



## Donald R. Bouchard

October 13, 1956 - February 12, 2022

LEWISTON- Donald R. Bouchard passed away peacefully on February 12, 2022. He was born in Lewiston in 1956 to Gilbert and Gabrielle (St. Pierre) Bouchard. He was an amazing husband, father, Pepere and brother. He was a proud, compassionate paramedic, retiring in 2017. He LOVED telling stories of all the special times with family and the many friends he made throughout his life.

He leaves behind his spirited wife, Pat Bouchard; his daughter Heather Foster; son Wade Foster and wife Rebecca; grandson Garrett Foster and fiancé Sam Harper; grandson Joshua Beckett; brother Gerald Bouchard and wife Carol; sister Louise St. Pierre and husband Rene; sister Pauline Gilbert and partner Dave Bickford; sister-in-law Jeanne Morneault and husband Pee-Wee; sister-in-law Denise McCulloch and husband Alex; sister-in-law Dona Beaulieu; many special nieces and nephews and countless cherished friends including his long-time work partner and best friend Eric Merrill. He will also be missed by his beloved cat, Dahlia.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother-in-law Roland Beaulieu and niece Michelle (St. Pierre) Arpin.

A special thanks to cherished friends, Craig and Pam who supported Pat during Don's passing.

To My Dear Husband,

On August 29, 1980, I married the most wonderful man I could have asked for. You cared and provided for a widow and her children for the next 42 years. Along the way, we gained grandchildren, extended family members and numerous friends who made our family complete.

I proudly watched you follow your passions as a finish carpenter and a paramedic. You devoted your time to mentoring others, sharing your knowledge and your heart. You saved so many lives in so many different ways. Your benevolence will live on in others for many

years to come.

It was difficult to leave you at the hospital, more difficult to sleep without you. This week, we celebrate Valentine's Day, my birthday and your life, all without you. I will always be grateful for the love you showed me and I will hold you forever in my heart.

Rest easy, my love.

Your wife, Pat

Memorial services honoring Donald's life will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 11:00 AM at the Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home. Committal services will then follow at St. Peter's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to your local First Responders or The Wounded Warriors Project. Visitation will be held on Monday, February 21, 2022 from 5-9 PM at the Pinette, Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home 305 Alfred A. Plourde Parkway in Lewiston 784-4023.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 21. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
305 Alfred Plourde Parkway  
PO Box 181  
Lewiston, ME 04240  
jimlynch55@gmail.com  
<https://www.lynchbrothers.com/>

## Service

FEB 22. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
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Lewiston, ME 04240  
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## Committal

FEB 22. 12:15 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Peter's Cemetery  
217 Switzerland Rd.  
Lewiston, ME 04240

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Donald R. Bouchard*



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**Pinette, Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - February 21 at 07:30 PM

“ Don Bouchard

*Don was in the first EMT class that I taught in the early 1990s. He was a regular guy. No more, no less. Nothing particularly special or noteworthy other than being made of the salt of the earth. Maine earth.*

*He was a volunteer in Central Maine for Poland Rescue when he joined class. He had completed the 40-hour Ambulance Attendant class beforehand with a host of others. They all knew each other. They shared the same collective mindset. People caring for their community by providing the best care that they could have.*

*Good people. Indicative of what a true Mainer is made of. Imagine waking up at night, on a weekend, after working tirelessly at your primary job, climbing into your personal vehicle to drive to the station, finding keys to get inside the station and starting up your vehicle to brave the unknown. For no pay or a minor stipend.*

*It takes a character to do this.*

*You arrive on scene and try to measure up all that you see while you care for those who are afraid all the while waiting for the United ambulance crew to arrive to transport your patient, your neighbor, your family. And you did it all with the knowledge of a 40-hour class. Sometimes you are asked to drive the ambulance into the city or to climb aboard and help out during transport. Someone else on your service nods in agreement. They'll send someone to pick you up at the hospital while they clean and return the rescue into service. They have your back. You've had theirs.*

*Adrenaline is driving and keeping you awake and yet watching the crew from United makes you want to know more. To be more. And so you continue your career to become an EMT in a bridge class. We met beforehand on calls but you became my student and I watched you grow.*

*We had guest lecturers including Matt Jeton. You rode on calls during your clinicals with the likes of Shawn Metayer, Don Wormell, Matt, and Rick Simpson. All have gone before you into that good night. They are welcoming you now as one of them for you are.*

*When I left for Florida, you gave me a reference letter. I have cherished it now for the past 29-years. When did we get old?*

*Don, you went on and became a paramedic and later a supervisor and mentor. If I had to define what a true Mainer is, I would smile and remember you dear sir. You are the salt of our earth, you are the fabric of numerous communities, and you are the provider, protector, and core of what Maine EMS should be most proud of.*

*We mourn your passing, glasses will be raised tonight, and know that the son of the small rural voices did not go unappreciated.*

*Dirigo.*

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**Mike Hilliard** - February 21 at 07:02 PM

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“ *Rest In Peace my friend.*

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**Jim Owens** - February 19 at 01:21 PM

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“ *Some of us have known you since you were a funny little guy in the first grade at Holy Cross. Some of us didn't get to meet you until high school at LHS. Some of us were able to know you as an adult who did wonderful things for other people. All of us will miss you. Our condolences to your family and friends. You touched so many lives.*

*The Class of '74*

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**Pam Calderone** - February 19 at 12:29 AM

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“ *Alex and Robin Meadows purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Donald R. Bouchard.*



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**Alex and Robin Meadows** - February 18 at 12:19 PM

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“ *Alex and I came to Maine to see Denise and Alec. We went fishing one day and there was Sea Smoke. Well being from Florida I had never seen Sea Smoke before. Don and I were on the back of the boat and he explained to me what it was in his usual wit. It wasn't that significant of a day, but him telling me about Sea Smoke is something I will always remember.*

*He was a gentle soul and Alex and I will miss him!*

*Much love,  
Alex & Robin Meadows*

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**Robin Meadows** - February 18 at 12:09 PM

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“ Don...I remember that you gave me rides home in your Saab. We had so much fun! Other memory of you was when we went candlepin bowling and you were not used to bowling unless it was big balls. Your turn came up and you threw that ball like it weighed so much, the ball jumped two lines and you got a strike! That was aa typical night out with Don! The last time I saw you was when your Mom and my Dad were in hospice. You were the same and that was what we loved about you. May you rest in peace my dear friend.

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**Sue Patterson (Dubuc)** - February 18 at 11:12 AM

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*Rest in peace in Heaven friend Donald. 🙏*

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**Paul & Rachel St Pierre** - February 19 at 07:48 PM