

OBITUARIES

Dorothy Hamilton, culinary expert, dies in car crash

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Before a trip to Paris in 1980, Dorothy Cann Hamilton's life was defined largely by the nuts and bolts of air conditioners and auto maintenance.

She had succeeded her father as the director of Apex Technical School in Manhattan, one of the largest industrial trade schools in New York state, and was touring similar vocational programs in Europe when she was introduced to a Parisian culinary institute that upended her career. The academy taught teenagers to cook dishes that tasted nearly as refined as those served by be-togued professionals.

Observing that no intensive, French-focused culinary program existed in the United States, Hamilton decided to start one on her own under the auspices of Apex. It was, she later acknowledged, a bit like Yale University opening a graduate school of lawn care.

Yet the French Culinary Institute, which in 1984 enrolled its first students at a converted warehouse in Manhattan's SoHo neighborhood and later became an independent company led by Hamilton, went on to achieve international renown for its top-class instructors and its focus on traditional French techniques.

Now known as the International Culinary Center, the institute helped launch the careers of chefs such as Bobby Flay, the restaurateur and Food Network host; Dan Barber, of the Michelin-starred Blue Hill in Manhattan; and David Chang and Christina Tosi, of Momofuku Noodle Bar and its sister bakery, Milk Bar.

Because of the International Culinary Center, Hamilton also served as a public television interview show host and as chairwoman of the James Beard Foundation, a leading culinary organization.

She died Sept. 16 in a car crash in Melford, Nova Scotia, said Bruce McCann, a cousin and president of the International Culinary Center's campus in Campbell, California. She was 67.

A statement from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police said her SUV collided with a truck pulling a camper trailer and that the two occupants of the truck were injured and taken to the hospital.

Hamilton had been visiting her summer home in the coastal town of Fourchu and was on her way to a meeting with a Nova Scotia tourism board when the crash occurred, McCann said. She had been planning to discuss a new ICC project: a seafood institute, based out of a local community college, that drew on Nova Scotia fishing practices and cooking techniques.

Although not an accomplished chef, Hamilton was a devotee of French cooking, and she brought a pragmatic, clear-eyed approach to culinary instruction. "The discipline that goes into learning cooking," she told the New York Times in 1984, "is the same as that for learning welding."

"I don't want to put down cooking in any way because,

of course, it is very much a creative profession," she added. "But at the same time it is a trade, and that's how you should learn it."

Her view was informed by her years overseeing curriculum at Apex, and by a close study of the Ferrandi, the Paris school that inspired her vision. The school even provided the institute's first full-time instructor, Antoine Schaefer, formerly of the Michelin-starred Le Taillevent restaurant. In exchange for that temporary loan, Hamilton helped the Ferrandi write and codify its curriculum for the first time.

The ICC's teaching staff features some of the top names in haute cuisine. The French chef Jacques Pepin has taught since 1988 and currently serves as its dean of special programs; Andre Soltner (of the restaurant Lutece), Alain Sailhac (of Le Cirque) and the pastry chef Jacques Torres also work as deans.

"What she did with the school, it's a little bit like what Julia Child did with television — to bring French cooking into the front and make people understand the importance of French technique," Pepin said in a phone interview. "She is the one who put it at the forefront of culinary education."

In 2015, Pepin presented Hamilton with the Legion of Honor, France's highest award, for her work in promoting the nation's cuisine.

Dorothy Cann was born in Manhattan on Aug. 25, 1949. Her father, John, founded Apex in Brooklyn in 1961.

She graduated from Newcastle University in England and enlisted in the Peace Corps before turning to the family business and receiving an MBA from New York University.

Since its founding, the ICC has remained largely unchanged in its essentials. The institute offers aspiring chefs, or early-career chefs, a six-month crash course in traditional French cooking techniques. Basic tuition, which began at \$6,500 in 1984, is \$39,900 for a six-month course; about 500 students go through its programs each year, McCann said.

In 2014, a group of former students filed a lawsuit claiming that the institute was engaged in an "ongoing fraudulent scheme" that recruited students with the false promise of lucrative restaurant jobs. The suit was dismissed.

Hamilton served as chairman of the James Beard Foundation from 2005 to 2007, helping to rebuild the foundation after a board scandal in which president Leonard Pickell pleaded guilty to stealing more than \$1.1 million of the non-profit organization's money. She also chaired the American Institute of Wine & Food and hosted the radio show and PBS television series "Chef's Story," interviewing chefs about their life and work.

