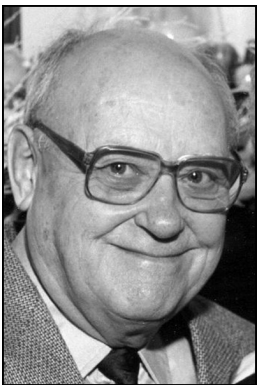


# OBITUARIES



**VAUGHN C. MOODY**

**HOLDEN** - Vaughn C. Moody, 90, died Jan. 24, 2016 at a Bangor hospital after a brief illness. He was born Dec. 24, 1925 in Weston, the son of Vance B. and Shirley (Whitney) Moody.

Vaughn graduated from high school in Danforth in 1944 and married Phyllis Hafford on May 26, 1950, a marriage that lasted 66 years. He worked as an auto mechanic for many years owning and operating his own business, Moody's Gulf on Wilson St., Brewer. During a semi-retirement, he continued working as a mechanic for B & A Railroad. Vaughn enjoyed many things during his retirement years most of which involved time spent with his family. He also enjoyed walking, table games, puzzles, watching the Red Sox and Patriots, hunting and fishing. Vaughn and Phyllis were members of the Holden Congregational Church for many years.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Phyllis J. (Hafford) Moody of Holden are four children, Philip Moody of Brewer, Wanda Adams and her husband, Dana of Glenburn, Yvonne Chavaree and her husband, Bob of Hampden and Vance Moody and his wife, Laura of Kissimmee, FL; grandchildren, Ben and Amy Adams of Lawrenceville, GA, Ethan Moody of Sebring, FL and Gabe Moody of Kissimmee, FL; three great grandchildren, Luke, Chloe and Nicholas Adams all of Lawrenceville, GA; two sisters, Thelma Rode of Florida and Gladys Keating of New York; many special nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, one brother Paul Moody and by a sister, Leota Johnston. He will also be remembered by special friends, Sherry and Mike Cahn of New Hampshire.

Family and friends may visit 6 - 8 PM Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016 at Kiley & Foley Funeral Service, 69 State St., Brewer. A service honoring Vaughn's life will be held 11 AM Friday, Jan. 29, 2016 at the Holden Congregational Church, 9 Rider Bluff Rd., Holden with Pastor Linette George, presiding. A time of fellowship will be immediately afterward in the church hall. Burial will be at a later date. For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to the Holden Congregation Church, PO Box 309, Holden, ME 04429. Messages and memories may be share with Vaughn's family at [www.kileyandfoley.com](http://www.kileyandfoley.com).



**CAROLYN STAPLES CHAPMAN**

**WALDOBORO** - Carolyn Staples Chapman, 69, followed the western sun into the horizon at her home in Waldoboro on January 22, 2016.

Arrangements are entrusted to Hall's of Waldoboro, 949 Main Street, Waldoboro.

To extend online condolences, or light a candle for Carolyn, visit her Book of Memories at [www.hallfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hallfuneralhomes.com)



**EDRIE CIOMEI**

**STONINGTON** - Edrie Ciomei, age 83, died peacefully, after a brief struggle with cancer on January 23, 2016 at the Island Nursing Home, Deer Isle.

Edrie was born at her parents home on Oceanville Road, Stonington on July 12, 1932, the daughter of Alfred and Alice Joyce. Edrie was the only one of four children that graduated from high school. In 1952, she graduated from Stonington High School.

Edrie enjoyed life and always had a beautiful outlook on everything. She adored her family and always cherished and took great pride in her 23 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Edrie is survived by her children which includes six sons, Clayton Joyce and his companion, Liz Alley, Glen Dunham and his wife Irene, Butch and his wife, Shari, Kurt and his wife, Jody, Stephen, Thomas and his wife Debbie and daughter, Stacey Beal and her husband, Wayne, and special foster daughter, Teresa Hall.

Edrie was predeceased by her parents, Alfred and Alice Joyce, an infant son, Gary, a special daughter-in-law, Norene Joyce, a sister, Hilda Orcutt, two brothers, Robert, "Bob," Joyce and Arvard Joyce, and two special friends- Teddy Eaton and Teresa Kinnie.

Some of Edrie's most enjoyable years she spent working at Connie's restaurant. She also took pride in the fact that she was known as the "Queen of Oceanville," and was able to live her later years in her family home where she had grown up. One of her favorite past times was talking on her CB and VHF to many local fishermen that lovingly called her by her nickname, "Ding-A-Ling." She enjoyed frequent visits from special friends- Donnie McHanan (Edrie thought of him as a son.), Jimmy Kennie and Bonnie.

