

“ They no longer hear the calling of the watches, or the falling of the storm rain in the night. Seas shall weary them no more, for they have reached their final haven—their further shore. ”



Finished with Engines



DOUGLAS EDWARD BIRT

Doug Birt sailed into the sunset on Aug. 7, 2006 at the age of 56 in Manhasset, N.Y. Doug grew up in East Millinocket, ME and graduated from Maine Maritime Academy in 1972. He sailed on a variety of tankers and cargo ships for 33 years. Known for his hard work and dedication, he began as a Third Assistant Engineer and proudly wrapped up his seafaring career as a Chief. In the last few years he worked as a part-time instructor at the Calhoon MEBA Engineering School and also taught at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy's Global Maritime Transportation School in King's Point, N.Y. Doug was very proud of reaching a goal that allowed him to share his knowledge and passion for marine engineering with his colleagues and students. He was a kind, gentle, generous man with a big heart, a wonderful sense of humor who loved the company of his family and friends, old and new. He enjoyed family vacations, swimming, reading, movies, cooking and going for impromptu car rides. He was always ready to engage in a discussion involving politics or the stock market. He is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Randi, his mother Dorothy, son Aaron and special friend Erica Butler. He also leaves behind his "baby girl" Kristen O'Donnell and her husband Ryan as well as his best canine friend Bobo. Brother Birt will be remembered by many aunts, uncles, cousins, close friends and colleagues. He was predeceased by his father, Walter A. and his brother, Walter H. "Butch" Birt. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Doug's memory to the American Lung Association of Maine, P.O. Box 2109, 122 State St., Augusta, ME 04338-2109.

ULRICH CONRAD

Ulrich Conrad crossed over on January 11, 2006 at the age of 68. His membership began in 1968 and Ulrich made the most of it racking up over 26 years of pension credit during 27 years in the Union. He last shipped out in 1994 for Sea-Land Service before filing for retirement and settling down to San Jose, CA. Brother Conrad joins his wife Estela in death and is survived by son Bruce and daughter Michele.

HUBERT CREEL

Hubert Creel was released from earthly ties on March 30, 2006 at the age of 82. He turned wrenches for the Union in four decades having suited up as a member in 1951. After racking up almost 28 years of pension credit, he shipped out a final time for Waterman Steamship in 1983 before filing his retirement papers. Brother Creel was a resident of Franklinton, LA and is survived by his wife Willene and daughters Eileen Noto and Diane Thomas.

ROBERT T. DAUGHERTY

Robert Daugherty sailed into the sunset on August 15, 2005 at the age of 84. He worked under the MEBA blue and gold for a decade beginning in 1977 earning close to 9 years of pension credit. He last shipped out for Crowley American Transportation before taking retirement and settling down to Englewood, FL. Brother Daugherty is survived by his wife Iris and daughter Dorcas.

FRANCIS T. DEFRATES

Frank Defrates went to his last reward on December 27, 2005 at the age of 83. He suited up as a member for the first time in 1943 and immediately made a difference as part of the Fourth Arm of Defense (Merchant Marine) which helped our country to victory. He last shipped out in 1983 for U.S. Lines and settled down to Seabrook, NH with over 33 years of pension credit in hand. Brother Defrates is survived by his wife Vera.

WHITNEY A. DUNSTAN

Whitney Dunstan slipped off on July 19, 2005 at the age of 85. Whitney suited up with the MEBA during World War II and was positioned perfectly to help aid our fighting forces with critical cargo carriage. His MEBA service continued for the next 40 years which netted him almost 31 years of pension credit. Brother Dunstan last shipped out for Sea-Land Service in 1984 before settling down to Pismo Beach, CA for a well-deserved retirement.

DOUGLAS ESPINOSA

Douglas Espinosa made the big jump on October 28, 2005 at the age of 88. It was in early 1960 that Douglas made membership and worked for various shipping companies during his time in the Union. He last went to sea for Puerto Rico Marine before filing for retirement and settling down to Miami, FL. Brother Espinosa is survived by his wife Henriette and daughter Marguerite Espinosa-Gil.

HOWARD J. FELL

Howard Fell shipped off toward his final destination on March 17, 2006 at the age of 79. He wrapped up a productive and lengthy shipping career in 1985 after racking up almost 38 years of pension credit. Brother Fell last shipped out for Sea-Land Service shortly before filing for retirement. He was a resident of Seattle, WA and is survived by his wife Elsie.

