

# OBITUARIES

## THELMA ALICE (LOOK) GRANT

ADDISON - Thelma Alice (Look) Grant, 97, died April 24, 2016 at Downeast Community Hospital in Machias. She was born in Addison, May 25, 1918, daughter of Walter C and Alice N Look.

She graduated from Addison High School in 1935 as valedictorian with a grade average of 98.4 which was never exceeded as long as the school existed. She married Russell Grant on June 12, 1937. They had four children and both worked tirelessly to provide for them. Thelma would rise early every morning to make dozens of fresh donuts to sell to sardine factory workers on their way to work. When Russell died in 1956 she was left to provide for her children. Thelma secured employment by learning to drive the school bus and she did this for many years. She saw to it that all her children received a post-secondary education. She was elected to the position of Registrar of Probate for Washington County in 1962, having to run for reelection every 4 years. Over her 32 year career she earned admiration and respect from the judges she assisted and the public she served. Another show of dedication was her 38 year term as the Treasurer of the Town of Addison.

Thelma was a life-long voracious reader. That only added to her ease of an intelligent conversation, her quick wit, and her crossword puzzle prowess. Her daughter introduced her to quilting when she was nearing retirement. Eventually, a hand-quilted treasure was completed for each member of her family. History and genealogy were of great interest to her, as well as, keeping up with current events, the Boston Celtics and Red Sox. She also enjoyed travels to France, Spain, and more within the U.S.

She was a member of Daughters of the American Revolution, Indian River Grange, Pleasant River Historical Society and Church Hill Cemetery.

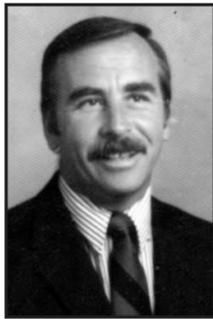
Surviving are her daughter, Nancy Jordan and Hadley of Otis, and their children Robert and wife Sue, Stephen and wife So Young, Bruce and wife Deborah and Jane; her son Laurence "Pete" Grant and his special friend, Frances Alley, Steuben, and his children Russell and wife Sarah, whom was especially helpful to Thelma, and Jean Gonyo and husband John; her son Lee Grant and wife Arleta of Addison, and their children A. Beth Dyer and friend Doug Kane and Marla Bagley and husband Michael; and the children of her beloved late son Charles Grant, Julie Meeks and husband Kevin and Jill Mudd and husband Jan. Great grandchildren - Lindsey, Ryan and Colleen Jordan; Jasmine and David Jordan; Maddison Jordan; Blaine and Riley Grant; Brenden, Jacob and Hyleigh Meeks; Jordan and Jenna Mudd; Kristen Schalefer her husband Josh; and Courtney Bagley. Great great grandchild Ashra Lee Schlaefer. A special niece, Linda Bubar and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her son Charles, she was predeceased by her parents, a sister Frances Kofoed, brothers Richard and Eugene Look, and a daughter-in-law Kathy Grant.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Church Hill Cemetery, 69 West Side Rd, Addison, ME 04606 or Friends of the Church on the Hill, PO Box 206, Addison, ME 04606.

Arrangements by: McClure Funeral Services, Machias, ME.

Committal Service will be held on July 9th, 11:00am at the Church Hill Cemetery.



**RICHARD D. SMITH, JR.**

BANGOR - Richard D. Smith, Jr., 74, passed away peacefully, at home, surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, April 30, 2016, after a courageous 6 year battle with lung and brain cancer. Richard was born October 16, 1941 in Lynn, Mass the son of Richard D. and Norine G. Smith Jr.

Dick attended St. Joseph and St. Mary's Catholic schools in Lynn, from grade school thru high school. Following graduation he attended Merrimac College. Dick loved telling stories of his high school days with all his buddies from St. Mary's, esp. his good friend Joe Iarobino. His early experiences turned into wonderful memories with all his high school friends that lasted his entire life. When you asked him a question about his St. Mary's friendships, he always had a colorful story to tell. Thank you to all Dick's high school friends who have given both Dick and Alison so much love and support this past year.

