



Gerard P. Beaudette

June 19, 1933 - January 20, 2019

PORTLAND- Gerard P. Beaudette, 85, of New Gloucester, Maine died peacefully surrounded by the love of family and friends after a valiant fight against leukemia at Maine Medical Center in Portland.

Gerard was born on June 19, 1933 in Lewiston, Maine, the sixth born child of Azarias and Fabiola (Filteau) Beaudette.

Gerard was a lifelong fan of music. As a skilled trombonist, he was a member of a marching band as a young adult. The status and musical skill of his band even led to being cast in the 1957 movie, Peyton Place. He enjoyed attending live outdoor band or orchestra concerts and frequented Auburn Community Band Concerts in the summer and annual Independence Pops and Magic of Christmas performances by the Portland Symphony Orchestra. Gerard also collected various albums of his favorite jazz musicians, even cataloging his collection.

After attaining a Master of Science in Library Science from the University of Rhode Island, he worked as an Acquisitions Librarian at Bates College in Lewiston for 26 years until his retirement in 1992. Gerard was an avid reader and surrounded himself with books of various genres. He shared his love of reading and learning with his children and led them on a bike ride every weekend to the local public library to borrow books.

Gerard was a passionate sports fan, and faithfully watched every Red Sox, Bruins or New England Patriots game. He never missed an opportunity to go to Fenway Park to see his favorite team.

Gerard was predeceased by his wife of 38 years, Claire (Bonneau) Beaudette in 2006, and siblings Denise Beaudette, Sr. Lorraine Beaudette, Rita (Bonnie) Beaudette, Raymond Beaudette, Richard Beaudette and Robert Beaudette.

Gerard was loved by many as evidenced by his many affectionate nicknames-Pepere, Peep, Old Sport, Uncle Garage and Topyy.

He is survived by his three children, Roland Beaudette and his wife Jamie of Orange, CT., Nicole (Beaudette) Andrews and husband Rick of New Gloucester, Maine and Christine (Beaudette) Bragdon and her wife Kathryn of Veazie, Maine; and honorary children, Jen and Scott Adams and Nancy Gahagan of Lewiston. He was a grandfather (Peep and Pepere) to Cameron and Austin Andrews, Kyle, Lani and Mason Beaudette and Ashley

and Marissa Adams. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Online condolences and sharing of memories may be expressed at www.lynchbrothers.com.

A Funeral Mass honoring Gerard's life will be celebrated on Friday at 1:00 PM at Holy Cross Church in Lewiston. Committal services will then follow at St. Peter's Cemetery. Those wishing may make donations in Gerard's memory to the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society 55 Strawberry Avenue, Lewiston, Maine 04240 or to the Auburn Community Band P.O. Box 138 Auburn, Maine 04212-0138. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 5-8 PM at the Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home 305 Alfred A. Plourde Parkway in Lewiston 784-4023.

Cemetery

Events

St. Peter's Cemetery

217 Switzerland Rd.
Lewiston, ME,
04240

JAN **Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home & Cremation
Services

305 Alfred Plourde Parkway PO Box 181, Lewiston, ME, US,
04240

JAN **Service** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Holy Cross Church

St. Croix Street, Lewiston, ME, US, 04240

Comments



“ Gerry this is late in coming but as I hear this news I am compelled to write. I always enjoyed our conversations about the Sox or the dogs. You were always the wise word from the corner never letting anyone know that you were in the room and that you had something to say. A good man. A family man. A compassionate man who always welcomed me into the family when convention said otherwise. Rest In Peace. You will be missed.

Maura McKenney - March 31, 2019 at 12:45 AM



“ Maura, you captured my father's essence perfectly. He thought highly of you and always enjoyed visits and conversations with you. Like you, he was a language lover. Until the very end, he looked forward to his daily crossword puzzle. Maura, I hope you have followed your calling for hospice care. You prepared me to care for my Dad as he was dying, and I am comforted knowing he lived an incredible life and died a good death.

Chris - April 09, 2019 at 08:39 PM



“ I remember Uncle Gerard well from the many visits to Lewiston for weekend trips and Beaudette reunions. He always had great animated jokes, like "the man with the new suit", and he loved to play his trombone. I always sensed a great sweet and peaceful spirit from him, and know his faith in God was strong. Blessings and condolences to all his family as he will be greatly missed.

Ron Bonnevie - January 27, 2019 at 08:46 AM



“ Christ, Judy & Sally Beaudette purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gerard P. Beaudette.