MAX K. FLORES

77-year old Max Flores and his wife Mikiko answered the last call on August 28, 2005 in Japan. Born in Honolulu, Max chose the sailing life early on and gravitated to the MEBA where he was made a member in 1953. He last shipped out with American President Lines in 1991 and retired later that year to Seattle, WA with over 36 years of pension credit under his belt. Brother Flores is survived by his brother Francisco. Mikiko is survived by her sister Yuriko Manabe.

GLENN W. FORTUNE

Glenn Fortune awoke to life immortal on October 8, 2005 at the age of 80. He started shipping out as a member in 1968 and strung together over 13 years of pension credit during his time in the Union. He last plied the waves for Matson Navigation in 1987 before calling it a career and settling down to Long Beach, CA. Brother Fortune joins his wife Mary in death and is survived by his sister Lucy Johnson.

GERALD W. GOUDREAU

Gerald Goudreau booked his final passage on November 12, 2005 at the age of 77. His membership began in 1954 and stretched all the way to 1980 as he shipped out for various companies during a colorful career. After a final stint with Lykes Bros. Steamship, Gerald wrapped up the last of his 20 years of pension credit and filed for retirement. Brother Goudreau was a resident of Trinidad, CO and is survived by friends and family including his son William.

HAROLD O. HAGFORS

Harold Hagfors went to a better place on January 2, 2006 at the age of 83. A MEBA lifer, Harold began performing engine room miracles as a member shortly after World War II wrapped up. He netted an impressive 41 years of pension credit during a colorful career before finally putting away his sea bag in 1987. Brother Hagfors last shipped out for Sea-Land Service. He was a resident of Seattle, WA and is survived by many friends and family members.

WILLIAM R. HAVENS

William Havens sailed into the next life on February 25, 2006 at the age of 80. During a long and prosperous career with the Union he strung together over 30 years of pension credit. Brother Havens last sailed for Lykes Bros. in 1978 before hanging up his calipers for good. He was a resident of Fayetteville, AR and is survived by his wife Joan and children Jeffrey and Holly.

CARROLL J. HAWKINS

The creator rang down "finished with engines" for Carroll Hawkins on April 18, 2005 at the age of 82. Brother Hawkins put the finishing touches on a mammoth MEBA career in 1986 after over 40 years in the Union. His final shipping job was with Lykes Bros. Carroll earned over 33 years of pension credit with the MEBA that afforded him a comfortable living in Houston, TX. He joins his wife Elsie in death and is survived by his daughters Annette and Cynthia.

WILLIAM P. HEIBEL

William Heibel was promoted to glory on April 2, 2006 at the age of 88. He was indoctrinated into the MEBA Brotherhood during World War II and he contributed mightily to his country and Union in both peace and war in his lengthy career. In 1984, he filed for retirement and settled down to Eagle, ID. He last worked for the Alaska Marine Highway System. Brother Heibel is survived by his wife Anne.

DAVID P. HEROUX, SR.

David Heroux reached his final destination on January 4, 2006 at the age of 81. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Marine Officers (the BMO pension plan merged into the MEBA Pension Trust in late 1981) having joined in 1964. Over the next 20 years he accumulated 15 years of pension credit which he put to good use during his retirement in Kingsville, MD. Brother Heroux is survived by family and friends including wife Jeanette and daughter Anne.

NORBERT HOLST

Norbert Holst crossed the final bar on December 12, 2005 at the age of 90. Norbert, a Gig Harbor, WA resident, had been enjoying his retirement since 1973 following a lengthy MEBA career that netted him over 24 years of pension credit. Brother Holst is survived by his daughter Mary Hayes and son Norbert.

THOMAS A. JENSEN

Thomas Jensen settled his accounts on March 12, 2006 at the age of 55. Thomas worked steadily from the date of his first membership in 1978 and proceeded to put together 25 years of pension credit as of his retirement date in 2004. He last shipped out with Matson Navigation before hanging up his Stilsen wrenches. Brother Jensen was a resident of Columbia, CA and is survived by his wife Kathleen and children Seamus, Ryan and Kimberly.

WILLIAM P. JEUVELIS

William Jeuvelis sailed into the sunset on January 13, 2006 at the age of 60. He first turned a wrench for the Union in 1967 eventually earning over 24 years of pension credit along the way before retiring from the sea in 2000. He last shipped out for Farrell Lines in 1999. Brother Jeuvelis was a resident of Newburyport, MA and is survived by many family and friends.

