

# OBITUARIES



VALERIE ANN HIGGINS

**BANGOR** - After a period of declining health Valerie Higgins passed away peacefully April 11, 2016, surrounded by her large and loving family.

Valerie was born in Bangor August 17, 1931, daughter of Carl and Isobel McAllister Anderson. Valerie grew up in Bangor, attended St. Johns Grammar School and graduated from John Baptist class of 1949. Her early career was with the New England Telephone Co. as a switchboard operator which she later continued at the Eastern Maine Medical Center.

Valerie loved art, dance, yoga, reading the classics and her daily crossword puzzles. Valerie was an accomplished pianist and generously gave her time playing at the Maine Veterans Home and other area nursing facilities. She was also a volunteer in the gift shop at St. Joseph Hospital.

She was an exceptionally gifted homemaker with a flair for interior design creating a beautiful space and providing an abundance of homemade foods for her large and growing family.

Valerie was predeceased by her husband, Richard Higgins; her son, Stephen Higgins; her infant daughter, Elizabeth; and beloved sister, Carol Byers. She is survived by children, Valerie Higgins of Dunedin, FL, Richard Higgins of Bangor, David and Joanne Higgins of Hampden, Mark Higgins of Reno, NV, Carol and Chris Coyle of Camden, William and Maria Higgins of Brewer, Timothy and Marcia Higgins of Bangor, Jennifer and Tim Herbold of Bangor, Catherine and Chris Proctor of Rowlett, TX, Allison and Kurt Cardello of Bangor, Anne Higgins of Las Vegas, NV, Susan Higgins Walker and her husband, Raymond, of Newcastle and Kimberly Byers of Laurel, MD; and her brother, Carl Anderson of Holden. There are in addition 27 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Friends and relatives are invited to call at the Greenlawn Funeral Home, 300 State St., Bangor, Friday from 4-6 p.m. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at St. John's Catholic Church, 207 York St., Bangor, on Saturday, April 16, at 11 a.m.

## Death Notices

**COTE, Normand A.**, 1, St. David; at St. David, April 13, 2016. Service 10 a.m. Monday, April 18, at St. Gerard Church, Grand Isle. Lajoie Funeral Home.

**HARDY, Kermit L.**, 71, Millinocket, April 14, 2016. Lamson Funeral Home, Millinocket.

**HIGGINS, Valerie Ann**, Bangor, April 11, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Saturday, April 16, at St. John's Catholic Church 207 York St., Bangor. Greenlawn Funeral Home, 300 State St., Bangor.

**HOLT, Norine Evelyn (McKay)**, 85, Hampden, April 12, 2016.

**RAVEN, Beatrice L.**, 93, Knox; at Waterville, April 13, 2016. Service 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 19, at Riposta Funeral Home, 182 Waldo Ave., Belfast.

**YOUNG, Zelma (Ward)**, Newburgh, April 10, 2016. Services 6 p.m. Friday, April 15, at the Hampden-Gilpatrick Chapel of Brookings-Smith, 45 Western Ave., Hampden.

## Duane 'Dewey' Clarridge, CIA official, dies at 83

BY MARTIN WEIL  
THE WASHINGTON POST

Duane R. "Dewey" Clarridge, a CIA operative and official of dash, daring and swagger who helped establish and headed the agency's counterterrorism center and also was known for his connection to the Iran-contra affair of the 1980s, died April 9 at his home in Leesburg, Virginia. He was 83.

The cause was cancer, his family said in a statement.

Over the years, Clarridge's career, replete with secret missions, covert meetings and dealings at the edge of legality embodied much of the activities associated in the popular imagination with the shadow world of intelligence, and its art, craft and mystique.

An Ivy League graduate and hard-line Cold Warrior fond of undercover names such as "Daks Lebaron," Clarridge conjured bold and imaginative schemes — often over gin and cigars — and cut a singular swath in the spy agency. His comfort with big risks, called "cowboy" instincts by some, brought him admiration by many colleagues. Others hedged their trust.

Robert M. Gates, the former director of central intelligence and defense secretary, once said of Clarridge, "If you have a tough, dangerous job critical to national security, Dewey's your man. He's talented, one of our best operations officers. Just make sure you have a good lawyer at his elbow. Dewey's not easy to control."

Clarridge made a secret trip to Baghdad in 1986 to try to get Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein to surrender a wanted terrorist. While the leftist Sandinista regime ruled Nicaragua in the 1980s, Clarridge conceived a plan to damage the country's economy by mining its principal harbor — an act that drew an international outcry and the condemnation of many members of Congress.

