakland and city of Waterville. Dana also volunteered as an emergency medical technician and volunteer firefighter. He was a public servant in the truest sense of the word.

Dana had experiences as a carpenter, an airplane pilot, police officer, firefighter, security guard, scuba diver and father.

In most recent years, Dana dedicated himself to caring for his wife through her challenges with cancer.

Dana is survived by his wife and best friend of 20 years, Ruth (Chase) Johnson; two daughters, Tonya (Johnson) Bartshe and her husband, Michael, of Auburn and Katie (Johnson) Talon and her husband, Todd, of Monmouth; stepdaughter Wanda (Padham) Curtis and her husband, Michael; grandson Nathan Bartshe; two sisters, Diane Trepanier and her husband, Doug, and Deborah Short; stepgrandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Friends and family may make donations in his memory to the Humane Society Waterville Area, 100 Webb Road, Waterville ME 04901.

Memorial remembrances may be written at [www.legacy.com/obituaries/main](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/main) today-morning sentinel/.

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

**JEAN F. WILLIAMS**

WINSLOW—Jean Fedorovich Williams, 68, passed away on Thursday, March 25, 2010, in Augusta. She was born in Waterville on October 4, 1941, the daughter of Walter and Natalie (McKenney) Fedorovich Jr.

Jean was married on August 16, 1964, to Richard Paul Williams. They first met at Halifax Street School in the fourth grade. They were married for more than 45 years, and shared 58 Christmases together.

She is survived by her children, Christopher Paul Williams of Greenville, Janna Jean LaFond of Portland, Susan Elizabeth Williams of Winslow; her granddaughter, Brianna Kathryn LaFond of Portland; and her Labrador retriever, Jayda Jean.

Jean was predeceased by parents; her grandparents, Bert Hayes and Ethel McKenney Hayes and Walter Fedorovich Sr. and Christina Zelenkewich Fedorovich.

She was a 1960 graduate of Winslow High School, where she was a member of the WHS marching band and orchestra. She participated in the KV and Allstate orchestras, playing the violin. She also very much enjoyed the piano.

As a young girl, Jean enjoyed spending time at her father's hunting camp in Burnham where she visited her pet raccoon, Bandit.

In her early years she worked for Colby College in the Eustis Building for both the admissions and treasurer's office before leaving to be a full-time mom. For many years, she worked as a secretary for the Pleasant Street United Methodist Church. She worked at United Parcel Service

for more than 26 years.

Jean was involved in many activities throughout her life. These included the Daughters of the American Revolution; she twice served as a page at the Continental Congress in Washington, C.C.; and was a Colby Symphony Orchestra violinist for nearly 20 years. She was an active member of the Pleasant Street United Methodist Church, chairing several committees and helping to establish Young at Heart. For her children she was a Cub Scout leader for six boys; Brownie leader for six girls; Girl Scout consultant with 17 leaders and more than 100 girls. When she was young, she had been a Brownie and Girl Scout herself.

Jean was also an animal lover and supported Charlie's Strays and other animal-help groups.

Memorial donations may be made to: Harold Alford Center for Cancer Care, MaineGeneral Health, P.O. Box 828, Waterville ME 04903-0828.

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

**SUSAN L. HOWE**

VASSALBORO—Susan L. Howe, 66, a resident of Vassalboro, passed away peacefully on March 25, 2010, after a lengthy illness. She was born on January 12, 1944, in Norwood, Massachusetts, the daughter of Arthur Wentworth and Doris E. (Jaquith) Dean.

She graduated with honors from Canton High School in 1961. For the past 12 years, until July 2009, she was employed by the Patenaude Dental Office in Augusta.

She was a gifted gardener with the greenest thumb and enjoyed bowling. She loved to vacation with her family, whether it was camping a few towns away or a cruise on the ocean with her husband. She also enjoyed playing with her grandchildren whenever possible. A wonderful home cook, her food won much praise, and her apple pie was award-winning.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Edward L. Howe; her children, Arthur Howe and his wife, Debbie, of Monmouth, Rachel MacArthur and her husband, Derek, of Vassalboro, April Gostin and her husband, Bruce, of Waterville, and Eddie Howe Jr. and his partner, Aaron Nichols, of San Jose, California; her sisters, Virginia Giorgi and Mary Ellen Dean; her brothers, Paul Dean and Malcolm Dean; and her grandchildren Jennifer MacArthur, Daniel Gostin and Aaron Cadwell. She was predeceased by her granddaughter Cassandra Dee Howe.

