

OBITUARIES



JEANNETTE E. GRIFFIN

FRANKLIN - Jeannette E. Griffin, age 89, passed away on Monday, June 20, 2016, at Maine Medical Center in Portland, Maine. She was born on May 12, 1927, in Sullivan, the daughter of the late Pearl Martin and Mattie (Tracey) Martin.

Jeannette loved everyone and those that knew her referred to her as "Ma". She had a huge heart, which shouldn't surprise you that she spent most of her life as a caregiver. She worked as a C.N.A. and

volunteered for hospice. Jeannette was a dedicated member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary, Schoodic Grange, and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Ellsworth. Recently, Jeannette was baptized into Mormon faith. She enjoyed quilting and assisting with the church guild. Traveling, birdwatching, and family were a few of her favorite things.

She is survived by her sons, Scott Griffin and wife, Linda of Franklin, David Griffin of Hancock, Peter Griffin and partner, Sue of Franklin, Charles Griffin and partner, Sunshine of Cherryfield; daughters, Barbara Tibbetts of Columbia Falls, Lorna Thomas and husband, Gordon of Franklin, Kimberly Baldwin and husband, Gary of Franklin; 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, six great-great-grandchildren, many cousins, nieces, and nephews; special friends, Ida, Marian, Burnie, and Karen.

Jeannette was predeceased by her beloved husband, Charles Griffin Jr.; son, Kelley Griffin; son-in-law, Donald Tibbetts; three grandsons and one great-grandson.

Jeannette always donated to different charities and non-profits. To honor her life and in lieu of flowers, please feel free to pick a charity of your choice for memorial contributions.

Her graveside service is scheduled for 10am Saturday, June 25, 2016, at Bayview Cemetery in Franklin. A celebration of life will follow at the Vets Club in Franklin. Arrangements entrusted to Bragdon-Kelley Funeral Home in Ellsworth, ME.

Online condolences may be shared at www.bragdonkelley.com

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JEAN B. BECKMANN

ELLSWORTH ME/BALTIMORE, MD - Jean B. Beckmann, 87, died June 16, 2016 at St. Agnes Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland.

She was born July 10, 1928 in Somerville, MA the daughter of George Clarence and Ethel Mae (Honey) March.

Jean graduated from Wilfred Academy in 1952 with a certification in cosmetology. She worked in cosmetology on and off for a number of years. Jean and her husband Carlton "Bud" Beckmann who was in the U.S. Navy for 25 years were stationed at many statewide and overseas facilities. Jean served as President of the officer's wives' club. Bud and Jean both became underwriters for Franklin Life Insurance. They spent many summers at their cottage at Shady Nook in Trenton, before moving here permanently upon retirement. Jean worked at JJ Newberry's and for a brief time as a secretary for Ashmore Color Time. She took many classes in creative writing and enjoyed writing poetry. Jean had 4 poems published and 11 children's stories. She won an Editions Choice awards for her poetry. Jean enjoyed bowling, roller skating and dancing. She spent 59 years and an active and devoted lifetime member of the Eastern Star and Irene Chapter O.E.S. where she served as a Past Grand Chapter of the State of Maine in 2000, District Deputy Grand Matron, Grand Representatives of Mississippi in Maine, and many other officers through the years.

Jean is survived by her son, Donald C. Beckmann of Sullivan; daughters, Carla J. Perrott and husband David of Parkton, MD., Jeanne L. Milano and husband Raymond of N. Bethesda, MD, Judith A. MacLean and husband Jonathan of Windham, NH; four grandsons, Ryan, Mathew and Brady Perrott and Jonathan MacLean; one granddaughter, Lauren MacLean; one brother, Charles Hatfield; and a sister, Joyce Mota of Providence RI. Jean was predeceased by her beloved husband, Carlton "Bud" B. Beckmann on August 2, 2011 and three sisters, Thelma, Priscilla and Geraldine.

