

OBITUARIES



THOMAS "TOM" DINATALE

PARKMAN & ENGLEWOOD, FL - Thomas Salvatore DiNatale, 91, died September 5, 2016 at a Bangor hospital. He was born June 19, 1925 in Boston, MA, son of Salvatore and Beatrice (DeCola) DiNatale.

Tom followed his older brothers into the military, serving in World War II as a Combat Veteran, former Navy Seal. After his military career, he became a Boston Metro Police Officer for many years. Following his retirement, Tom enjoyed spending his summers in Maine, fishing and hunting at Manhanock Pond in Parkman. In Englewood, he was an active member of the Elks and P.E.R. Once a week he hosted Italian Night where he cooked his famous meatballs and sauce to support many charities.

Tom was predeceased by his brothers, a sister and the mother of his children, Eileen. Surviving are their six children, Thomas, William, Nora, Robert, Joan DiNatale and Susan White; ten grandchildren. Also surviving are his second wife, Meredith DiNatale of Venice, FL and her children, Dawn, Gail and Allen.

Relatives and friends are welcome to call 5 to 7pm, Thursday, September 8, 2016 at the Brewer Chapel of Brookings-Smith, 55 South Main Street, Brewer. A Funeral Mass will be held 11am Friday, September 9, 2016 at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, St. Mary's Catholic Church, 768 Ohio Street, Bangor.

Those who wish to remember Tom in a special way may make gifts in his memory to Last Stop Horse Rescue, P.O. Box 580, Gainesville, GA 30503.

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



RICHARD R. KANE JR.

SOUTH PORTLAND - Richard R. Kane Jr., 56, of Osprey Circle, died peacefully on Sunday September 4, 2016 at Mercy Hospital following a long illness.

Rich was predeceased by his maternal grandparents Dr. Henry and Elizabeth Caradonna, and paternal grandparents George H. and Jeanette Kane.

He is survived by his partner of twenty eight years Richard L. Coulombe of South Portland; parents Richard Sr. and Elizabeth Kane of Augusta; three sisters Candace and Kevin Dieterich and their son James of Winthrop, ME, Sharon and Troy Gammon and their daughters Tara and Brianna of Manchester, ME, Carolyn Allen and her daughters Angelica and Allyson of Augusta, ME; and special friends the entire Coulombe family.

Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2016 from 5:00 to 6:00pm at the Conroy-Tully Walker South Portland Chapel, 1024 Broadway, South Portland. A Service will follow at the Chapel at 6:00pm.

Those who wish may make contributions in Rich's memory to: National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater New England Division, 170 US Route 1, Suite 200, Falmouth, ME 04105

To view Rich's memorial page, or to share an online condolence, please visit www.ConroyTullyWalker.com



KATHLEEN (O'GRADY) BOUCHARD

CROSS LAKE & BANGOR - Kathleen O. Bouchard, 95, passed away peacefully September 5, 2016, at her home in Bangor. She was born January 5, 1921, in Es-court, Quebec, Canada, to Patrick and Jennie (Jandreau) O'Grady.

Kathleen or "Kay" as most called her, grew up in Fort Kent, the youngest of six children. She moved to Caribou after marrying Roger Bouchard, had three children and went to work as a book-keeper for Avon Brown Inc. Kay then went on to co-found and co-own ELCO Electric in Bangor. She was a sharp business woman who gained the respect of those in the electrical contracting field at a time when few women worked in that industry. Family was the most important thing to Kay. She lost her only brother in World War II and a family bond that was incredibly strong, strengthened even more after his death. Her husband died in 1980 and after retiring, she moved to Mountain View, CA, for the winters to be near her sisters and mother. They took care of each other as they aged and eventually, Kay moved back to Maine full-time. Her life was spent making sure her children wanted for nothing and that the loving bonds she shared with her sisters extended to the next generation. A good deal of time was spent at the family cottage at Cross Lake where cousins from both sides of the family gathered, making for some very loud but happy summers. Kay always had a smile, a kind word and a loving embrace for anyone who needed it.