Memorial donation to assist with funeral expenses may be sent to Edward L. Howe Sr., 503 Nelson Road, Vassalboro ME 04989.

**MARINA C. PASSMORE**

SIDNEY—Marina Clemence (LeClair) Passmore, 75, died March 25, 2010, at Mount St. Joseph Nursing Home in Waterville, where she had been a resident for the past three months following a long illness. She was born in Augusta on February 18, 1935, the daughter of Guy R. and Alice A. (Royer) LeClair.

Marina was educated in the schools of Augusta and worked many years as a clerk at local convenience stores. Her granddaughter, Ashley, and daughter, Lisa, being her caretaker for several years, will miss her tremendously.

She is survived by her two daughters, Lisa Snow and husband Michael, of Sidney, and Linda Gilbert and husband Robert, of Sidney; a son, Dennis Passmore, and wife

Cindy, of Litchfield; a sister, Beverly Nadeau, and husband Docite, of Vassalboro; a brother, Guy LeClair, and wife Nancy, of Augusta; five grandchildren, Ashley Snow, Jessie Passmore, Tracie Maddex, Jaime York, and Eric York; several nieces; six great-grandchildren; and a special friend of 42 years, Jenny.

She was predeceased by her husband of 52 years, Charles Passmore; her parents, Guy and Alice LeClair; a son, Scott Passmore; a grandson, Steven Passmore; her sisters Florence LeClair and Andrea Sargent; and her brothers Clement and Gilford LeClair.

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**REV. DR. AUGUSTUS DOWDY JR.**

VASSALBORO—Rev. Dr. Augustus Wilmont Dowdy Jr., 74, known to his friends and family as Wil, died on Saturday, April 3, 2010, following a brief illness. A retired American Baptist minister, Wil resided in Vassalboro with his wife Margaret "Meg". Wil was born at home on August 13, 1935, in Norfolk, Virginia.



His early childhood was spent in the coastal areas of Virginia, which fostered his life-long love of the ocean. He received a bachelors of arts from South Eastern Bible College in 1959, a bachelors of divinity from Gordon Divinity College in 1964, a masters of religious education from Andover Newton Theological Seminary in 1965, and was ordained by the United Baptist Convention of Maine in June of 1968. His education culminated with a doctor of ministry from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1984.

An accomplished writer, Wil was the author of numerous published articles. Notably, he interviewed Maria Von Trapp (of Sound of Music fame) and penned her life story for *Christian Life* magazine. He authored the book *Phone Power* (Judson Press, 1974). He continued to write and publish articles in numerous magazines and local press throughout his life. In the late 1990s, he was instrumental in the establishment of the Maine Fellowship of Christian Writers.

In 1966 Wil began a ministry with the American Baptist Churches in North and Center Vassalboro. In 1967 he met Meg Seaney at a community hymn sing and they were married on June 30, 1968. They spent the summer of 1970 touring Europe with the Gordon College History Seminar.

Upon their return, Wil and Meg moved to Bristol, Vermont, where Wil had accepted a pastorate. For 15 years Wil served as the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bristol on the village green. It was there in the beautiful green mountains of Vermont that sons Jonathan and Jason were born.

In 1985 the family returned to Maine and built a home on the Seaney property, where he and Meg have resided for the past 24-1/2 years. During this time, Wil served as pastor for the Fairfield Friends Church, the Riverside Baptist Church, in Hinckley, and the Center Vassalboro Baptist Church. He was currently a member of Getchell Street Baptist Church in Waterville.

Wil's love of music was expressed through a heartfelt, beautiful baritone voice.