Calling hours will be held 10:00-11:00, June 29, 2016 at Jordan-Fernald, 113 Franklin Street, Ellsworth with a funeral service at 11:00 including an O.E.S. service. A graveside committal will be held 12:00, June 30, 2016 at the Maine Veterans Cemetery, Augusta.

Those who desire may make contributions in Jean's memory to the Irene Chapter O.E.S. Charity Fund, P.O. Box 389, Ellsworth, 04605.

Condolences may be made at www.jordanfernauld.com



GERALD PHILIP GRASS

MILLINOCKET - Gerald Philip Grass, 71, passed away Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at a Bangor hospital. He was born May 7, 1945 in Mars Hill, the son of Gerald A. and Dorothy F. (Terrell) Grass.

Phil grew up on a potato farm in Mars Hill, and was a graduate of the Aroostook Central Institute, class of 1963. He married Lorena Lawrence in 1965, and they shared the next 51 years together. He apprenticed as a plumber for a period of time before joining the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local #716 in 1970. In 1971, he worked at the Great Northern Paper Company helping in the building of #11. He moved his family to Millinocket that year, and lived there for the duration of his career. When not working, he was involved in Millinocket Youth Hockey for many years, and also was a dedicated member of the Jo Mary Riders and the Northern Timber Cruisers Snowmobile Clubs. He spent many hours grooming the trails and helping make the trails of the Katahdin Region the best available in the system. When not grooming, he also enjoyed sledding the trails. In younger years, Phil raced cars at Spud Speedway from 1965-71, and worked on cars, rode motorcycles, and spent time with his family. He loved watching White Lightning, which was the name of his son's racing team, as well as his nephews tractor pulling operation. He also loved going to watch his grandsons play soccer. Phil was well known and much loved, and will be missed by his family and those he encountered in his many activities. His two canine friends, Sam and Shadow were loyal and faithful companions that he loved.

Phil is survived by his wife of 51 years, Lorena V. (Lawrence) Grass; two children, Alan Grass and his companion Nancy, and Michelle King and her husband Tim; three granddaughters, Audrey, Emily and Monica; two grandsons, Garrett and Alan; a great granddaughter, Alivia; a sister, Judy Lunn and her husband Kenny; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents.

Friends are invited to visit with the family 12:30 - 2 P.M. Tuesday, June 28 at the Lamson Funeral Home, 11 Tamarack St., Millinocket, with a celebration of Phil's life beginning at 2 P.M. Interment will be private. Gifts in memory of Phil may be sent to the Katahdin Area Support Group, P.O. Box 374, Millinocket, ME 04462. Messages of condolence may be expressed at www.lamsonfh.com.

Ng's company would develop. Prosecutors said Ashe also received more than \$800,000 from Chinese businessmen to support their interests within the United Nations and Antigua.

At the time of his death, Ashe had only been charged with tax fraud, to which he had pleaded not guilty, amid questions about whether diplomatic immunity might preclude any bribery charges.

But at a May 9 hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Richenthal said prosecutors were planning to seek a new indictment in the case against Ashe.

The case remains pending against Ng and his assistant, Jeff Yin, who prosecutors say helped bribe Ashe. Both have pleaded not guilty.

Ashe is survived by his wife, Anilla Cherian, and two children. In a statement provided by Ashe's lawyers on Thursday, his family said, "We will forever miss his gentle nature, calm spirit and infectious smile."

Chicago Tribune editor, publisher Jack Fuller dies

BY MATT SCHUDEL
THE WASHINGTON POST

Jack Fuller, who was a Justice Department lawyer, a novelist and a musician but who was best known as a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, a top executive with the Chicago Tribune and a key architect of one of the largest newspaper acquisitions in history, died June 21 at his home in Chicago. He was 69.

The cause was cancer, according to the Tribune, which first reported his death.

Fuller began his career as a 16-year-old copy boy in Chicago, where his father was a longtime Tribune business reporter and editor.

After serving as a war correspondent in Vietnam and working as a Justice Department lawyer during the administration of President Gerald R. Ford, Fuller returned to the Tribune as a reporter and editorial page editor.