Kay is survived by her daughter, Frances Bouchard of Bangor, ME; her son, Thomas Bouchard and his wife Jean of Northridge, CA; and two grandsons, Kristofer Bouchard and his significant other, Tiffanie Fine and Matthew Bouchard and his wife Donnell of California. She will be dearly missed by a large number of nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Kay was predeceased by her husband, Roger Bouchard; a daughter, Margaret Ann Bouchard; a brother, Grover O'Grady; and four sisters, Frances Bohley, Martha Doty, Geneva Sawyer and Jeanne Daigle. Special thanks to Leslie St. Louis and Betty Brehm for their help in caring for Kay over the years as well as the caregivers with Hospice of Eastern Maine who made her last days much more comfortable.

A graveside service at Holy Rosary Cemetery in Caribou will take place at a later date.

Those who wish to remember Kay in a special way may make gifts in her memory to Hospice of Eastern Maine, 885 Union Street, Suite 220, Bangor, ME 04401, or to the Alzheimer's Association, 383 US Route One, Suite 2C, Scarborough, ME 04074.

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



ELEANOR ANNE GREEN

PRESQUE ISLE - Eleanor Anne Green, 82, passed away in the arms of her husband with her son and two furry buddies at her side, Thursday, August 25, 2016 on her 60th Wedding Anniversary at the TAMC healthcare facility in Mars Hill. She always had a smile for everyone even though enduring a 16 year battle with Alzheimer's and recent fight with Cancer.

Eleanor was born and raised in Presque Isle, the daughter of Samuel J. Downing and Mary A. Anderson Downing. She was the youngest of five. She attended local schools graduating from PIHS in 1952, and then attended Fisher Junior College in Boston. She worked in the business office of New England Telephone Co. and retired in 1984 with 30 yrs. of service. While there she rose to the rank of Office Manager. Throughout her school and business years Eleanor was very active in organizations and activities. She was the Aroostook County High School public speaking winner, a varsity cheerleader, and an "A" student for 4 years. She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America and The Eastern Star.

In 1950 she met her future husband Laurel "Sonny" Green and they were married on August 25, 1956. Together they raised one son. They became avid campers at Cross Lake and built a camp in 1960.

She was predeceased by a Sister and her husband Marie and Richard Aucoin and a nephew Mike Aucoin; also a brother James Downing and a sister-in-law Betty Green Roope Wade and brother-in-laws: George Morrison, Frank Baker and Edward Roope.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years Laurel R. Green and their son Craig R. Green of Presque Isle, a brother John Downing and his wife Naomi of Pl, Me, a sister, Mary Rose Morrison of Tampa, Fl, sister-in-laws: Dawn Calbi and her Husband Vince of Burke, Va, Ann Baker of Prospect, Ct, Penny Green of Caribou and a Brother In law Richard of Farmingdale, Me. She also has many wonderful nieces and nephews who she loved.

A memorial service is planned for Sunday, September 11, 2016 at the Grant Memorial United Methodist Church, in Presque Isle at 3 P.M. with an Eastern Star service to precede it. A reception will follow at the church.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to C.A.N.C.E.R. PO Box 811, Presque Isle, Me 04769



CECIL WILLIAMS

HOULTON - Cecil Williams, 87, went to be with his Heavenly Father and Loved ones that have gone on before on Sept. 5, 2016. Cecil was born May 19, 1929 in Amity, the son of the late Melvin and Mamie (Seamans) Williams.

Cecil is survived by his wife, Ruth (Alward) Williams of 63 years; son, Larry of Houlton, Jan of Gretna VA; 3 loving grandchildren, Nick Ivey of Houlton, Kerri (Ivey) Kowalski and husband Keith of Lees Summit, MO and Wendy (Ivey) Rose and husband, Brandon of Middletown, OH; many loving great grandchildren, Aaron and Delannie Ivey, Jack, Maris and Camdyn Kowalski, Zelva, Madison and Dakota Rose. He is also survived by three sisters, Floris of Hodgdon, Joyce White and husband, Raymond of Herman, Elzina Forbes and husband, Don of Malvern, PA. Cecil was predeceased by three brothers he loved dearly, Mervin, Leonard and Basil; 2 sisters he thought the world of, Madeline Edward and Leita Jordan.

