

OBITUARIES

Civil rights activist Boggs dies at 100

BY AARON FOLEY
REUTERS

DETROIT — Grace Lee Boggs, an author and activist in the feminist, labor, civil rights and environmental justice movements, died in Detroit on Monday at the age of 100, according to her Facebook page.

“Grace died as she lived surrounded by books, politics, people and ideas,” Alice Jennings and Shea Howell, two trustees for her estate, said in a message on the Facebook page.

Boggs died peacefully in her sleep at her home on the city’s east side, they said, without giving the cause of death.

Born Grace Lee to Chinese immigrant parents, she earned her bachelor’s degree from Barnard College in 1935 and later a Ph.D. in philosophy from Bryn Mawr College in 1940, according to a biography on her web page.

She became politically active in the 1930s, working with philosopher C.L.R. James. In 1953, she married Detroit civil rights activist and auto worker James Boggs.

Boggs, who fought for civil rights, helped organize the 1963 march in Detroit with Martin Luther King Jr. In her later years, she co-founded the Detroit Summer youth program to help rebuild collapsed neighborhoods. She was inducted

into the Michigan Women’s Hall of Fame in 2009.

Detroit Mayor Mike Dugan said: “Grace Lee Boggs was a force for promoting social change, and we were lucky she chose to call Detroit her home. Through her activism, she fought for civil rights, social justice and income equality. She made Detroit — and the world — a better place.”

Boggs authored and co-authored several books on political subjects, including “Facing Reality,” “Revolution and Evolution in the Twentieth Century,” and “Living for Change: An Autobiography.” Her most recent book, “The Next American Revolution: Sustainable Activism for the Twenty-First Century,” was published in 2012.

She was featured in the 2013 PBS documentary, “American Revolutionary: The Evolution of Grace Lee Boggs,” in which she said reality is always changing, and people need to change their ideas along with it.

“Don’t get stuck in old ideas,” Boggs said.

Richard Feldman, a board member with the Boggs Center in Detroit, said the Providence, Rhode Island-born Boggs leaves behind nieces and nephews, but had no children of her own.

“She was always asking the question, ‘What does it mean to be human?’” Feldman said.

Iconic Harley dealer Peterson dies at 91

BY HOWARD COHEN
THE MIAMI HERALD

One would be hard-pressed to find a greater biker icon in South Florida than Phil Peterson, who opened his first Harley-Davidson shop on Duval Street in Key West in 1954.

Peterson grew his Harley dealerships to main locations in Cutler Bay and Miami Gardens, as well as shops that sell Harley clothing and gear at Bayside Marketplace in downtown Miami, Dolphin Mall in West Miami-Dade and the original Key West outlet.

Peterson, born in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on Feb. 24, 1924, died at his Miami home Sept. 25. He was 91. Shattering stereotypes and supporting charities will be a part of his legacy.

“There are several sides to the biking community,” said John Birk, a biking enthusiast who has written on the subject for cycling magazines. “Most people hear of the Hells Angels, but the average biker who buys a Harley is a college grad who makes \$85,000 a year. He always wanted the reputation of bikers to be good.”

Peterson lived by example.

“He was well-respected in the motorcycle community,” said Birk, a friend since he bought his first Harley from Peterson in 1965. “Anybody who rides a bike ... knew Phil Peterson.”

Indeed, as Peterson’s family wrote in an obituary sent to the Miami Herald, “Phil was an icon as a Harley dealer in South Florida for the past 60 years. He did not swear and he had no tattoos. He favored a white straw hat when not in his motorcycle helmet.”

His list of philanthropic activities proved long and diverse.

The Phil Peterson Key West Poker Run has endured for more than 40 years, and its beneficiaries include the Diabetes Research Institute at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine and the Key West Sunrise Rotary

Club. The “motorcycle Mardi Gras,” as his son Drew Peterson called the event in a 2006 Miami Herald article, featured Peterson, into his 80s, leading the way on his Harley.