A marriage to Douglas Hamilton, a venture capitalist who helped finance the French Culinary Institute in the early 1990s, ended in divorce. Survivors include a daughter, Olivia Hamilton of Tampa.

Death Notices

ALLEN, Harriett C., 85, Saco; Sept. 15, 2016. Dennett, Craig, and Pate Funeral Home, 365 Main Street, Saco.

BATTAGLIA, Sharlene A., 55, Waterville; Sept. 14, 2016, at Bangor. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

BRIDGES, Alton C., Holden, July 23, 2016. Service 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016, at Eddington Salmon Club, 4 Riverside Drive, Eddington.

CAIN, Alvin V., 74, Skowhegan; Sept. 17, 2016, at Augusta. Service on Sunday Sept. 25, 2016, 1 p.m. Evergreen Cemetery, Solon. Smart & Edwards Funeral Home. 183 Madison Ave., Skowhegan.

COOKSON, Lilla A., 95, Corinth, Sept. 18, 2016; Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

CROCKER, Minerva, 80, Cherryfield; Sept. 16, 2016, at Ellsworth. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

ELLINGWOOD, Marlene Y., Service will be on Friday, Sept. 23, 2016 at 5p.m. at North Brewer/Eddington United Methodist Church, 31 Main Road, Eddington Bend.

FICKETT III, Harold "Thomas", Clifton, 19, Aug. 16, 2016. Service 2 p.m., Sep. 24, 2016, at his residence in Clifton.

GIBERSON, SR., Wayne R., 59, Mars Hill, Sept. 15, 2016. Duncan-Graves, Presque Isle.

HEATH, Walter L. Jr., 85, Warren, Sept. 18, 2016 at Rockport; Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

LABOBE, Benjamin H. Sr., 70, Caribou; Sept. 19, 2016. Service at 11 a.m., Sept. 22, 2016, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Parish of the Precious Blood, Caribou. Duncan-Graves Funeral Home, 30 Church St., Presque Isle.

MOLL, Priscilla "Gene", 82, Bath, Sept. 18, 2016 at Brunswick; Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

O'SHAUGHNESSY, Stephen F. III, 58, Caribou; Sept. 19, 2016, at Bangor. Service at 11:00 a.m. Friday Sept. 23, 2016, from the Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Mockler Funeral Home, 24 Reservoir St., Cribou.

RUSSELL, Clifton J., 91, Camden; Sept. 17, 2016, at Rockport. Direct Cremation of Maine, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

SPOONER SR., Erwin E., 82, Camden & Bucksport, Sept. 19, 2016. Service 11am, Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016, Riverview Cemetery, Bucksport. Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Bucksport.

SURLES, Marjorie P., 95, Bangor; at Bangor, Sept. 19, 2016. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center Street, Bangor.

THIBEAULT, Sherry E.; Old Town, Sept. 18, 2016. Service 10 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2016, Parish of the Resurrection of the Lord, Holy Family Church, 429 Main St., Old Town. Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.

TOOTHAKER, Reginald H., 82, Newburgh; Sept. 19, 2016. Service at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016, at Hampden-Gilpatrick Chapel of Brookings-Smith, 45 Western Ave., Hampden.

MARLENE Y. CAMMACK ELLINGWOOD

BREWER - Marlene was born in Bangor to Albert & Margaret Cammack. She married Malcolm Ellingwood on Sept 11, 1953 living in Crystal Lake, CT before returning to Holden, Maine.

She was predeceased by her parents, husband, brothers Donald, Ralph and Mike, sisters Joan Sanders, Paula Crawford. Marlene is survived by her brother Gary Cammack, sisters Janet Lowder and Susan Bartley, several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be on Friday, September 23, 2016 at 5p.m. with a reception at the North Brewer/Eddington United Methodist Church, 31 Main Road, Eddington Bend. A private family committal will be at a later date. If you'd like to donate to her funeral expenses please contact her brother Gary. downtowndirectcremation.com

ALTON C. BRIDGES

HOLDEN - A celebration of Alton C. Bridges' life, who passed onto calmer waters on July 23, 2016, while fly fishing on the Miramichi River will be held from 11:30am-1:30pm Saturday, September 24, 2016, at the Eddington Salmon Club, 4 Riverside Drive, Eddington. Military Honors will be held at 12 noon.

Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.BrookingsSmith.com

BENJAMIN H. LABOBE

CARIBOU - Benjamin H. Labobe Sr., 70, passed away on September 19, 2016, after a brief battle with cancer. He was born on August 19, 1946, in Houlton, the son of the late Benny and Lizzy (Hanning) Labobe.

Ben was a jack of all trades from a basket maker, construction worker to a truck driver. He graduated from Northern Maine Technical College with his associate's degree in Residential Construction. His hobbies included guitar playing, and riding snowmobiles and motorcycles with his friends and family.

He is survived by his two children Beth (Labobe) Diamond of Caribou and Ben Labobe, Jr. of Presque Isle; four grandchildren, Whytnie Martin-Sackett of Presque Isle, Ben Labobe III and his wife Stephanie of Sierra Vista, Arizona, Nikolas Martin-Sackett of Caribou and Andrew Labobe and Sandy Scott of Mars Hill, nine great grandchildren; Archer, Emberlee, Alyssa, Audrey, Rorian, Ari, Jace, Jaxson, and Lily, his brother, Eldon Hanning of Limestone and sister, Roberta Labobe of Caribou and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Ben was predeceased by his wife of 48 years, Shirley (Gagnon) Labobe, whom he stood by until her last moment on this earth. His brothers; Eddie, Jimmy and George Labobe and his sister Florence.

Friends may call 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, September 21, 2016, at Duncan-Graves Funeral Home, 30 Church St., Presque Isle. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11 a.m., September 22, 2016, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Parish of the Precious Blood, Caribou with The Very Rev. Jean Paul LaBrie, Celebrant. Interment will follow at New Holy Rosary Cemetery, Caribou. A celebration of life reception will be held after the services at Spruce Haven, Doyle Rd, Caribou. Please feel free to bring a dish for sharing. Online condolences may be expressed at www.duncan-graves.com.

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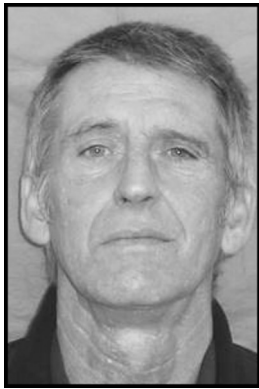
SACO - Harriett C. Allen, 85, loving wife of 58 years to the late Wayne N. Allen passed away peacefully September 15, 2016, at Seal Rock Health Care. She was born on June 2, 1931, in Lubec, the daughter of Raymond and Marion Trefry Pushee.

Harriett graduated from Lubec schools and attended Husson College in Bangor. She enthusiastically served with her husband during his 20+ years in the Air Force, living at various bases around the world. She also worked as a customer service representative in the banking industry for many years. In 1971, Harriett and Wayne settled in Bangor following his retirement from the military. Returning to Maine allowed Harriett to reconnect with friends and family, including many dear aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews. Harriett and Wayne relocated to Florida in 1995, where they found great joy in countless new friendships and the Florida sunshine. After Wayne's death, Harriett returned to Maine in 2013 and resided at The Inn at Atlantic Heights until recently. Harriett enjoyed reading, traveling, and playing bridge.

Harriett is survived by her son Steven Allen and his partner Isabelle Yokana of Biddeford, son Gregg Allen and his wife Marcey McHatten of Scarborough, and granddaughter Morgan Banks Allen of Belmont, MA. In addition, she is survived by: sister-in-law Phyllis Allen of Imperial NE; sister-in-law Patricia Pushee of Granby MA; several nieces and nephews; and her lifelong best friend Ruth Kennedy.

At her request, services will be private. Harriett will be laid to rest with her husband at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL later this fall. Arrangements have been entrusted to Dennett, Craig, and Pate Funeral Home, 365 Main Street, Saco. Memorial donations may be made in Harriett's honor to the Animal Refuge League, P. O. Box 336, Westbrook, ME 04098.

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WAYNE R. GIBERSON, SR.

MARS HILL - Wayne R. Giberson, Sr., 59, passed away unexpectedly on September 15, 2016. He was born on June 17, 1957 in Mars Hill, the son of Victor and Vella Dawn (Rideout) Giberson.