ROBERT D. JONES

Robert Jones eased into eternity on December 23, 2005 at the age of 80. Robert joined the Union in the 1940s and was able to serve his country nobly through World War II, Korea and Vietnam bringing important war cargo to our fighting forces. He amassed over 24 years of pension credit during his time in the Union before finally hanging up his boiler suit in 1972. Brother Jones was a resident of Fredericksburg, TX and is survived by his wife Genevieve.

ARTHUR H. KEYS

Arthur Keys reached his final shore on November 9, 2005 at the age of 80. Arthur spent almost 50 years as a merchant mariner and racked up an impressive 40 years of pension credit sailing under the MEBA blue and gold beginning in 1944. He last shipped out for U.S. Lines in 1986 before hanging up his calipers and settling down to Millsboro, DE. Brother Keys is survived by his wife Delpha and daughter Susan.

CURTIS J. MANUEL

Curtis Manuel embarked on his final passage on December 18, 2005 at the age of 82. He first suited up as an MEBA Brother in 1964 and strung together 23 productive years that earned him 23 years of pension credit. He last shipped out for Marine Transport Lines in 1987 shortly before his retirement became official. Brother Manuel was a resident of Lake Charles, LA and is survived by his wife Virgie, son Curtis Jr. and daughter Lisa.

ANGELO MARCHIARULLO

Angelo Marchiarullo ended his earthly career on September 22, 2005 at the age of 83. His MEBA career began in 1944 and he helped deliver crucial war cargo through dangerous waters during the dark days of World War II. He continued shipping out for decades filing for retirement in 1983 following a final job with Delta Lines. Angelo put together an impressive 39 years of pension credit. Brother Marchiarullo was a resident of Closter, NJ and is survived by his wife Margaret and children Margaret and Michael.

WILLIAM E. MARK

William Mark made his final crossing on December 10, 2005 at the age of 71. His membership began in 1968 and he wasted no time making every shipping job count racking up 30 years of pension credit during his 30 years in the Union. He last shipped out for Farrell Lines before stepping onto the beach for good and settling down to McMillan, MI. Brother Mark is survived by his wife Athena.

WILLIAM H. MARTIN

William Martin sailed into the sweet hereafter on April 19, 2006 at the age of 78. William suited up with the Union in 1960 and took home 28 years of pension credit during a productive career that lasted until 1991. He last shipped out in 1990 with Sea-Land Service. Brother Martin was a resident of Littlestown, PA and is survived by his wife Cordell and children William, Gerald and Nicole.

VERNON H. McLEROY

Vernon McLeroy sailed into safe harbor on December 1, 2005 at the age of 82. After contributing to the war cause he suited up with MEBA in 1946 and spent almost 40 years in MEBA blue and gold. He was a good union man and earned over 35 years of pension credit for his efforts. Brother McLeroy lived in Galveston, TX and is survived by his wife Evelyn.

JESSE J. McPHERSON

Jesse McPherson crossed the final bar on March 21, 2006 at the age of 61. He first pulled on an MEBA boiler suit in 1971 and enjoyed a long and successful career in which he accrued over 28 years of pension credit. He last shipped out with Patriot contract Services in 2000 before dropping anchor for the final time. Brother McPherson retired to Mission Viejo, CA and is survived by his wife Valerie.

NIKOLAI NILSEN

Nikolai Nilsen answered his last call on October 27, 2005. He was a member of District No. 3 – the Radio Officers' Union (ROU) and he sailed in ship radio shacks through World War II until this nation's bicentennial year. In the process he earned over 28 years of pension credit which were put to good use once he hung up his headset and settled down to Franklin, NC. He joins his wife Martha in death.

PEGGY PATRICIA O'HOLLAREN

Peggy O'Hollaren was promoted to glory on May 9, 2006 at the age of 81. She spent her whole life in the Pacific Northwest, born in Portland and raised on a farm in Bull Run before moving back to Portland. Peggy was a popular Plans Representative/Dispatcher in Portland from 1966 until her retirement in 1986. Her MEBA career won her a great many friends and respect. Her marriage to Jim O'Hollaren lasted 53 years until his death. She is survived by sons Daniel, Stephen and Kenneth as well as six grandchildren, four great grandchildren, brother Sterling Miller and her MEBA family.

NANCY C. OLMER

Nancy Olmer crossed the great divide on September 27, 2005 at the age of 98. Nancy worked at the MEBA Benefit Plans office and was a popular employee and an efficient worker for many years. In 1970 she announced her retirement and settled down

to Lafayette Hill, PA to enjoy the fruits of her labor. Among many family and friends, Sister Olmer is survived by her daughter Mariann.