He also sponsored the Toys in the Sun Run for the Joe DiMaggio Children’s Cancer Caring Center and numerous Red Cross blood donor drives.

In 2006, when Peterson expanded his Cutler Bay showroom by moving into a former Circuit City, he marked the occasion with a black tie and blue jeans fundraiser for The Women’s Alliance, an organization that provides career training for low-income women, and for Chapter 2, a used clothing store in Miami’s Overtown neighborhood.

“I’m heavy into charities and I’m glad to see my sons and daughters-in-law following along,” Peterson told the Miami Herald in 2006. “The more people we can help, the better off everything is.”

After a childhood spent on the cherry farms in Wisconsin, he enlisted in the Navy in 1942. He served in combat on destroyers in the Atlantic and Pacific as a machinist’s mate first class. At 14, he met the woman who would later become his wife and fellow rider of 67 years, Charlotte, in the Peterson family cherry orchard.

The lure of cycles proved stronger than farming, however, especially as Peterson gazed longingly at free-spirited teens who rode their bikes along the dirt roads outside his childhood home. After a period of racing on the circuit, Peterson opened his dealership in Key West. The Miami Gardens branch followed in 1965.

“I’ve loved motorcycles since I was a little kid,” he said in a 2006 Herald story. “I love the freedom.”

Peterson is survived by his wife, Charlotte, and their six children, Josephine Robbin, David Peterson, Jan Peterson Adelson, Dan, Drew and Dirk Peterson; nine grandchildren and five step-grandchildren.

The menu will include plain and pumpkin pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, cheese biscuits, baked apples, coffee, tea and apple cider.

The cost is \$7, \$5 for children 12 and under. For information, call the church office at 374-2891.



JAMES "RED" PAUL CYR
OLD TOWN - James "Red"

Paul Cyr, 72 died October 5, 2015 at a Bangor hospital.

He was born

April 25, 1943 in Old Town a son of Paul P. and Louise (Palmer) Cyr.

James was raised in Old Town and loved his camp at Baker Brook. In 1961, he enlisted with the US Army, and following his tour of duty, he returned to Old Town where he married Gladys Simon, and together they raised their son Michael.

Red was a member of Holy Family Church, member of the Knights of Columbus and Elks Lodge, Veazie Salmon Club, Acadia ATVers and Airline ATV Club. He was also an avid bowler, earning a state championship in 1988-89.

He was predeceased by his first wife Gladys, their son Michael, and a brother Patrick.

He is survived by his second wife Judy (Powers) and her family; brother Richard Cyr and his wife Ethel and their children Ed, John, and Tracy and their children Anthony, Mariah, Jacoby, and Kayson; sister Clara Hokinson and her husband Neil and their children Renee, Terry, and Paul and their children Amanda, Ryan, Justin, Samantha, Kyra; sister Mary Guay and her children Steven, Lisa, Joseph, and their children Amanda and Meloney; brother Roger Cyr and his wife Van and their children Brenda, and Ann and their children Livia, Layla, Ella, Ava Mae; sister-in-law Frances and her children Sharon, Lori, Karen, and Patricia and their children Seth, Troy, Tara and Taylor; and extended members of Gladys's family.

A special thank you to the staff of EMMC for their wonderful care.

Friends may call 5-7PM Tuesday at the Birmingham Funeral Home 438 Main St Old Town where members of the Knights of Columbus will recite prayers at 6:30pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10AM Wednesday at Parish of the Resurrection, Holy Family Church, Old Town. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. Immediately following the services, all are invited to the Parish Hall for a light luncheon and continued fellowship. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.



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Boothbay police ID body found Saturday

BY DAWN GAGNON
BDN STAFF

BOOTHBAY HARBOR — Boothbay police have identified the 25-year-old man whose body was found in the inner harbor near Boothbay Harbor's footbridge Saturday morning.

Don Johnson of St. Louis, Missouri, had been living and working in Boothbay Harbor for the summer months, Police Chief Robert Hasch said Monday in a news release.