For his role in Iran-contra, he showed up for a court hearing with an outer coat made in camouflage pattern.

"When you're at battle stations," he quipped, "you might as well be prepared."

Clarridge, whose wardrobe consisted of white Italian suits, silk pocket handkerchiefs and other flashy attire, had a pungent way of expressing himself.

"We will intervene whenever we decide it is in our national security interest to intervene," he said in an interview for a documentary film on CIA operations. "And if you don't like it, lump it. Get used to it, world. We are not going to put up with nonsense."

His soldier-of-fortune charisma brought him to the attention of CIA Director William J. Casey, who tapped him in 1981 to run the clandestine branch's Latin America division. At the time, President Ronald Reagan made it a top priority of the agency to counter "foreign-sponsored subversion and terrorism."

Clarridge, a former Rome chief of station, came to the assignment with no knowledge of Spanish. But he seemed to the director the man for the job — "neither a fool nor a stickler for rules and regulations," as Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Tim

Weiner described him in his history of the CIA, "Legacy of Ashes."

"Casey said, 'Take off a month or two and basically figure out what to do about Central America.'" Clarridge told Weiner. "That was the sum total of his approach. And it didn't take rocket science to understand what needed to be done. ... Make war in Nicaragua and start killing Cubans. This was exactly what Casey wanted to hear, and he said, 'OK, go ahead and do it.'"

During his three years running the Latin America division, he was a top intelligence planner for the U.S. invasion of Grenada in 1983 after a Marxist coup on that Caribbean nation. But much of his work overseeing Latin America — and, later, clandestine operations in Europe — enmeshed him with the sprawling Iran-contra operation.

Iran-contra designated the conjunction of two controversial initiatives pursued during the Reagan administration. One was to sell arms to Iran to get help in the release of American hostages held in Lebanon. The other was the use of the funds obtained in that clandestine Middle East deal to support the right-wing "contra" rebels in Nicaragua.

Revelations about Iran-contra resonated for years, and during a special prosecutor's investigation, Clarridge was indicted in 1991 for perjury and making false statements to congressional investigating committees and a presidential review board looking into secret arms shipments to Iran. By then retired for several years, he received a pardon in 1992 from President George W. Bush before he could go to trial.

At the time of his indictment, a lawyer who represented him told the Los Angeles Times that he "served his country with honor and without reproach for over 30 years."

In 1986, Clarridge had been a driving force in the creation of what was then called the CIA Counterterrorist Center. The aim of the new center was to address what he recognized as a rapidly growing major threat to national security after a terrorist bombing in 1983 at the U.S. military compound in Beirut left 241 U.S. service members, most of them Marines, dead.

The Counterterrorist Center, with a mandate to "pre-empt, disrupt and defeat terrorists," was considered a radical idea at the time because of its interdisciplinary approach: combining spies with analysts, technical specialists and other national security personnel.

But it was credited with several major successes under Clarridge's leadership. Among them, the center penetrated the Abu Nidal terror organization that had been responsible for a spree of bombings and hijackings throughout the 1970s and 1980s, and severely disrupted its operations. Another victory was the 1987 capture of Fawaz Younis, a Lebanese terrorist and hijacker, with the coordinated help of the FBI, Navy and Justice Department.

A dentist's son, Clarridge was born on April 16, 1932, in Nashua, New Hampshire. He graduated in 1953 from Brown University and was recruited to the CIA in 1955 after receiving a master's degree from Columbia University's Russian Institute.

## Actress Anne Jackson, widow of Eli Wallach, dies

REUTERS

LOS ANGELES — Anne Jackson, who collaborated extensively with husband Eli Wallach, together comprising one of the best-known acting couples of the American theater, died Tuesday at her home in Manhattan. She was 90.

As a couple, Jackson and Wallach came close to the level of celebrity of Lunt and Fontanne or, later, Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy. For five decades beginning in the early 1950s and ending in 2000, when they starred Off Broadway in Anne Meara's comedy "Down the Garden Paths," they energized theater audiences with a wide range of synergistic emotions, from loving to combative.

While Wallach had his own big-screen career (he died on June 24, 2014, at age 98) that included "Baby Doll" and "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly," Jackson had a stage career that was impressive all on its own. She was critically hailed for her range of characterizations in David V. Robertson's "Promenade, All!" (1972) and as a housewife on the point of hysteria in Alan Ayckbourn's "Absent Friends" (1977). Earlier, she had been nominated for a Tony for playing the daughter of a manufacturer (Edward G. Robinson) in Paddy Chayefsky's "Middle of the Night" (1956).