Visitation will be Friday, January 29, 2016 from 4pm to 6pm in Stonington at Bragdon-Kelley Funeral Home. A graveside service is scheduled for May 22, 2016 at 1pm, Greenwood Cemetery in Oceanville, Stonington. A special celebration of Edrie's life will follow to share memories and to celebrate her life.

Arrangements entrusted to Bragdon-Kelley Funeral Home, Stonington.

## ROBERT LEE OPPENHEIM

**ROSEDALE, MD** - On January 23, 2016, Robert Lee Oppenheim passed away. He was the beloved husband of the late Rena Oppenheim (nee Sklar); devoted father of Dr. Barry Oppenheim (Dr. Nancy Santanello) and Jeffrey (Amanda) Oppenheim; adored brother of Joseph Oppenheim and the late Edward and Murray Oppenheim; dear brother-in-law of Zelma Oppenheim, Norman (Sylvia) Sklar and the late Molly Oppenheim; loving grandfather of Shana Oppenheim, Ari Oppenheim, Kayla Holvick, Ryan Oppenheim and Emily Oppenheim.

Funeral services and interment will be held at Forband Cemetery - Rosedale on Friday, January 29, at 3 pm. Please omit flowers. Contributions in his memory may be sent to Moment Magazine, 4115 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, LL10, Washington, DC 20015 or online at [momentmag.com](http://momentmag.com).

Arrangements by SOL LEVINSON & BROS., INC. [sollevinson.com](http://sollevinson.com)

## JOHN H. CURRIER, JR.

**HARTLAND** - John H. Currier, Jr., 75, died January 23, 2016. Friends may call from 4 to 6 P.M. Monday at Crosby & Neal, 117 Main Street, Newport, where funeral services will be held at 11 A.M. Tuesday, February 2, 2016. An obituary was published in this week's edition of the Rolling Thunder. Those who wish may leave written condolences at [www.CrosbyNeal.com](http://www.CrosbyNeal.com)

# Abe Vigoda, 'Barney Miller,' 'Godfather' actor, dies at 94

BY ADAM BERNSTEIN  
WASHINGTON POST

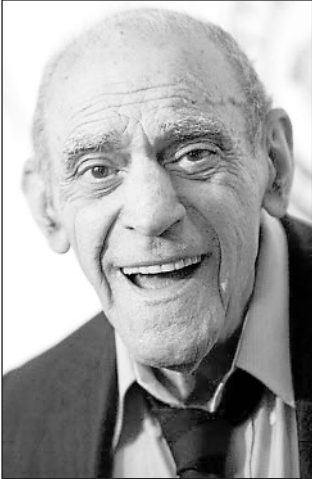
Abe Vigoda, an actor who used his sunken eyes, gravely voice and projection of gloom to memorable effect as characters on both sides of the law, from a doomed mafia capo in "The Godfather" to a worn-down police detective on the sitcom "Barney Miller," died Jan. 26 at a daughter's home in Woodland Park, New Jersey. He was 94.

His daughter Carol Vigoda Fuchs confirmed the death to The Associated Press but did not cite a cause.

On "Barney Miller," in his best-known television role, Vigoda cultivated an appearance just shy of rigor mortis. Perhaps for that reason, an erroneous 1982 reference to him in People magazine as "the late" Vigoda became a running gag that the actor gradually embraced on late-night talk shows and in comedies such as "Good Burger" (1997), in which he played an ancient fry cook.

He was the unlikely inspiration for a punk band and played his age for laughs in a Super Bowl commercial for Snickers candy bars, alongside his contemporary Betty White.

Vigoda's widespread recognition was a testament to his patience, having toiled in near-obscurity for the first half of his life. He began working in television during its infancy in the late 1940s and had a long stage career, including a few short-lived Broadway roles.



**Abe Vigoda**

In casting "The Godfather" (1972), filmmaker Francis Ford Coppola went looking for little-known stage actors to play in supporting roles. He tapped Vigoda to portray Salvatore Tessio, an underworld figure who tries to betray Al Pacino's Michael Corleone and pays the price.

As he's led away, Tessio tells Corleone family consigliere Tom Hagen (Robert Duvall), "Tell Mike it was only business."