Police were called to the scene at 9 a.m., Hasch said. Johnson's body then was retrieved by police officers and firefighters, he said.

Hasch said that police officers are tracking Johnson's actions from Friday night by reviewing security camera footage and interviewing witnesses, the chief said.

The state medical examiner's office is in the process of determining the cause of Johnson's death.

Anyone with information or concerns about the death may call the police department at 633-5616.



EVELYN TERESA BRADMAN

BANGOR - Evelyn T. Bradman, 80, passed away at a local hospital on October 4, 2015. Evelyn kept her sense of humor and sassiness until the end when she told her doctor, "I got 80 years and that's pretty good, don't you think?" She was born July 12, 1935 in Bangor, Maine, the daughter of Felix and Eldora (Violette) Cote.

Evelyn was a member of the Old Town American Legion Post 75 for 30 years. One of the original Troop Greeters, she greeted homecoming and outgoing soldiers for Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. She enjoyed cooking, reading, crafting, and playing the slots. She was an avid Red Sox and Patriots fan. Evelyn said when she got to heaven she would continue her Red Sox vs. Yankees feud with her brothers Dickie and Frank.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Ronald Bradman; her daughters Donna (Burgess) Sorkin and husband Bob of Glenburn, Karen (Burgess) Cullen and husband Tom of Bangor, Sharon (Burgess) Findlay of Cumberland, RI, and son Anthony Burgess of Orono; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister, Velma Girourd; two brothers, Freeman Cote and Rudolph Cote. Evelyn is predeceased by her parents; two sons, David Burgess and Ralph Bradman; six brothers, Woodrow, Leon, Franklin, Richard, Robert, Felix; and two sisters, Vivian and Juanita. Evelyn touched many lives and leaves behind a large extended family including several nieces, nephews, friends, and her mother-in-law, Lillis Taylor her favorite slot partner in crime.

At Evelyn's request there will be no services but friends, family, and acquaintances are invited to attend a celebration of her life on Sunday, October 11, at the Old Town American Legion at 2 p.m.

The family would like to thank the nurses and doctors of Eastern Maine Medical for their compassion and excellent care and a special thanks to Dr. Cosmina Fachiol. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lafayette Cancer Center, C/O Eastern Maine Health Care Foundation P.O. Box 931, Bangor, ME 04401 or by visiting www.emhsfoundation.org



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ELNORA J. WOODMAN

BUCKSPORT - A celebration of our mom's life, Elnora Woodman, will be held at the Catholic Church on Franklin Street in Bucksport, following the graveside ceremony at 2:00pm Sunday, October 11, 2015 at Evergreen Hill Cemetery on the Power Line Road in Bucksport.

Early gravestones subject of talk

THOMASTON — The Thomaston Historical Society will host an illustrated program by resident Ellen Dyer on symbols and language used on early gravestones of the 18th and 19th centuries at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, at its facility on 80 Knox St.

Using examples from early cemeteries, from the



NANCE KOBERN (NANCY AILES-ENGLAND)

BANGOR - In the early evening on September 29th, 2015 in Bangor, Maine, Nance Kobern passed away from this world surrounded by her children. Nance was born Nancy Ailes on June 22nd, 1947 in West Grove, PA.

Nance raised her four wonderful children on her own, while still managing to earn a BFA degree in Music from the University of Maine. She also taught piano lessons privately in Bangor.

Throughout her life, Nance held true to her beliefs of putting family and morality first. She would never hesitate to help those in need, or to share whatever she had with others. She instilled these same beliefs in her children, who will remember her fondly as their guiding light and the center of their family life.

Nance is survived by her eldest daughter Laura England, her son Ryan England and his three children; Alexis, Joseph, and Emily England, her son Andrew England, and her youngest daughter Erin Cotlar, and son-in-law Brian Cotlar, who are expecting Nance's fourth grandchild "Ella" this month.