He won a Pulitzer Prize in 1986 for his editorials examining a variety of constitutional issues. Later, as the Tribune's top editor and publisher, Fuller was considered a national leader in adapting news coverage to the changes brought about by the Internet and other technological changes.

"Jack Fuller was one of the best newspaper editors and publishers of his time," Donald E. Graham, former publisher and chief executive of The Washington Post, said in an interview. "When Jack was running the Tribune, it was the best-run large newspaper in the United States."

In 1997, Fuller was named president of Tribune Publishing. Within three years, he helped engineer the company's purchase of the larger Times Mirror Co., which owned the Los Angeles Times, Baltimore Sun, Newsday and other newspapers. The \$8 billion deal was the largest in the newspaper industry at the time.

Traveling to newsrooms across the country, Fuller assured journalists at the newly acquired papers that they would not be micromanaged from Chicago. In part, he was following the princi-

ples he outlined in his 1996 book "News Values: Ideas for an Information Age."

"Newspapers grow out of the soil of the community," he wrote. A paper should reflect its region and aspire "to have a distinctive voice that relates well to the community it serves."

Not long after Tribune's monumental purchase, however, a prolonged advertising slump began, and the Internet brought profound changes to how news was consumed. As the Tribune's stock price plummeted, Fuller retired in 2004. (The company was sold in 2007 to real estate mogul Sam Zell and the next year went into bankruptcy.)

James O'Shea, a former top editor of the Los Angeles Times, wrote about the Tribune's purchase of Times Mirror in his 2011 book, "The Deal From Hell." He was critical of many Tribune managers but singled out Fuller as someone who "could embrace his critics" and who "had the ability to truly inspire people."

Fuller was credited with promoting women to prominent jobs, including Ann Marie Lipinski, who became the Tribune's metro editor and ultimately the first woman to lead the paper's newsroom.

"For a journalist, he was somewhat unusual," Lipinski said in an interview. "Jack communicated his values and his standards through his own work or through thoughtful conversations."

Lipinski recalled walking with Fuller into a newly remodeled newsroom, where the First Amendment had been inscribed on the wall.

"Coming off the elevator, almost without missing a step," she said, "Jack looked at the carving and said, 'You're missing a word.' I think it was 'of.' It was classic Jack, showing the intellect and a sharp legal mind."

Jack William Fuller was born Oct. 12, 1946, in Chicago. At Northwestern University, he became a top editor of the campus newspaper before receiving a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1968.

After one year of law school at Yale University, Fuller was drafted into the Army and went to Vietnam

as a correspondent for the military newspaper Stars and Stripes.

He received his law degree in 1973 from Yale, where he was one of 11 members of a mock-trial group called the Barristers' Union. In a photograph of the group, he is sitting next to Hillary Rodham Clinton, and Bill Clinton is directly behind him.

Fuller worked in Chicago as a Tribune reporter before coming to Washington in 1975 to work in the Justice Department under Attorney General Edward Levi, who had been president of the University of Chicago. In 1977, Fuller joined the Tribune's Washington bureau before returning to write editorials.

(In 1992, when Fuller's law school classmate Bill Clinton was the Democratic candidate for president, the Tribune endorsed Republican George H.W. Bush.)

Even as a law student, Fuller rose at 5 a.m. each day to work on a novel before going to class. He studied privately at Yale with novelist and poet Robert Penn Warren.

Among Fuller's eight novels are a 1982 spy thriller, "Convergence"; "Fragments" (1984), set during the Vietnam War; "The Best of Jackson Payne" (2000), about a mysterious jazz musician; and "One From Without," published this month, about a company during a corporate takeover.

Fuller was a board member of the University of Chicago and the MacArthur Foundation. In his free time, he played jazz piano at restaurants and clubs.

His first marriage, to the former Alyce Tuttle, ended in divorce. Survivors include his wife of 11 years, Debra Moskovits of Chicago; and two children from his first marriage.