ELLIOT S. RADERMAN

Elliot Raderman sailed off toward his final port call on February 27, 2006 at the age of 83. Elliot joined the Union during the dark days of World War II and helped deliver key war cargo to our fighting forces. His career continued through 1972 and he earned 25 years of pension credit in the process. He last shipped out for Transamerican Trailer before settling down to Monsey, NY. Brother Raderman is survived by his wife Rosa.

JAMES M. REEVES

James Reeves climbed the gangway to the great beyond on April 10, 2006 at the age of 84. After dedicating many years of hard work to the job he earned over 22 years of pension credit that served him well in his retirement in Destrehan, LA. He last shipped out in 1972 before hanging up his calipers and settling down to his golden years. Brother Reeves is survived by his wife Leticia.



ROBERT HENRY RIDDERVOLD

Bob Riddervold crossed the bar on June 9, 2006 at the age of 65. As a Boy Scout, Bob earned the Eagle Scout award and supported scouting into his adult life. His love of trains (both models and working sizes) began as a young man and continued into his adult life. He was a graduate of California Maritime Academy which would set the platform from which he excelled for the next 40 years. Bob raised his license steadily after graduation in 1960 to Chief Engineer. He was hand-picked by the famous “Charlie” Dearing of American President Lines (APL) to go ashore in 1967 as a Port Engineer. Bob recognized a common problem in the shipboard Engineering Department of the APL ships (he recognized the breakdown between C/E and 1st) and decided to correct the weakness which would solidify the strength of the “Charlie

Dearing School of Marine Engineering.” Out of Bob’s mouth, he said that his greatest contribution was “Team Building,” in other words, matching engineers together who would complement each other. Using this talent he also developed “Leap-Frogging” of the First Engineers who helped deliver new ships by placing them in a Chief Engineer’s position in the fleet after some short period of time on the new ship. The results were that APL ships, although some were 20 years old or more, became an industry standard for reliability from the break-bulk “C-3’s,” “C-5’s” and “Mariners” to the Containerized “C-6’s,” “Pacesetters,” “Seamasters,” “C-9’s,” “C10’s,” and “C-11’s.” Bob also developed an “apprentice” Port Engineers program which strengthened the Port Engineering staff of APL. Bob retired from APL on December 31, 1996 after 35 years as a Ship’s Engineer, Port Engineer, Senior Port Engineer and Superintendent.

Bob is best described by his peers as a person who had integrity, was a loving family man, was honest, committed, sensitive, a mentor and leader of men (and women) and most importantly a real friend. Since Bob’s retirement in 1996, he did the annual STCW audit for the MEBA School in Easton, MD; helped his daughter rebuild a grand old home in Boston and he kept abreast of the maritime industry and visited often with his peers. Brother Riddervold is survived by his loving wife Carolyn, his brother Glenn, sister Karen, son Rob, daughter Leslie, and grandson Robert Lloyd McAdams who was born just weeks before Bob’s death.

ROBERT T. ROBINSON

Robert Robinson made his final crossing on May 1, 2006 at the age of 72. His career began in 1966 and continued off and on over the next 30 years. He last shipped out for American President Lines before stepping onto the beach for good in a retirement that became effective in 1998. Brother Robinson resided in Farmville, VA and is survived by many friends and family.

REINHOLD F. SCHAMANN

Reinhold Schamann made sail toward his final rest on November 16, 2005 at the age of 75. He was indoctrinated into the MEBA brotherhood in 1951 and his prolific shipping career was marked by a whopping 39 years of pension credit. His time in the Union allowed him to enjoy a well-deserved but all-too-brief retirement that began in 1994. Brother Schamann was a resident of Brick, NJ.

WILLIAM SCHWAB

William Schwab set course for calmer waters on March 15, 2006 at the age of 81. He suited up with the MEBA in 1957 and embarked on a long and productive shipping career that netted over 26 years of pension credit. He last sailed with Matson Navigation in 1984 before putting away his wrenches later that year in favor of retirement. Brother Schwab was a resident of Harbor City, CA and is survived by his son Michael among others. He joins his wife Thelma in death.



LEON SHAPIRO

Influential Union official Leon Shapiro sailed into the sunset on June 21, 2006 at the age of 84. After first going to sea at the age of 16, he began his MEBA career as an engineer in 1944 and shipped out of MEBA Local 33 (New York). Eventually he got involved in MEBA politics in the late 1950s and won Union office representing New York. In 1965, he became District No. 1’s Secretary-Treasurer and three years later following the merger with the Pacific Coast District he was tapped as the D1-PCD MEBA Secretary-Treasurer serving on the District Executive Committee. In late 1978, he became a Vice President for the National MEBA and he was made a Trustee of the various MEBA plans.