Christ, Judy & Sally Beaudette - January 25, 2019 at 08:31 AM



“ My very vivid recollections of Gerry all have to do with the 5-piece dance band we put together back in the 1947-49 days and actually played for a few "gigs", mostly for high school functions. I played piano, Paul Chaloux was on alto sax, and, of course, Gerry on his trombone. I forget the drummer and the tenor sax guys. We had a lot of fun ... I think because we enjoyed one another, not only as budding musicians, but as young men still innocent in the ways of the sometimes not-too-nice world. Gerry always ... always had that knack to crack us up, making our sessions so full of happy moments. The week before I left for college, September 1949, we had a paying gig in Coaticook, Canada to play for a wedding reception. We drove in Paul's car (150 miles) ... a relative of his was getting married and Gerry regaled us going & coming in the car, on the bandstand (his quips would break us up!); he was just being Gerry Beaudette!

We never saw one another after that weekend, life unfolding in different, separate ways for all five. I've ended up just outside of San Francisco for almost 50 years now. But those happy times with Gerry have (obviously) stayed with me they'll always bring an inner chuckle and smile whenever I think about the good friend I had.

Love to all of Gerry's family.

Gerry Jean

Gerry Jean - January 24, 2019 at 09:38 PM



“ Thank you, Gerry for sharing this wonderful memory. He loved his music and his days as a musician.

Rick Andrews - January 26, 2019 at 01:10 PM



“ I have lots of fond memories going all the way back to Pepere's two-family in Lewiston when we would regularly come up from Mass to visit. Uncle Gerard was always the "happy go lucky" Uncle and a barrel of laughs. He was just the nicest guy you could ever meet and I'd be willing to bet that Heaven is a little bit crazier place now that all the Beaudette Brothers are together again!

Love You Uncle Gerard,

Marc

Marc Beaudette - January 24, 2019 at 06:37 PM



“ Thank again, Marc for coming to the funeral and for sharing this beautiful memory.

Rick Andrews - January 26, 2019 at 01:12 PM



“ Mon oncle garage was a saint to put up with me. I would go upstairs every day and bug him.....he never complained, well maybe he did. He taught me how to ride my little red two wheeler and also taught me how to tie my shoes. He had so much patience and was always fun to be around, he will certainly be missed by everyone!!!

Joline Beaudette L'Heureux - January 24, 2019 at 04:17 PM



“ Thank you, Joline for sharing this wonderful memory. He was one of a kind.

Rick Andrews - January 26, 2019 at 01:13 PM



“ Karen & Dick Robbins, Rob & Shelia Bargdon, Dad, and Eunice purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gerard P. Beaudette.



Karen & Dick Robbins, Rob & Shelia Bargdon, Dad, and Eunice - January 24, 2019 at 11:21 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerard P. Beaudette.



January 23, 2019 at 03:03 PM



“ Your Sikorsky Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gerard P. Beaudette.



Your Sikorsky Family - January 23, 2019 at 12:09 PM



“ Uncle Gerard lived upstairs from us with Pepere for a few years before leaving for the seminary. He would take us to Long Beach in Sabattus after work on hot summer days. Some evenings, we could hear him practicing the trombone. He was fun. I always looked forward to seeing him. He called me T-Pal. You'll be missed Mon Oncle. Rest in peace.

T-Pal
(Paul)

Paul Beaudette - January 22, 2019 at 07:47 PM



“ Thank you, Paul for sharing your memory with us. He absolutely loved the water and being on the beach.

Rick Andrews - January 26, 2019 at 01:14 PM



“ My interactions with Uncle Gerard were mostly as a youngster and less frequent as an adult, but the one common thread through all of them was laughter: Uncle Gerard was always quick with a joke and always had an optimistic, happy attitude -- exceedingly rare and now sadly even more so. He'll be missed dearly, the last of the greatest generation of Beaudettes. I'll always remember his wit and smile when I do. And I promise to raise a glass in his honor at the next Sox game!

Chris Beaudette - January 22, 2019 at 07:38 PM



“ Thank you, Chris for this lovely memory. He loved his Red Sox.

Rick Andrews - January 26, 2019 at 01:17 PM



“ Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Gerard P. Beaudette.



January 22, 2019 at 07:04 PM



“ We are so sorry for the loss of your father. RIP Gerry

carmen laliberte - January 22, 2019 at 04:30 PM