For all his varied interests, Fuller considered himself a newspaperman above all else. People come to a newspaper "craving a unifying human presence," he wrote in "News Values."

"They want information that hangs together, makes sense, has some degree of order to it. They want knowledge rather than facts, perhaps even a little wisdom."

Richard Irish, author of self-help guides to employment, dies at 83

BY EMILY LANGER
THE WASHINGTON POST

Richard Irish, a Washington-area executive recruiter who wrote self-help guides on thriving in professional life, among them the popular 1973 volume "Go Hire Yourself an Employer," died June 17 at his home in Marshall, Virginia. He was 83.

The cause was complications from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, said his wife, Pat Reilly.

Irish was the founder of Leadership Search, a Marshall-based consultancy that he ran from the mid-1970s until a decade ago, specializing in the recruitment of executives for nonprofit organizations.

His first book, "Go Hire Yourself an Employer," offered strategies for scouting positions that suit one's strengths and sold more than 800,000 copies, his wife said. It was described by respondents to a 1982 Forbes magazine survey as "instrumental in making successful job shifts."

Bangor High Class of 1971 45th reunion

BANGOR — The Bangor High School Class of 1971 will hold its 45th Class Reunion celebration 5-11 p.m. Saturday, July 23, at Hilton Garden Inn, 250 Haskell Road.

The theme for the event is fun, hippie fashion and class members and guests are encouraged to go retro and relive the era of our youth. There will be a buffet dinner, cash bar, short program

and dancing to the live music of the Retro Rockerz. For fashion assistance, contact class member Linda Mitchell Storer at Vintage Finery in Orrington at 356-9560.

Invitations have been posted on Facebook, sent by email to those not on Facebook for whom there is a valid email, and a few sent by regular mail. If class members have not received theirs, they can join the Facebook group at "Bangor High School Class of 1971", email Linda at vzlinda@

roadrunner.com or call 947-1353 for information.

The deadline to sign up is Friday, July 1. A fund has been established to help cover the cost for those class members who would like to attend but find the price beyond their means at present. Just ask Linda or Bob confidentially.

Accommodations are available at Hilton Garden Inn and across the street at Hampton Inn. Reservations must be made there by Friday, July 8, to get the Bangor High School group rate.

Ex-UN General Assembly president Ashe dies in weight-lifting accident

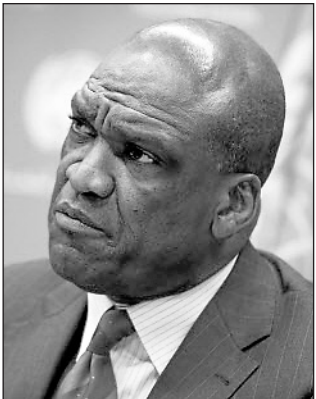
BY NATE RAYMOND
REUTERS

NEW YORK — The death of John Ashe, a former United Nations General Assembly president accused by U.S. prosecutors of taking bribes, was an accident caused by neck trauma he suffered while lifting a barbell, a medical examiner concluded on Thursday.

Ashe, 61, died on Wednesday afternoon because of "traumatic asphyxia," an official with the Westchester County Office of the Medical Examiner said, contradicting reports that he died of a heart attack. Ashe was on a bench while lifting the barbell.

The medical examiner's conclusion came a day after police dealt with a medical emergency call at Ashe's residence in Dobbs Ferry, New York, where he was pronounced dead.

The death of Ashe, a former U.N. ambassador from Antigua and Barbuda who served as General Assembly president from 2013 to 2014, marked a



John Ashe

surprising turn in the U.S. corruption case.

Ashe was arrested in October and accused of taking \$1.3 million in bribes from Chinese businessmen. Seven people have been charged to date, three of whom have pleaded guilty.

Prosecutors said Ashe received more than \$500,000 in bribes from billionaire Macau real estate developer Ng Lap Seng to seek U.N. support of a United Nations-sponsored conference center in Macau that