Under his career as an official serving under President Jesse Calhoun, Leon was effective in helping to realize many important MEBA programs and policies and was a warrior

on behalf of strong cargo preference laws. His hard work was directly responsible for helping to preserve the export restrictions on Alaskan oil which helped protect thousands of jobs for U.S. mariners. He proved successful working with Congress in his efforts to help bring about legislation to help revive the industry.

MEBA's monthly newspaper the *American Marine Engineer* in 1965 described Leon as such: "Initiative and originality thread his efforts on behalf of the MEBA. He is staunchly loyal to the MEBA in its many hours of past crises. His vision to see and plan ahead have helped keep District No. 1, National MEBA on an even keel." Leon wrapped up a 40-year seagoing and shoreside career with the MEBA in 1984 with the last 27 years spent as a Union official.

Brother Shapiro stayed active in the industry following his retirement and even served as a consultant to the Union and the American Maritime Congress years after his retirement. A very sharp and articulate man, his leadership qualities were palpable and he was an extremely generous person. He enjoyed golf and tennis in his off time and was a devoted supporter of cancer research.

Brother Shapiro is survived by his sister Beatrice Shapiro Lumpkin, brother-in-law Frank Lumpkin, nephews Carl Mohrherr, PhD, Paul Lumpkin and Dr. John Lumpkin, niece Jeanleah Mohrherr, PhD; three grand-nephews and one grand-niece. His family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the MEBA's Good & Welfare Fund which benefits MEBA Gulf Coast hurricane victims among others.

RAYMOND ZANE

Raymond Zane sailed off toward his final port call on December 24, 2005 at the age of 77. Adopted as a youth and self-educated, Raymond chose the seafaring life at the age of 17. He had \$20 to his name when he first shipped out. In 1952, the Union made him a member and Raymond toiled aboard a countless number of seagoing vessels performing engine room miracles over the next 33 years. His hard work paid off and he accumulated 33 years of pension credit before putting away his sea bag in 1985 after a final stint with Keystone Shipping. His shipping career helped separate him from his family for long periods of time but his retirement provided the opportunity to restore the bond to his loved ones. Brother Zane was a resident of Mount Laurel, NJ and is survived by his daughter Linda Ray Zane, son Raymond and wife Joan.

Recent Retirees

Elijah Alexis Jr.	Caesar A. Lozada
James R. Barker	John B. Lynch Jr.
Douglas E. Birt	Raymond T. Mammi
Dennis W. Bragg	Robert T. McFeeters
Timothy J. Collins	Mark W. McNiel
James Concannon	John G. Metzger
Joseph S. Conway	Henry O. Palmer III
Mark V. DeGruy	Travis W. Pederson
Baden L. Fitzsimmons	Anthony V. Peraro
Paul A. Forster	Charles K. Skinner
Robert D. Gehring	Stephen B. Smith
Michael J. Hainen	Walter E. Snovelle Jr.
Paul A. Hammond	Joretta J. South
David K. Hart	James M. Stapp
David P. Janes	Stacey L. Swinson
William M. Joslin	Albert H. Townsend
Charles W. Kiefer	Paul A. Turner
Avram Scott Liebling	Rudolph Veiga
Robert B. Lingle	Dennis D. Vetter
Thomas M. Linsky	Mark R. Yeamans

Meeting Schedule

Port	September	October	November
Baltimore	Tues. 5	Tues. 3	Tues. 7
Boston	Tues. 5	Mon. 2	Mon. 6
Calhoun School	Closed	Closed	Wed. 8
Charleston	Wed. 6	Wed. 4	Wed. 8
Honolulu	Fri. 8	Fri. 6	Thurs. 9
Houston	Tues. 5	Tues. 3	Tues. 7
Jacksonville	Tues. 5	Tues. 3	Tues. 7
Los Angeles	Thurs. 7	Thurs. 5	Thurs. 9
New Orleans	Wed. 6	Wed. 4	Wed. 8
New York	Thurs. 7	Thurs. 5	Thurs. 9
Norfolk	Thurs. 7	Thurs. 5	Thurs. 9
Portland	Wed. 6	Wed. 4	Wed. 8
San Francisco	Tues. 5	Tues. 3	Mon. 6