Cecil has done a wide variety of jobs after graduating in 1947. He also attended and graduated from the University of Maine and Ricker College. He taught school in Amity for 4 years. After the school closed he relocated to Linneus and taught there for 7 years. In 1962 he was offered the principals job in Littleton. He was accepted and was there for 17 years and also coached baseball and basketball. In 1978 Cecil decided it was time for a vocational change. He and his wife purchased Maple Grove Nursing Home, renamed it Crestview Manor, ran the business for 7 years and sold it. He then was offered a position as activity and social director of Rest Haven Nursing Home in Patten. When Danforth Nursing Home opened, he accepted a job there as Administrator. He retired after 10 years. He enjoyed retirement by fishing, hunting, snowsledding and going to the nursing home and hospitals with 5 others singing the "Wonderful Hymns" he enjoyed. Cecil thanked God for all his accomplishments and experiences of life.

Friends and relatives may call at Bowers Funeral Home, 10 Water Street, Houlton on Friday, September 9th at 1-2 p.m. Funeral services immediately following with Sterling Lawrence, pastor of the Bethel Pentecostal Church, Oakfield officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or one of your choice. Burial will be in the Hodgdon Cemetery.

Also, the family would like to thank the staff at Madigan Estates for all the care given. Cecil enjoyed his stay there, going to activities and especially singing.



HAROLD GRANT

BANGOR - HAROLD V. GRANT, 93, followed his beloved wife Jean in death on Sunday, September 4, 2016, in Bangor, Maine. He was born August 4, 1923, in Bangor, Maine to Vesta (McClary) Grant and Vaughn Grant.

Harold graduated from Bangor High School in 1941.

Following graduation, he served with the U. S. Army in Saipan as a Quartermaster during World War II, earning various medals and campaign ribbons. After the war he married Betty Jean (Leckemby) Grant, with whom he had three children, followed by his marriage to Gloria (Glidden) Grant, with whom he also had three children. He was married for a third and final time in 1963, to Jean (Delano)(Buswell) Grant, with whom he had one child. Harold and Jean celebrated 53 years of marriage prior to her death earlier this year. As Harold often said, he "finally got it right".

Harold was an innovative and enduring entrepreneur in the local community for all of his life. Early in his career, he was Vice-president of Finance with the Eastern Trust and Banking Co., followed by ownership in several business ventures, including Fidelity Finance Co. H.V. Grant Insurance in Old Town, and Grant's Variety Stores in Old Town and Corinth. In addition to being an insurance broker, Harold was a Realtor and was also certified by the State of Maine as a Property Tax Assessor and Appraiser. As an assessor, Harold served the towns of Hudson, Corinth, Eddington and Old Town for many years. But it was in the early sixties that Harold made the move that would truly define his career. Following a long family tradition of railroading, he accepted a business management position with the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad. He became a Director of the newly-founded credit union for the railroad, BARCO, and his passion for that entity was born. The evolution and growth of BARCO prompted the changing of its name to Maine Savings Federal Credit Union in 2001, and it has since become one of Maine's largest credit unions. Harold continued as Director and then as Chairman of the Board of Directors until his retirement in 2007 at the age of 84.

Harold was a 32nd degree

Mason and Shriner, Order of the Scottish Rites, F&A.M., and was a loyal member of the St. Andrew's Lodge in Bangor. He was also active in the Old Town and Bangor Rotary Clubs during his business years. Harold loved nothing better than having his family and friends join him in a game of horseshoes or cards. Many lasting friendships were made and many cribbage games were played at the Grant summer camps on Boyd Lake and Little Pushaw and the hunting camp in Wesley every November. In his later years, he would often be found sitting in a rocking chair, smoking his pipe while his children and grandchildren played, swam, or hunted under his watchful eye.