Dick joined the Air Force reserves completing basic training at Lackland AFB in Texas. He was with the reserves for 6 yrs. Dick was also a member of the Knights of Columbus in Mass.

During his early years he enjoyed hunting, skeet shooting, and fishing with his father, later adding ice fishing and fly tying to some of his hobbies. Dick always said he enjoyed walking through the woods, feeling the serenity of nature.

Dick worked at Sears in Saugus, Mass. where he met Alison, and was later transferred to the Bangor, ME store where he worked for 27 yrs. After an early retirement, he managed the Party Savor store owned by Dennis Paper Co., for 10yrs. After that store closed, Dick worked for the Penobscot County Sheriff's Department as a security deputy as well as serving papers. He thoroughly enjoyed that job.

Dick married Alison (Leck) Smith on August 15, 1970. Their son, Richard H. Smith, was born in 1971. Rich was Dick's pride and joy. He loved to challenge Rich is a game of golf.

Dick and Alison enjoyed traveling throughout the world, experiencing different cultures and culinary cuisine, including Paris, S. France, Germany and Switzerland and esp. the Caribbean. Their son Rich, would travel with them every other year. Playing golf at Myrtle Beach with Rich is a fun memory. Dick and Alison also traveled the entire east coast of the United States, from Maryland, the Carolinas, all the way to Fla., where they eventually spent their winter months in Naples. Of all the travelling they did they considered their second home to be Aruba, (second only to Great East Lake in Acton, Me.) They bought a time

share in the 1980's on the beautiful island of Aruba and visited that island every year, meeting many dear and lasting friends.

Dick's ultimate passion was "golf." He was happiest when out on the golf course. Dick always had a smile on his face when he got into his golf cart, and drove down the sidewalk on Norway Rd, to Bangor Municipal Golf course. He played golf at other courses as often as possible, including Aruba, and Naples Fla. We want to thank all of our dear Naples friends who were more like family. We also want to thank Dick's golfing buddies especially, Dean Armstrong, Gil MacDonald, and Greg Pooler for the extra special time they spent with Dick these last few months. Life for Dick was "the best" when he was playing golf. Those who knew Dick had his devoted friendship, loyalty, and genuine caring. He was a true gentleman as well as a real gentleman. Dick's generosity too many charities was important for him to support, especially to those in need.

Dick was predeceased by his parents and his infant sister, Linda. Dick is survived by his wife of 45 years, Alison (Leck) Smith, their son, Richard H. Smith and his girlfriend, Heather Baine. Dick adored his grandchildren, Travis McFarlin, Tyler, Hunter and Logan Smith. He is also survived by his brother and sister in laws (who he considered his brothers and sisters) Alan and Susan Leck, David and Linda Leck. The love and support they gave to Dick and Alison this past yr. was appreciated with a deep gratitude only the heart knows. His nephews Jason, his wife Kristen, and Matthew Leck and his girlfriend Dee Phillips, his nieces, Jennifer Leck and Rachel Alison, and Rachel's boyfriend Matt Reyes, and his grandnephew and niece, Jordan and Abigail were all very special to Uncle Dick.

We want to thank all the Doctors and nurses at LaFayette Family Cancer Care, with a special thanks to Dr. Kurt Snyder and Allison for their extra care and support. The last 3 months would not have been possible without the great care from Beacon Hospice. To all the cna's, volunteers, and nurses, thank you. A special thank you to Aveena.

Relatives and friends may call from 5-7 p.m. Thursday May 5, 2016, at Brookings-Smith 133 Center Street, Bangor. A Funeral Mass will be held 11 a.m. Friday May 6, 2016 at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, St. John's Catholic Church, 207 York St., Bangor. Memorial contributions may be made in Dick's memory to The Lafayette Family Cancer Center, C/O EMHS Foundation, P.O. Box 931, Bangor, ME. 04402. Condolences to the family may be expressed at [www.BrookingsSmith.com](http://www.BrookingsSmith.com).



**ELMO "MO" NADEAU**

FRENCHVILLE & HOLDEN - Elmo "Mo" Nadeau, 82, husband for 62 years, of Mae Rita (LeBlanc) Nadeau, died May 1, 2016. He fought a courageous battle with lung cancer and succumbed to an aortic aneurysm. He was born in Frenchville, February 18, 1934, son of Donat and Ernestine (Rossignol) Nadeau.