But she was most celebrated for her work with her husband, with whom she appeared in the classics, including Chekhov and Shaw; dramas by Tennessee Williams and Ionesco; and, perhaps most memorably, Murray Schisgal's offbeat comedies.

They won twin Obies for their efforts in Schisgal's 1963 Off Broadway double bill, "The Typists" and "The Tiger," then starred together, directed by Mike Nichols, in Schisgal's hit 1964 Broadway comedy "Luv" (it ran 901 performances and won three Tonys) and, two decades later, in a second pair of the playwright's one-acts, "Twice Around the Park," on Broadway in 1982.

According to the New York Times, Jackson and Wallach "appeared together 13 times on Broadway, seven times Off Broadway, and occasionally in movies and on television, where they did most of their work (both together and apart) in the later

years of their careers."

Anna Jane Jackson was born into a working-class family in Millvale, Pennsylvania, a town near Pittsburgh. When she was 7, the family moved to Brooklyn, where life was difficult for a variety of reasons and Anna became a problem to her squabbling parents.

Movies proved an escape, and she was soon doing celebrity impressions; in high school she excelled in drama, and she began to take acting lessons.

When Jackson was 14, her mother suffered a breakdown and was subsequently institutionalized for the rest of her life.

She met Wallach, who was a decade older, in 1946, when both were cast in a production of Tennessee Williams' "This Property Is Condemned." They joined Eva Le Gallienne's American Repertory Theater on Broadway, appearing in productions of "Henry VIII," "Androcles and the Lion" and "What Every Woman Knows." They married in 1948.

Jackson and Wallach were dedicated students of method acting under the tutelage of Lee Strasberg.

Jackson drew kudos for her work in Williams' "Summer and Smoke" (1948), Shaw's "Arms and the Man" (1950) and Edward Chodorov's comedy "Oh, Men! Oh, Women!" (1953).

She appeared with Wallach and Charles Laughton in Shaw's "Major Barbara" (1957). Other plays in which they starred included "The Glass Menagerie" (1959), Ionesco's "Rhinoceros" (1961) and Jean Anouilh's "The Waltz of the Toreadors" (1973).

In 1978 they appeared together in an Off Broadway revival of "The Diary of Anne Frank" together with their two daughters: Roberta Wallach played Anne, and Katherine Wallach essayed Anne's sister, Margot.

Jackson appeared frequently on TV anthology shows in the 1950s including "Armstrong Circle Theater" and "Robert Montgomery Presents." She also guested over the years on series ranging from "Gunsmoke" to "The Defenders" and, much later, "Law & Order" and "ER." Her film credits included "The Shining" (1980), "Funny About Love" (1990) and "Sam's Son" (1984), in which she appeared with Wallach as the parents of Michael Landon's character.

## Arkansas congressman who figured in Nixon impeachment dies at 87

BY STEVE BARNES  
REUTERS

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas — Former U.S. Rep. Ray Thornton of Arkansas, who helped draft the articles of impeachment against President Richard Nixon, has died in hospice care in Little Rock at the age of 87, officials said Thursday.

"Ray was an Arkansas gem who passionately served the people of this state for many years. He was a man who had a genuine heart for the people of Arkansas," said Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson.

Thornton, a Democrat, held a variety of elected and appointive positions in Arkansas. He was state attorney general before winning a seat in Congress in 1972.

After failing to win a U.S. Senate race in 1978, Thornton served as president of two state university systems, then ran successfully in 1990 for U.S. Congress in a different district.

"He was courageous in the House of Representatives with his votes on the Nixon impeachment," said Robert Brown, a retired justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court and a former political aide.

"Ray did as much as a public servant in Arkansas as anyone in recent history, and

he did it all with a courtliness and sense of humor that seem to be sorely lacking in today's politics," he said.

Thornton, whose health had been declining for weeks before he died on Wednesday, enraged then-President Bill Clinton, a fellow Arkansan and Democrat, by voting against the president's 1993 budget bill designed to reverse years of deficits.

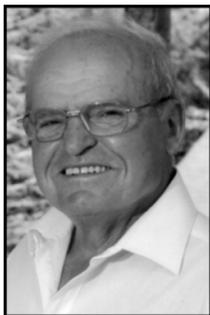
Thornton said he was merely honoring a pledge to his constituents to oppose any tax increases, especially a motor fuels tax regarded as onerous.