Wayne worked at FedEx for 32 years. He loved spending time with his family and his best friend Bub Shaw.

He is survived by his siblings DonnaLee Tilley and Blaine Giberson. His children Ginger Campbell & husband Ryan, Keith Giberson & wife Loni, Wayne Giberson Jr. & wife Shelley, Shane Giberson, seven cherished grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

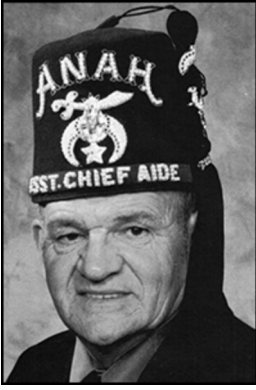
In addition to his parents, Wayne is predeceased by his brothers Danny, Edward, Keith and Victor (Howie) Giberson Jr.

A private family graveside service will be held at Kings Grove Cemetery, Mars Hill at a later date.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.duncan-graves.com.

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May the sacred heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the whole world, now and forever. Sacred heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, help of the helpless, pray for us. Amen. LJG



REGINALD H. TOOTHAKER

NEWBURGH - Reginald H. Toothaker, 82, died peacefully at his home after a long illness, Monday evening, September 19, 2016. He was born on October 29, 1934 in Newburgh, son of Reginald H. Toothaker Sr. and Pauline (Whitcomb) Toothaker.

Reggie was a 1954 graduate of Hampden Academy, he received the Maine State Farmers Award at the annual meeting of Maine Future Farmers at the University of Maine and represented Maine at the Future Farmers of America Expo in Springfield, MA. Reginald served in the Maine National Guard and the US Army, 29th Infantry at T=Ft. Benning, GA from 1957 to 1959. While at Ft. Benning he won first place in the driving contest, "Parade of Champions."

He married Inez Nardi in Winterport in 1957 and they had four children. Reginald was the owner and operator of the Newburgh Sheet Metal Co. for over 30 years. After he retired, he was a logger on his many woodlots in Newburgh. Reggie enjoyed hunting, fishing and trapping and spending time at his camp at First Roach Pond.

He was a 50 year member of Archon Masonic Lodge #7 5 , East Dixmont, assistant Chief Aid Emeritus of Anah Shriners and a member of the Bangor-Brewer Shrine Club and the Waldo County Shrine Club.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years Inez; two sons, Stephen Toothaker and his wife, Tammy , Craig Toothaker and his wife, Kelly all of Newburgh; daughter, Lorraine Laham and her husband, Rick of Walpole, MA.; grandchildren, Ben, Sarah, Rebecca, Matt and Andrew; great grandchildren, Olivia and Owen.

He was predeceased by his parents and son, Kenneth.

The family would like to thank the nursing staff at the Maine Veteran's Home for their compassionate care, especially Maria, Robin, Shannon, and Taylor.

Relatives and friends are invited to call 5-7 p.m. Friday, September 23, 2016, at the Hampden-Gilpatrick Chapel of Brookings-Smith, 45 Western Ave., Hampden, where a Masonic memorial service will be conducted by the members of Archon Lodge. A funeral service will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, September 24, 2016, at the funeral home. Interment with military honors will follow at Knowlton Cemetery, Newburgh. Gifts in his memory may be sent to The Shrine Hospital for Children, 1404 Broadway, Bangor, ME. 04401.

Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.BrookingsSmith.com.

STEPHEN F. O'SHAUGHNESSY

CARIBOU - Stephen F. O'Shaughnessy III, 58, husband of Jessica Feeley, passed away September 19, 2016, at Bangor. Friends may visit with the family 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Mockler Funeral Home, 24 Reservoir Street, Caribou. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11:00 a.m. Friday September 23, 2016, from the Holy Rosary Catholic Church. A complete obituary will appear in the Thursday edition of the Bangor Daily News.

ERWIN E. SPOONER SR.

CAMDEN & BUCKSPORT - Erwin E. Spooner Sr., 82, passed away September 19, 2016 in Camden. He was born on September 11, 1934 the son of Cecil and Sigrid (Akarson) Spooner. There will be a graveside service at 11am, Saturday, September 24, 2016 at Riverview Cemetery with Pastor Rose Krinke officiating. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Bucksport. www.mitchelltweedie-young.com