He served in the US Army in the infantry, and was a member of the American Legion. Mo worked for the telephone company for 38 years. He was a Pilot, Chaplain and Faithful Navigator in the Knights of Columbus. Mo was fondly known as "Mr. Fix It" and was loved by all. Always eager to help anyone in need, his impish smile was contagious and welcomed family and friends. He lived life to its fullest sharing his gentleness, kindness, generosity and love. His spirit will live on in all of those who loved him dearly, whether you knew him from the phone company, K of C, airplane pilot, golfer or snowmobiler.

Mo was an avid sports fan of the Bruins, Red Sox, Celtics, and Patriots. He also enjoyed adventuring with his grandchildren on Cyr Cove of Long Lake. Mo loved to dance with his wife, play cards with his friends, and hunt and snowmobile with his son, Keith, take day trips with his son, Ken and attend family reunions with his daughter, Karen.

Surviving in addition to his wife of Holden, are his children, Ken Nadeau and wife Brenda of Brewer, Karen McCauley of Cumberland, Keith Nadeau and special friend, Wendy of Madison, N.H.; grandchildren, Ryan, Evan, Elyse, Haley, Tyler Nadeau and Eliza McCauley; one sister, Therese Violette of Fort Kent, two brothers, Norman Nadeau and wife Anita, Roger Nadeau and wife Lorraine all of Frenchville; several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a sister, Patricia Natchioni, and brothers, Yvon, Laurien, Lionel.

Relatives and friends are invited to call 6-8 pm. Tuesday May 3, 2016 at the Brewer Chapel of Brookings-Smith, 55 South Main St., Brewer. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 am. Wednesday May 4, 2016 at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 501 North Main St., Brewer. The family invites folks to share conversation and refreshments in the parish hall, following the mass.

Gifts in his memory may be made to St. Paul the Apostle Parish, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, C/O 207 York St., Bangor, Me. 04401.

Condolences to the family may be expressed at [www.BrookingsSmith.com](http://www.BrookingsSmith.com).



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Bees are seen on a honeycomb.

## Employees of Burt's Bees paint mural of honeybee plight

BY CLIFF BELLAMY  
THE HERALD-SUN

DURHAM — Employees at Burt's Bees took a break from office duties Friday to help paint a mural on the west wall of the company's West Pettigrew Street headquarters. Eight employees at a time climbed on scaffolding and painted a few petals of a flower purple. When completed, the mural will have a bee hive, flowers and a string of honeybees.

Burt's Bees started as a candle-making company and has since branched out to produce lip balm, lipstick, sunscreen, lotion and other products. Their products are dependent on the health of honeybees, which pollinate an estimated 80 percent of fruits and vegetables worldwide. The employees were contributing to guest artist Matthew Willey's bee mural. To raise awareness of bee hive loss, also called colony collapse disorder, Willey has pledged to paint 50,000 bees — a number that represents a thriving hive — in murals across the country.

"The idea is that the honeybee is in every community in the world," Willey said. He will spend about two weeks completing the Burt's Bees mural, then help paint murals at Estes Hills Elementary School in Chapel Hill and a fire station in Carrboro. He has projects booked for two years, including murals in Kentucky and Manhattan. "It's one giant art project," and the bees will connect different communities, all of which depend on the work of bees, he said. "It just keeps going from there."

Burt's Bees heard about Willey's project TheGoodoftheHive.com when he did a social media fundraiser. Because the company supports honeybee health and habitat preservation, Burt's Bees began looking for a place to put one of the murals, according to Paula Alexander, the company's director of sustainable business. Willey embedded the words "Burt lives on" in the honeycomb portion of the mural to honor company founder Burt Shavitz, who died last year.

Shavitz and Roxanne Quimby started the company in Maine in 1984, making candles from bees'

wax. Their products expanded, and the company moved to Durham in 1994. Clorox has since bought the company.