Thornton's opposition and pressure from the White House compelled another Democrat, Rep. Marjorie Margolies Mezvinsky of Pennsylvania, to change her position and support Clinton's legislation.

Mezvinsky was defeated in the next election. Her son, Marc, later married Clinton's daughter, Chelsea.

Upon leaving Congress a second time, Thornton was elected to the Arkansas Supreme Court, where he helped strike down a state law establishing term limits for members of Congress.

In 1996, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld Thornton's finding, ruling that state's lacked the authority to restrict federal tenures.



NORMAND A. COTE

**ST. DAVID** - Normand A. Cote, 81, passed away peacefully on April 13, 2016, at his home in St. David. He was born in St. David on December 5, 1934, son of the late Lewis and Annie (Cyr) Cote.

After graduation he joined the U.S. Army and was deployed to Korea, where he was a Morse Code operator. After returning home, Normand worked hard his whole life as the owner of Cote's Poultry Farm, retiring in 1997. After retirement, his motorcycle became his passion and was able to enjoy it more. He also loved to work in his vegetable garden. Normand loved his grandchildren very much and enjoyed teasing them every once in a while. He was a member of the American Legion, Post 147, of Madawaska, and a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, Council #2638 also of Madawaska.

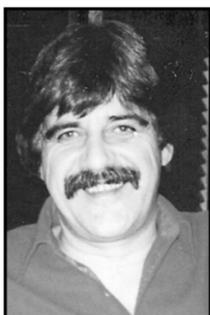
He is survived by his beloved wife of fifty four years, Rina (Malenfant) Cote of St. David; five children, Nancy Cote Daigle and her husband, Shawn Hickey, of Madawaska, Donald Cote of Van Buren, Sandra Leonard of Eldorado Hills, CA, Dale Cote of Howland, Eric Cote and his wife, Kerry, of Winthrop; five grandchildren, Jacques, Luc, Pierre, Elyse and Kyle; one brother, Gerard Cote; eight sisters, Rejeanne Touzot, Theresa Brennan, Norma Protting, Marcella Sarnow, Cecile Dobash, Mary Ann Rich, Kathleen Sirois and Carol Whitney; many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10 a.m. on Monday, April 18, 2016, at the St. Gerard Church in Grand Isle. Family and friends may call at Lajoie Funeral Home from 6-8 p.m. on Sunday and from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Monday before the service. For online condolences, please visit

www.lajoiefuneralhome.com.

### NORINE EVELYN (MCKAY) HOLT

**HAMPDEN** - Norine Evelyn (McKay) Holt, 85, died April 12, 2016. A complete obituary will be published in the Saturday April 16, 2016, edition of the Bangor Daily News. Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.BrookingsSmith.com.



KERMIT L. HARDY

**MILLINOCKET** - Kermit L. Hardy, 71, passed away at his home Thursday, April 14, 2016. He was born June 17, 1944, in Waterville, the son of Norman and Mary (Treadwell) Hardy.

Kermit was a graduate of Stearns High School, class of 1963. He worked for many years in the Steam Plant at the Great Northern Paper Company in Millinocket, from where he retired. Kermit loved spending time at his camp on Ambejejus Lake, where he was known for growing a beautiful garden and sharing the produce from it with his friends, neighbors, and family, especially pumpkins and corn stalks. He enjoyed spending time watching and photographing wildlife and nature, as well as fishing and hunting. Kermit also enjoyed riding his Harley, and travelled the country, visiting 43 of the lower 48 states. He especially loved kids, particularly his nieces and nephews. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Kermit is survived by a sister, Norma McQuarrie of Millinocket; four nieces, Mary Louise Osborne and her husband, Chuck, Laura Manzo, Kendra Pelkey and Rachael Whitney and her husband, Scott; a nephew, Jamey McQuarrie and his wife, Sara; great-nieces and great-nephews, Charlie, Malory, Clayton, Meliissa, Zachary, Riley, Devin, Lucas, Ava, Katie and Neal; a brother-in-law, David L. Pelkey; and special friends who are considered family, Richard and Kristen Elliott, Roderic and Valerie Labby. In addition to his parents, Kermit was predeceased by a sister, Linda Pelkey; a brother-in-law, James McQuarrie; and a nephew, Cory Manzo.

In accordance with Kermit's wishes, there will be no services, but he will be remembered and thought of frequently. Gifts in memory of Kermit may be sent to the Katahdin Area Support Group, P.O. Box 374, Millinocket, ME 04462. Arrangements are by Lamson Funeral Home, Millinocket. Messages of condolence may be expressed at www.lamsonfh.com.