Vigoda was Jewish, not Italian, but had a visage that Coppola apparently found authentic for a mafioso — and that also seemed to draw the curiosity of New York mob members who showed up on the set one day. "They kept looking at me, as if to say, 'What family is he from?'" the actor recalled years later on CNN.

The film, based on a Mario Puzo novel, won Academy Awards including best picture, helped redefine the gangster genre and re-

mains one of the seminal movies of its era.

"The Godfather" elevated Vigoda's career, but he became a household name in 1975 with "Barney Miller," the long-running ABC sitcom about a New York precinct house.

Hal Linden, in the title role, was officially the star, but Vigoda proved the sleeper in the cast, portraying the weary, hemorrhoidal Phil Fish, a detective with nearly 40 years on the force. Fish deals dyspeptically with calls from his wife, Bernice.

A fellow cast member, Max Gail, who played detective Stan "Wojo" Wojciehovicz, once told the Associated Press of Vigoda, "The character of Fish is so complete, so human. Things like going to the bathroom or being tired — Abe finds a kind of poetry in them, and people connect with it."

Vigoda, who through handball and jogging was actually in terrific physical condition well into his senior years, said he identified with Fish because of his own struggle as an actor.

He said Fish was "not unhappy, but he's pessimistic." Most people don't achieve "the things they dream about, and most people don't realize the justice they should have," Vigoda remarked. "They see it going somewhere else."

"Barney Miller" brought Vigoda a comfortable income for the first time in his life, and he splurged on a Cadillac. He left the cast in 1977, five years before the show ended its run, to star in an ABC spinoff, "Fish,"

that focused on the character's domestic life. It was quickly canceled.

Abraham Charles Vigoda was born in Brooklyn on Feb. 24, 1921. His parents were Jewish immigrants from Russia, and his father worked as a tailor. He said he wanted to be an actor after appearing in a school play at age 6, portraying an old man.

He appeared in plays by William Shakespeare and Harold Pinter and in early TV programs such as "Studio One in Hollywood."

After his success on "Barney Miller," Vigoda had small roles in films including "The Cheap Detective" (1978), "Look Who's Talking" (1989), "Joe Versus the Volcano" (1990) and "Sugar Hill" (1993). He also made guest appearances on shows such as "Law & Order," "Santa Barbara" and "Mad About You."

His first marriage, to Sonja Gohlke, ended in divorce. His second wife, Beatrice Schy, died in 1992. Survivors include a daughter from his second marriage.

He said the first rumor of his demise came about when People magazine covered a wrap party for "Barney Miller" and Vigoda, who was appearing in a play in Calgary, Alberta, could not attend. Declared "the late Abe Vigoda," he said his wife began receiving condolence letters. The actor then took out an ad in a trade publication that showed him holding a lily — a flower commonly displayed at funeral services — and a copy of People.

# Marvin Minsky, an architect of artificial intelligence, dies at 88

BY JOEL ACHENBACH  
WASHINGTON POST

Marvin Minsky, a founding father of the field of artificial intelligence and an innovative explorer of the mysteries of the human mind during his long tenure at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, died Jan. 24 at a hospital in Boston. He was 88.

The cause was a cerebral hemorrhage, according to a statement from MIT. He was a professor emeritus at MIT's Media Lab, which has a broad, interdisciplinary mandate to explore technology, multimedia and design.

Minsky devoted his professional life to the astonishing hypothesis that engineers could someday create an intelligent machine. He flourished as a professor and mentor even as the field of A.I. endured discouraging results and eruptions of pessimism.

He lived long enough to see A.I. ambitions flourishing anew, with attendant concerns about killer robots and rogue computers.

Although Minsky was himself an inventor — as a young man, he developed a microscope for studying brain tissue that eventually became a standard tool for scientists — his greatest contributions were theoretical. He developed a concept of intelligence as something that emerged from disparate mental agents acting in

coordination. No single agent is intelligent when operating alone.

If a single word could encapsulate Minsky's career, it would be "multiplicities," his MIT colleague and former student Patrick Winston said Tuesday. The word "intelligence," Minsky believed, was a "suitcase word," Winston said, because "you can stuff a lot of ideas into it." Other such words include "creativity" and "emotion."

Along with fellow A.I. pioneer John McCarthy, he founded the artificial intelligence lab at MIT in 1959. Minsky's 1960 paper, "Steps Toward Artificial Intelligence," laid out many of the routes that researchers would take in the decades to come.

