



## Joseph Armand Bussiere

March 7, 1940 - February 20, 2021

LEWISTON- Joseph Armand Bussiere, 80, of Lewiston peacefully entered the gates of Heaven on Saturday, February 20, 2021 at his home on his late mother-in-law's birthday. Armand was born in Lewiston, Maine on March 7, 1940 the first son of the late Raoul and Florence (Meservier) Bussiere. He was also the first grandson of John and Azela Meservier. They were very good to him.

Armand was a devout catholic never missing mass. When he couldn't attend due to Covid, he watched it streamlined or on the television.

Armand had dementia but his personality never changed. He was always fun loving.

Armand and Brenda were very much in love and everyone knew it. He wasn't afraid to tell her or everyone else. They were married March 21, 1993 on her Grammie Sheen's birthday. Brenda took care of him at home. She always wanted his family to be able to visit. He loved his family.

Armand loved his scratch tickets and occasional trips to the casino. Before Armand was sick they travelled frequently. He enjoyed his morning coffee and breakfast with his fellow veterans.

Armand was the first member of the Normand Dionne Post 9150 to receive the recognition of outstanding service to the post and community. He was selected by his peers to receive this honor. His lengthy and outstanding service in the armed service, his years with the United States Postal Service and his long and dedicated service to the VFW all contributed to his selection for this award. He joined the U.S. Air Force in March of 1957 as a logistic specialist. He served tours of duty in Japan, Thailand Taiwan, Vietnam and Africa.

In 1967 he was selected to attend Northeastern University in Boston, from which he graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Law Enforcement.

In 1970 he was selected to attend the Air Force School of Special Investigations in Washington D.C. upon his studies at the school he became a special agent conducting criminal and fraud investigations within the United States and abroad. Some of his biggest assignments were working directly with the Secret Service for a Presidential Protection Detail.

During his military career, he received many decorations and awards, meritorious

commendations and Vietnam service commendation. Armand retired from the Air Force in 1977 due to a brain tumor from Agent Orange.

In 1979 he began working for the U.S. Post Office. He retired after nearly 40 years of combined federal service.

He has served the VFW for many years. He is past commander of the Lisbon VFW Post and Normand Dionne Post 9150. He also served as captain of the color guard. He has spearheaded several drives for disabled veterans in the local area. He was one of the cofounders of the Veteran's park in Lewiston. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 22, Franco American-War Veterans, Amvets, Knights of Columbus and the Association of Retired Special Agents. He was a parishioner of Holy Cross Church.

Armand is survived by his loving wife Brenda; his daughter Denise and husband Robert Gagnon of Auburn; son Ryan Lemelin and wife Lindsay of Bowdoin; his brother Robert Bussiere and wife Rita of Lisbon; his brother Ralph Bussiere and wife Donna of Tuftonboro, New Hampshire; his sister Claire Bolduc of Lewiston; and a special brother-in-law Jim Wagg of Bowdoin; he also leaves five grandsons Dana Bussiere and wife Myndi of Sabattus, Tyler Baril and wife Angela of Oxford, Dylan Gagnon and fiancée Brooke of Turner, Nicholas and Matthew Lemelin of Bowdoin; he leaves one granddaughter Nicole Wyman and husband Nicholas of Nottingham, New Hampshire; he leaves five great grandchildren Ryder Bussiere, Wesley and Evelyn Gagnon, Greyson Baril and Sammy Wyman; He is also survived by his nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his first wife Claire who passed away in 1986; his son Daniel Bussiere; his parents Raoul and Florence Bussiere; and his In-Laws Bud and Bea Wagg. The family wishes to thank Androscoggin Home Health Care and Hospice Services. A special thanks to Doreen Casey and his nurse Staci.

A Funeral Mass honoring Armand's life will be celebrated on Friday, February 26, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Holy Cross Church. Due to the Pandemic, the Funeral Mass will be live streamed for extended family and friends. Committal services along with a military honors service will then follow at St. Peter's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Armand's memory to a veteran's organization of one's choice or to Androscoggin Home Healthcare & Hospice 15 Strawberry Avenue, Lewiston, Maine 04240. Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 25, 2021 from 2-4 & 7-9 PM at the Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home 305 Alfred A. Plourde Parkway in Lewiston 784-4023. Online condolences and sharing of memories may be expressed at <http://www.lynchbrothers.com> .

# Events

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**FEB**   **Visitation**                      02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
305 Alfred Plourde Parkway PO Box 181, Lewiston, ME, US, 04240

**FEB**   **Visitation**                      07:00PM - 09:00PM

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Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
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**FEB**   **Service**                      11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Holy Cross Church  
St. Croix Street, Lewiston, ME, US, 04240

**FEB**   **Committal**                      12:00PM - 01:00PM

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

# Comments

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“ My deepest sympathies to you and your family.

sherry woodsome - March 08 at 08:14 PM

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“ Correction to the original post “ beautiful wife and precious “son”

Forever grateful for the memories that I have shared with Joseph Armand Bussiere. My grandfather has been with me through my strengths and weaknesses, he's seen me fail and flourish. A lot of memories consisted of spending time with him at family gatherings where we would eat a lot of food and relax.

Moments I will never forget include his work as a parishioner, through that came with a lot of prayer. The prayer of my healing, the healing that brought me to my beautiful wife and precious born son, who he adored very much. For his presence he will forever be in the hearts of my family!

As a Son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle and friend you will be sure to say that you have some special memories of your own. Cherish those! They never need to fade away!

I would like to continue to recognize my Grandfather as a “True Patriot” his life long service continued to pave the ways for our “freedom & liberties” His service was not self righteous, but it was to honor, serve and protect his country. His work didn't stop after serving, He continued to support the communities fallen and living veterans. If you never got a chance to know him, but have seen him captured in a photo, you would see that he was front and center, which depicts him well! He was always a dedicated man that lead the way.

So if you want to remember my grandfather Joseph Armand Bussiere, remember to thank a Veteran for their service and when you see that flag waving steadily in the wind, know that he is right there!

I thank everyone for all that have done to support my family, as we have lost one of the greatest!

Please pray for his peace!

Love Tyler Baril

Tyler Baril - February 26 at 09:17 PM

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**Tyler Baril** - February 26 at 08:17 PM

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“ Roger and Cindy McLane purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Joseph Armand Bussiere.



**Roger and Cindy McLane** - February 23 at 07:09 PM

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“ Armand you were an amazing friend. such a kind, loving man and gentle soul. I will miss your infectious smile. We always teased that you were my boyfriend. I wonder if you ever knew that if anything had happened to Brenda before you I promised her I would look after you. Just so you know I will watch over your amazing wife. She has always been a wonderful friend and been there for me and I will always be there for her.

My deepest sympathy to your entire family. My heart goes out to all of them. you can rest well my friend knowing we will look after Brenda. Sweet dreams Armand . Till we meet again.

**Diana Grimmel** - February 23 at 03:49 PM

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“ Armand I hope you are sleeping well and pain free. You have always been good and sweet to me. I'm sure you are looking around for Lottery tickets. Rest in peace my dear . Terry Umbro

**Teresa Umbro** - February 23 at 02:00 PM



“ To Armands Family,we've known Armand since our daughter Lindsay dated Ryan his son.. He was so cheerful , happy go lucky man . He would do anything for his family. They all each an everyone of them had a special place in his heart. He will be greatly missed by all of us... God love you Armand an may god give you a fistful of lottery tickets to scratch off for everyone of us! you are loved dearly by everyone who has known you! Love from The Cleaves Family ... Rodney an Linda xo

**Rodney an Linda Cleaves** - February 23 at 08:11 PM