Scientists have not determined a single cause for bee hive loss. The problem got worse in the 1980s, when new pathogens and parasites were introduced, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Bee population loss during the winters of 2006 and 2011 were about 33 percent each year, the USDA reports. Losses in winter 2014-2015 were about 23 percent, but beekeepers reported higher summer losses for 2014, the USDA reports.

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MARIA DAVIS,  
CREATIVE SERVICES

In addition to support for the mural, Burt's Bees' foundation also supports bee preservation. The company is sponsoring a "Bring Back the Bees" campaign. Contributors are asked to send a post by Twitter, drop the letter "b" from the words, but include the hashtag #BringBackTheBees. For each tweet, the company will plant 1,000 wildflowers.

Visitors to the headquarters building also can look at the Burt Shavitz Memorial Observation Hive to learn more about the importance of honeybees. The hive is contained behind a sheet of glass. Bees go in and out of the hive through a tube that goes through the roof.

Willey, who lives in Asheville, has painted murals for the Washington Wizards, the Russian Cultural Center in Washington, D.C., and others. He will have painted his 1,000th bee sometime in June. Burt's Bees' is the first time he has used volunteers, and he said he enjoys how everyone came together to contribute.

Maria Davis, who works in creative services, had not participated before in a mural or public art project. "It'll be fun every time I walk by here to know I contributed to the beautiful piece of art on the wall," Davis said.

## Inmate dies at Maine Correctional Center

BY RYAN MCLAUGHLIN  
BDN STAFF

WINDHAM — A man serving time for eluding a police officer has died at the Maine Correctional Center, according to the Maine Department of Corrections.

Wayne Patrick King, 36, was found dead 11:30 a.m. Sunday, according to a statement from the Department of Corrections.

King had served 17 months of a 34-month sentence for eluding an officer,

concurrent with a pair of aggravated operating after habitual offender revocation charges, the statement said.

Maine State Police and the state medical examiner's office are reviewing King's death.

## Harry Wu, who endured 19 years in Chinese labor camps, dies at 79

BY EMILY LANGER  
THE WASHINGTON POST

Harry Wu, a Chinese dissident who mounted an international campaign to expose the horrors of his country's laogai labor camps, where he endured 19 years of captivity as an alleged counterrevolutionary, died April 26 while vacationing in Honduras. He was 79.

Ann Noonan, a board member of the Laogai Research Foundation, founded by Wu in 1992, confirmed his death and said she did not

know the cause.

Wu settled in the United States in 1985 after a ghastly odyssey in the Chinese prison system in which he withered to 80 pounds, was worked nearly to death and survived, in part, on food that he foraged in rats' nests. His offense, as a university student in the years after the Chinese Communist Revolution, had been to criticize the 1956 invasion of Hungary by the Soviet Union, the world's other major Communist power.

Wu was imprisoned in

1960. After his release in 1979, three years after the death of Communist leader Mao Zedong, he built a profile as a human rights activist and self-described "troublemaker" who repeatedly slipped back into China to gather undercover footage of the prison camps.

The footage aired on the CBS news magazine "60 Minutes" and on the BBC in the 1990s. With those reports, Wu helped draw widespread attention to Chinese practices of using forced labor to produce exports —

among them wrenches and artificial flowers ultimately banned by the United States — and harvesting organs from executed prisoners. According to his research, more than 50 million prisoners passed through the system over 40 years.

He was at times compared to Alexander I. Solzhenitsyn, the Nobel Prize-winning Russian writer who documented the atrocities of the Soviet gulag. Wu described the laogai prisons, which purported to deliver "reform through labor," as

the Chinese gulag and said he would not rest until the word laogai appeared in "every language dictionary in the world."

He testified before Congress, lectured on university campuses, wrote books and established the Laogai Research Foundation and Laogai Museum, both based in Washington, to educate the public about the Chinese labor camps.

In an interview with the Los Angeles Times, he described them as "the cornerstone of the Chinese Commu-

nist dictatorship and the machinery for crushing human beings physically, psychologically and spiritually."

By his account, Wu stole from prisoners and collaborated with police to survive in prison.

"I became an animal," he told The Washington Post. "If you are human, you have feelings and suffer because you are always thinking and wishing about what cannot be. But animals never think, never wish. Unless you are an animal, you cannot survive."