In addition to his wife of 42 years, Margaret (Seaney) Dowdy, Wil is survived by his son, Jonathan and his wife Signe Burns and their son Sydney Dean Dowdy of San Francisco, California, as well as his son Jason and his wife Marla Naujoks and their sons Parker Delta Dowdy and Quinn Sigma Dowdy of Hollis; his sister, June Jacobs and her husband Mason; uncle Joseph Dowdy, of Coinjock, North Carolina; and cousins, Ellen Lee, Daniel Dowdy, and Phillip Dowdy.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made in Wil's name to either the Getchell St. Baptist Church, 3 Getchell St., Waterville, ME 04901 or The Maine Fellowship of Christian Writers c/o Vicki Schad, 180 S. Stanley Hill Rd., Vassalboro, ME 04989

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**BENJAMIN D. MACMUNN WINDSOR**—Benjamin D. MacMunn, 83, of Windsor died on March 25, 2010, at Togus Veterans Hospital. He was born on May 31, 1926, in Saugus, Massachusetts, the son of Arthur and Hazel MacMunn.

Benjamin proudly served his country in the Navy during World War II.

He worked for many years as a carpenter for Lynn Local 495 in Massachusetts, retiring in 1976.

Benjamin was a member of the Kearsarge Odd Fellows Lodge 217, past grand member, Swampscott, Massachusetts. He was also a member of the Mount Olivette Masonic Lodge 203 in Washington.

He enjoyed playing cribbage, card games, reading, watching television, camping and traveling throughout the South.

Benjamin is survived by his wife, Margaret "Rita" MacMunn, of Windsor; sons Alan MacMunn and his wife, Jeanette, of Washington, and Steven MacMunn and his wife, Gail, of Windsor; grandsons Christopher, Craig, James and Angelika; sisters-in-law Marjorie O'Blenes, of Salisbury, Massachusetts, Ann Higgins and her husband, Keith, of Palermo, and Orphia Urquhart, of Middleton, New Hampshire; and many nieces and nephews.

Donations in Benjamin's memory may be made to the hospice unit at Togus Veterans Hospital or the American Cancer Society, 1 Bowdoin Mill Island, Topsham ME 04086.

**ALAN J. BOYER**

UNITY—Alan Joseph Boyer, 59, died on Friday, March 26, 2010, in Waterville at MaineGeneral Medical Center, Thayer Unit. Born in Boston on February 14, 1951, he was his mother Sheila Scholl's "funny little Valentine."

Alan was predeceased by his

father, Martin "Buzzy" Boyer, and his stepfather, Edgar Scholl.

He was a graduate of Marblehead High School, Marblehead, Massachusetts, Dartmouth, Massachusetts, as well as Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts.

Most recently, Alan had worked as a mortgage broker in the Waterville area until finally landing at Hammond Lumber Co., Fairfield, in 2007, as an inside salesperson. Soon after Alan became disabled and retired to Unity with Kate and their "child," Pearl, his "pinhead," who sat loyally with Al through the last 17 months.

But what Al enjoyed the most was being on stage as an entertainer with several bands in Massachusetts and Maine. He played guitar, sang and composed songs since he was 13. He is best remembered as a member of The Private Cellar Band (Massachusetts), Thin Ice (Massachusetts) and Fat Water (Maine) and for the song he wrote his wife entitled, "Baby, Tell Me What You Want Me To Do."

In 1986 Al married Kate at a grand celebration in Boston Harbor aboard the USS Beaver, also known as the Boston Tea Party boat, and in 1996 they relocated year-round to Sniggle Beach, Burnham, where together they built a small off-the-grid home on 25 acres overlooking the 25 Mile Stream.

Al was a diehard Patriots fan and a love of sports was something special that he shared with his sons and wife. He also was a member of Bad to The Bone Canoe Club (Massachusetts).

He is survived by his wife of more than 23 years, Kathryn, and two sons, Adam W. Boyer, New Hampshire, and Jesse S. Boyer of North Reading, Massachusetts; three half-siblings, Kiff Scholl of Los Angeles, California, Rob Scholl of Ithaca, New York and Vivienne Scholl of San Francisco, California; granddaughter, Anabel Rose Boyer and grandson, Noah John Boyer of Franconia, New Hampshire; along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and in-laws.

Donations in Alan's memory may be made to the Inland Wound Clinic, 200 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Waterville ME 04901.

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**OTHERS DEPARTED**

Dawn Marie Castner and husband Chris, of China Village, lost her mother, **Florette L. Culbert**, 85, of Lowell, Massachusetts, on Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at her residence.

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