In addition to his parents, Harold was predeceased by his wife Jean, his sister, Marian and his brother, Ronald. Surviving family include his son Richard Grant and wife Judy, daughter Judith (Grant) Bradshaw-Rojas and husband Will, son David Grant and wife Kathy, all residing in Las Vegas, Nevada, son Donald Grant and wife Carol of Hudson, daughter Kathryn Grant of Bar Harbor, son Thomas Grant of Richmond, Virginia and daughter Peggy (Grant) Mace of Dover, New Hampshire. He is also survived by his stepchildren, Kenneth "Sonny" Buswell, Jr. and wife Donetta of Corinth, Ethel Odom and husband Arnold of Moultrie, Georgia, and Rodney Buswell and wife Debbie of Eddington, as well as numerous grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 6-8 pm, Thursday, September 8th, at Brookings-Smith, 133 Center Street, Bangor, where funeral services will be held 1 pm, Friday, September 9th. The family invites relatives and friends to share memories, conversation and refreshments at the Family Reception Center of Brookings-Smith, 163 Center Street, Bangor, immediately following the service. Interment will follow the reception at Corinthian Cemetery in Corinth.

Those who wish to remember Harold in a special way may make gifts in his memory to the Maine Savings Scholarship Fund, 101 Western Avenue, Hamden, Maine, 04444, for the benefit of a Central High School student. Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.BrookingsSmith.com.

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Tuskegee Airman who safeguarded Martin Luther King Jr. dies

BY CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR.
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For Dabney Montgomery, the indignities at home stung more because of the noble tasks he had performed for his country abroad — serving with the Tuskegee Airmen to help win World War II in a role that would eventually earn him a Congressional Gold Medal.

But at a train station in Atlanta in 1945, carrying an army duffel bag over his shoulder after receiving his honorable-discharge papers, he was abruptly confronted with Jim Crow America.

“Before I could get in, a white officer threw up his hands (and said): ‘You can’t come in this door, boy, you got to go around the back,’” Montgomery told Alice Bern-

stein in a video interview. “‘You can’t come in here; you’re black. You got to go around the corner.’”

Montgomery, 93, died of natural causes Saturday morning, after serving as a member of the all-black fighter group and, decades later, as a bodyguard to Martin Luther King Jr.

Montgomery protected King during the famous 1965 march to Montgomery from Selma, Alabama — Montgomery’s home town.

Heels from the shoes Montgomery wore in that march will hang in the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington when it opens Sept. 24, according to the Smithsonian magazine.

Montgomery was born in 1923 and inducted into the

armed forces in 1943, serving in what was then the Army Air Corps as one of the Tuskegee Airmen.

They got their name because they trained at Alabama’s historically black Tuskegee University, which had a civilian pilot training program, according to the university’s historical page about the airmen.

Black servicemen who trained at Tuskegee faced discrimination in the armed services and at home, but the “Red Tails,” as they were known, distinguished themselves in a March 1945 bombing run to Berlin and by discovering a German destroyer in the harbor of Trieste, Italy, according to the university.

“The tenacious bomber escort cover provided by the 332nd ‘Red Tail’ fighters often

discouraged enemy fighter pilots from attacking bombers escorted by the 332nd Fighter Group,” the university said.

Despite the exploits of the airmen, Montgomery said he was often smacked in the face with discrimination at home.

Back in Selma fresh out of the army, he tried to register to vote, according to the Bernstein interview. A woman there, he said, told him that he had to find “three white men that would endorse me as a good negro that would not cause any trouble in Selma, Alabama, if I voted.” When he returned with the endorsements, he said, he was denied again. This time, the woman said, it was because he didn’t own land in Alabama.

But as he left, he noticed a

white soldier, fresh out of the army just like he was.

“He walked up to the table: ‘I want to vote.’” Montgomery recalled the man saying.

He said the lady replied, “‘OK, sign your name here. Right here. OK. You can vote.’”

“That was the welcome that so many of us (blacks) received after fighting World War II,” Montgomery recalled.

The memory stuck. Years later, after he had relocated to New York, he saw newscasts of civil rights activists being attacked with firehoses and tear gas. He decided to return to do his part.

“I’m going and getting a taste of that gas,” he recalled telling his supervisor. “I’m going home and (taking) part in that movement.”