

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your generosity and concern is overwhelming

To the editor:

We would like to say a heartfelt thank-you to all of our family, friends, co-workers and neighbors for all of the help, well wishes and support since my injury on Thanksgiving Day.

Everyone's generosity and concern has been quite overwhelming. We can't begin to thank everyone enough for everything they have done or offered to do.

**Craig & Sandy Mitchell
Phillips**

OBITUARIES

Richard Edmond Lambert

1907-2009 — *Richard will be known for his smile and hugs*

KINGFIELD — Richard Edmond Lambert, age 101, has gone to be with the Lord he loved, Friday, Feb. 13, 2009 at the Edgewood Rehabilitation and Living Center in Farmington where he had been a resident for the past three months. He has joined his beloved wife of 68 years, Lucille, who died in April 1996 and their only daughter, Rosalind Lambert Starnes, who died in 1997. Richard also had a sister Gladys Lambert Bean, four years his senior, who also died at 101, five years ago.

Richard was born Sept. 14, 1907 in West Freeman, the son of Harry and Jennie (Gray) Lambert. He was educated in the schools of Strong, starting at the age of four and graduating at the age of sixteen. Richard worked at Starbird's Mill of Strong for 35 years. He served as foreman of the garage; engineered and oversaw the building of the debarking plant, doing a lot of the electrical and machine work. He also acted as foreman of the upper long lumber mill for 13 summers.

Richard and Lucille moved to Kingfield, where his son Maurice and he operated Lambert's Esso Station on Main Street, retiring in 1972.

He and his wife were members of the Methodist Church of Strong and Richard served as lay leader several times. Living in Kingfield for 20 years, they were members of the First Baptist Church where he served as deacon for 14 years. Richard was a corporator of the former Kingfield Savings Bank and served on the town's budget committee.



After Lucille became ill, they sold their home in Kingfield and moved back to Strong. He then joined the Farmington Baptist Church and served as greeter for a number of years. He loved everyone and received the Boston Post Cane in 2007. Richard will be known for his smile and hugs.

Richard is survived by a son, Maurice Lambert and wife, Dot, of Kingfield where Richard made his home for the past two years; five grandsons, Richard M. Lambert and wife, Judy, of Swanville, Scott and wife, Sue, of Oakland, Clair and wife, Jeanette, of Kingfield, Parris and wife, Linda, of Benton, Dale Starnes and wife, Georgette, of Jay; six granddaughters, Sandra Starnes of Farmington (Edgewood Rehabilitation and Living Center), Sharon and husband, Brian Bane, of Clinton, Pamela and husband, Dennis Bare, of Kingfield, Sonya Dearborn and husband, Richard, of Kingfield, Val (died Feb. 2007) and husband, Bob Baker, of Salem, Melanie and husband, Roger Meldrum, of Kingfield; 22 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Friends wishing may make donations in his memory to the Farmington Baptist Church, c/o Pastor Earl Edgerly, 216 Whittier Road, Farmington, Maine 04938.

The funeral was held Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009, at the Farmington Baptist Church. The Pastor Earl Edgerly of Farmington Baptist Church and Pastor Tom Dubois of Western Mountains Baptist Church of Kingfield, officiated. Committal service to be held in the spring.

Patricia Joyce Madore

1931-2009 — *She was always and forever a teacher*

AIKEN, S.C. — Word has been received that a former New Vineyard woman Patricia Joyce Madore passed away on Feb. 10, 2009, at the age of 78 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Madore was born in New Britain Conn., the daughter of the late Norman and Mary Kowalski Joyce. Madore and her late husband, Donald, lived on Route 27 in New Vineyard from 1977 to 1985. Madore was employed as a social worker for the State of Maine for two years and taught school at the Wilton Academy for over five years. Both the Madores were active members of the Aurora Grange of Strong. Madore was also a member of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Farmington and enjoyed competing at the local fairs with her draft horses, while residing in Maine.

Madore was a member of the Rocky Swamp American Indian Ministries and an active member of the Mormon Church in Dillingham, Ark., said her daughter, Donna. After Madore and her late husband moved to Aiken, S.C., Madore taught special education in the Aiken school system. "My mom was very much into helping especially

handicapped children as part of her social work," said Donna. A loving teacher for 55 years, Madore taught her students to overcome challenges and hardships to find success, said her children, including Kevin Madore of Farmington, stating, "it was who she was and how she lived ... always and forever a teacher."

Madore is survived by her two daughters, Susan Thames of Dillingham, Ark. and Donna Madore of Aiken, S.C.; sons, Kevin of Farmington, Joel of Frederick, Md. and Norman of Denmark, S.C.; also 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Maryanne McCue of Hartford, Conn.

In addition to her parents her first husband, Richard McCarthy; second husband, Donald Madore; and her brother, Robert Joyce preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009, in Aiken, S.C.

Anyone who would like to make a donation in Madore's memory may direct it to the South Carolina Special Olympics, 810 Dutch Square Blvd., Suite 204, Columbia SC 29210.

Paul Schipper

The Iron Man of Skiing

CARRABASSETT VALLEY — Paul Schipper, of Carrabassett Valley, died 3:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 15, 2009, after a bout with pneumonia brought on after suffering a stroke during surgery for a broken hip.

He was best known as the Iron Man of Skiing for his skiing streak which started in 1981 and continued every day

Sugarloaf was open until 2005. His streak garnered him two articles in People Magazine, one in the New York Times, and Good Morning America sent a crew to celebrate one of his milestones.

At his request, there will be no funeral services. A complete obituary will be published at a later date.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Turkey Pie Supper on tap

KINGFIELD — Kingfield United Methodist Church is having a Turkey Pie Supper on Saturday, Feb. 21,

from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Church on High Street.

The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 children. Family rates and takeout is available by calling the church at 265-4921.

ANOTHER IRREGULAR READER IS BORN!



Cosmo Tague Masterson
Born: February 3, 2009, 4:55 a.m.
EMMC, Bangor
Gender: Male
Weight: 7 lbs. 6 oz.
Length: 19 3/4 in.

Parents:
Corey & Meredith Tague Masterson

Letters, Commentaries

If you have a personal view on the upcoming annual town meetings and municipal officer votes that you'd like to express in a Letter to the Editor or Commentary, that the last newspaper in which we will publish them is two issues before the meeting/vote.

In other words, pieces concerning issues for the towns of Avon, Carrabassett, Eustis, Kingfield, New Portland and Strong need to be in our office absolutely no later than Monday, Feb. 23 at 8 a.m. in order to appear in the Feb. 25 issue (this deadline is firm).

Please keep them to 500 words or less; and remember, we reserve the right to edit and/or refuse any submission. Be sure to include contact information. As always, we do not publish anonymous letters and commentaries. Your name and town will be included when your piece is printed.

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