He wrote that "we are on the threshold of an era that will be strongly influenced, and quite possibly dominated, by intelligent problem-solving machines." Anyone trying to mimic intelligence in a machine, he wrote, had to solve five distinct categories of problems: search, pattern recognition, learning, planning and induction.

He also wrote seminal books — including "The Society of Mind" (1986) and "The Emotion Machine" (2006) — that colleagues consider essential to understanding the challenges in creating machine intelligence.

Upon Minsky's death, his

colleague Nicholas Negroponte said by email to the MIT community:

"The world has lost one of its greatest minds in science. As a founding faculty member of the Media Lab he brought equal measures of humour and deep thinking, always seeing the world differently. He taught us that the difficult is often easy, but the easy can be really hard."

Marvin Lee Minsky was born on Aug. 9, 1927, in New York City. His father, Henry, was a noted eye surgeon who served as director of Mount Sinai Hospital's ophthalmology department in Manhattan. His mother, the former Fannie Reiser, was active in Zionist causes.

As a child, he told the New Yorker, he was "physically terrorized" by schoolyard bullies, and a lack of academic support in the classroom led his parents to enroll him in the progressive Fieldston School. His interest in electronics and chemistry blossomed, and he won a spot in the prestigious Bronx High School of Science in 1941.

He spent his senior year at the private Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, to bolster his college options. After graduating in June 1945, he enlisted in the Navy in the final months of World War II and served in an electronics program.

He earned his bachelor's de-

gree in mathematics at Harvard University in 1950 and then a Ph.D. in mathematics at Princeton in 1954.

At Princeton, and with funding from the Office of Naval Research, Minsky co-built a primitive "electronic learning machine" with tubes and motors. He also was exposed to some of the greatest minds of the day, including John von Neumann, a pioneer of computers.

In 1956, when the very idea of a computer was only a couple of decades old, Minsky attended a two-month symposium at Dartmouth College that is considered the founding event in the field of artificial intelligence.

Minsky said in 2015 during an interview with The Washington Post that Alan Turing, the British mathematician who had worked on World War II code breaking, was the first person to bring respectability to the idea that machines could someday think.

Minsky and his wife, the former Gloria Rudisch, a pediatrician, enjoyed a partnership that began with their marriage in 1952. Their home became the regular haunt of science-fiction writers, including their friend Isaac Asimov. Richard Feynman, the Nobel Prize-winning physicist, would play the bongos at their parties.

Besides his wife, survivors include three children, a sister and four grandchildren.

# Air Force general William Y. Smith dies at 90

BY BART BARNES  
WASHINGTON POST

William Y. Smith, a four-star Air Force general who flew combat missions in Korea, wrote a book about the Cuban missile crisis and retired as deputy commander of U.S. forces in Europe, died Jan. 19 at his home in Falls Church, Virginia. He was 90.

The cause was congestive heart failure, said his wife, Maria Smith.

In retirement, William Smith was a fellow of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and for five years was president of Institute for Defense Analyses, a federally funded research center.

What may have been the defining moment of his career occurred in February 1952 over North Korea when his F-84 fighter jet was hit by anti-aircraft fire, smashing his right foot and ankle and setting his airplane on fire.

He landed on North Korean mudflats and was rescued by a U.S. helicopter. He spent the next nine months in military hospitals, and his right foot would be amputated just above the ankle. He was fitted with a prosthetic foot and ankle.

The future general had flown 97 combat missions but would never fly another, he was told. He could have taken a combat disability retirement. Or he could remain in

the Air Force in nonflying assignments, but that would impair his opportunities for promotion. He chose to stay and retired in 1983 as deputy commander in chief of the U.S. European Command.

Smith was born on Aug. 13, 1925, in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He graduated in 1948 from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York. Only in 1947 did the Air Force become a separate service, and he was among the first group of West Point graduates to pick an Air Force career.

From 1954 to 1958, he taught government, economics and international relations at West Point. He received a doctorate in political

economy and government at Harvard University in 1961, then came to Washington as a junior staff member with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the National Security Council.

He participated in negotiations that led to the Limited Test Ban Treaty of 1963. His experiences during that time became germinating agents of a 1994 book about the Cuban missile crisis of 1962, co-written with a Soviet general, Anatoli I. Gribkov, former chief of staff of the armed forces of the Warsaw Pact.

His medals included the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Purple Heart, the Joint Service Commendation Medal and four awards of the Air Medal.

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