In addition to her passion for music, which she regarded as a universal language, Nance had a penchant for animals. She loved all animals but was particularly fond of cats and dogs, preferring to rescue or adopt them. She provided many a stray with a warm and loving home.

At Nance's request, there will be no service, but a private gathering will be held for immediate family to celebrate her life.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Nance's memory may be made to the Bangor Humane Society or to your local animal shelter.

In Memoriam

In Loving Memory Of
KATHERINE L. POOR
Oct 06, 1958 - Feb 27, 1999



Happy 57th Birthday Kath! Time comes and goes, but memories last forever. "If we could turn back time ..."

Love,
Your Family

In Loving Memory Of
ANDREA RENEE RITZ
Oct 05, 1982 - May 26, 1995



In the blink of an eye everything can change, so forgive often and love with all your heart. You may not have that chance again. Love you, dear girl, every minute of every day, Mom, Dad, and Jeremy



CAROLE DIANE (PERRY) WILLEY

CHERRYFIELD - Carole Diane (Perry) Willey, 72 passed peacefully on Oct. 3, 2015 at Eastern Maine Medical Center surrounded by her loving children. She was born November 12, 1942 in Cherryfield the daughter of Hollis and Ruth Strout and Hollis Perry.

She enjoyed spending time reading, drinking her tea, and especially time with her family.

She is survived by her daughters- Jeannie Jamo and husband Steve of Gouldsboro, and Denise Grandy and partner Tom Jones of Meriden, CT; sons - Roy Willey, Jeffrey Willey and wife Joan of Cherryfield, and Scott Willey of Steuben; a sister Marie Leighton of Steuben; brothers- Linden Perry and wife Andrea of Milbridge, Albion Strout and wife Joy of Lynchburg, VA; special nieces Ruthy Brooks and Penny Wakefield of Cherryfield; 12 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her parents she was predeceased by a son David Hollis Willey; a granddaughter Angela Marie Whalen, and a sister Mary Elizabeth Brooks.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the caring staff at E.M.M.C.

Funeral services will be held 1 pm Wednesday Oct. 7, 2015 at the Unionville Church of God. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Cancer Care of Maine 33 Whiting Hill Road Brewer, ME 04412. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.mcclurefamilyfuneral.com

ANNA MCCARTHY

G R A N D F A L L S (PORTAGE) - At Hotel-Dieu of Saint Joseph Hospital, Perth-Andover, October 3, 2015, Mrs. Anna McCarthy of Grand Falls (Portage) passed away at the age of 71. She was the wife of Cyril McCarthy. Born at Presque Isle, ME in 1943, she was a daughter of the late William and Mildred (Kenney) Lint.

She is survived by her husband, three children, Jodi Dow Barry of Jacksonville, FL, Troy Dow (Sandra) of Richmond, VA and Nichole McCarthy of Grand Falls, seven grandchildren, Joshua, Camryn, Ethan, Kaitlyn, Cassidy, Riley and Tristen, two sisters, Claudine Brown (Malcolm) of Mapleton, ME and Wanda Passero (Patrick) of Bangor, ME, as well as nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a son, Eric Dow, grandson, Ryan Lumley and brother, Cecil Lint.

Her funeral service will be held from St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Grand Falls (Portage) on Wednesday, October 7th at 11 a.m. (Canadian Time) with Father Gilbert Doddatto officiating. Interment will be in the adjoining cemetery. There will not be any visiting hours prior to the funeral service.

For those who wish, donations to St. Patrick's Parish would be appreciated by the family.

Arrangements are by O'Regan's Funeral Home Ltd.

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In Loving Memory Of
NOLA M. WILSON
May 27, 1927 - Oct. 6, 2014



Having you in our life was a blessing. Your memory is a treasure. You are loved beyond words, and missed beyond measure.

Love Our Family

Church in Blue Hill to offer breakfast

BLUE HILL — The First Congregational Church of Blue Hill will host a pumpkin pancake breakfast 7:30-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the church, 22 Tenney Hill.