

OBITUARIES



MILDRED M. RAYMOND

MADAWASKA - Mildred M. Raymond, 84, passed away on December 10, 2015, at a Presque Isle health care facility, surrounded by her beloved family. She was born in Grand Isle, Maine on October 4, 1931, daughter of the late Joseph Vital and Lezzyanne (Dufour) Levesque.

Mildred worked for thirty six years at the High School and elementary schools. She was a very loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother.

She is survived by her loving husband of sixty-two wonderful years, Reginald Raymond of Madawaska; eight children, Norma Cushing and her husband, Alan of Madawaska, Susan Raymond of Madawaska, Jackie Beaulieu and her husband, Yvon of Green River, NB, Cecile Raymond of Edmundston, Reginald Raymond, Jr. of Edmond, OK, Kenneth Raymond and his wife, Brenda of Wilton, Helen Hebert and her husband, Steve of Madawaska, Sharon Raymond of Caribou; nineteen grandchildren, twenty-six great grandchildren; two sisters, Jeannine Lajoie and her husband, Claude of Florida, Dolores Broadwell and her husband, Bill of Massachusetts; two brothers, Roland Levesque of Madawaska, Lucien Levesque and his wife, Priscilla of Connecticut; several nieces and nephews. Mildred was predeceased by five siblings, Harold, Doris, Rejeanne, Roger, and Norma.

A Mass of Christian Burial and celebration of life will take place 10am on Monday, December 14, 2015, at the St. Thomas Aquinas Church. Family and friends may call at Lajoie Funeral Home from 6-8pm on Sunday, December 13, 2015 and from 9am until 9:45am on Monday before the service. Spring interment will be held in the Parish Cemetery.

Contributions in Mildred's memory may be made to Aroostook Cancer Care Patient Assistant Fund, C/O TAMC, 140 Academy St., Presque-Isle, ME 04769.



DIANE J. GILMAN

OLD TOWN - Diane J. Gilman, 78, passed away surrounded by her loving family Wednesday, December 9, 2015. Diane was born in Old Town, October 27, 1937, the daughter of Doug and Eva (Dionne) Bouchard.

Diane was a woman of many passions; Diane was passionate about her family, Diane loved camping and knitting. She had a love for teaching and volunteering in the church. She was a loving mother who shared her love for family beyond her only daughter. She was involved in teaching in various churches for over 40 years, and retired as the Religious Ed director at Holy Family Parish.

Diane is survived by her daughter Lynn and husband Wayne Knight; granddaughter Amanda and husband Jeremy Tucker; two great-grandchildren Zack and Lexi; sister Arlene and Paul Pettrash; a brother Ralph and Judy Bouchard; sisters Donna Bouchard, Kathy Shorette and friend Duane Brasslett, Geneine Bouchard and family; and she will be sadly missed by many special nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Diane was predeceased by her husband of 46 years Butch Gilman, her brother Reggie, and sister Chamaine.

Friends may call from 5-7pm Saturday, December 12, 2015, at Birmingham Funeral Home 438 Main St. Old Town, Me. A Mass of Christian burial will take place Monday, December 14, 2015, at 11am at The Parish of The Resurrection of the Lord, Holy Family Parish 429 Main St. Old Town. Please join us for a light luncheon and continued fellowship at the Holy Family Parish Hall after the committal.

In lieu of flowers the family would like any donations to The Old Town Public Library 46 Middle St. Old Town, ME 04468.



ALBERTA LOUISE HARNISH

BANGOR - Alberta L. Harnish, 68, passed away peacefully at home on Dec. 9, 2015, with her loving partner of 37 years, Lorraine F. Stormann, by her side.

She is survived by her daughters, Karen Sibley and Jessie Barden-Jones; grandchildren, Ricky Sibley Jr., Miranda Sibley, Benjamin Sibley and Sean Jones; great-grandsons, James Scott Storm III and Connor Sibley; son-in-laws, Rick Sibley and Cory Barden; a very special friend whom she considered to be her son, Jason Rowe. She was predeceased by her parents, Mildred and Lloyd Leighton; and brother, Donald Leighton.

Her favorite past time was spending time with her grand and great-grandchildren.

She was loved by many and will be missed by all.

WILLIAM E. GEORGE

BANGOR - William E. George died Dec. 9, 2015, at the Bangor Rehabilitation nursing home. He was born in Bangor, the son of Maroun and Anne (Cory) George.

He is survived by one son, William M. George and his wife, Sherry of Hampden; one daughter, Jacqueline Y. (George) Dodd; one brother, Louis J. George of Bangor; and a sister, Jo-Anne and her husband, Michael McCarty of Bangor; a grandson, Matthew M. George; many other relatives, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends. He was predeceased by his parents; a sister, Mary Ann George; a grandson, Nathan George.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated 12:00 noon Monday at St. John's Catholic Church, Bangor. Interment will follow in the family lot Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to the Greenlawn Funeral Directors, Bangor.

North Face co-founder Douglas Tompkins dies

BY JILL LEOVY AND PATRICK J. MCDONNELL
LOS ANGELES TIMES

The North Face co-founder Douglas Tompkins, who abandoned his executive life in the San Francisco Bay Area to pursue his passion for ecology — and spent his fortune on land purchases in South America as part of a quixotic and sometimes controversial mission to save the continent's remaining wild terrain — died Tuesday of severe hypothermia after a kayaking accident, Chilean authorities said.

The Aysen health service said Tompkins, 72, who also was co-founder of the Esprit clothing line, was boating with five other foreigners when their kayaks capsized in a lake in the Patagonia region of southern Chile. Tompkins died in the intensive care unit of the hospital in Coyhaique, a town about 1,000 miles south of Santiago.

Chile's army said strong waves on General Carrera Lake caused the group's kayaks to capsize. A military patrol boat rescued three of the boaters and a helicopter lifted out the other three, it said.

Tompkins had acquired hundreds of thousands of acres in Patagonia, a sparsely populated region of untamed rivers and other natural beauty that straddles southern Chile and Argentina. On his Chilean land, he created Pumalin Park — 716,606 acres of forest, lakes and fjords stretching from the Andes to the Pacific, an area the size of Yosemite National Park.

Tompkins helped start The North Face, an activewear company, in the mid-1960s. At first, it was just a small shop for hiking enthusiasts in San Francisco's North Beach. It is now owned by VF Corp. of Greensboro, North Carolina.

Born on March 20, 1943, Tompkins was the son of a New York antiques dealer. He dropped out of prep school and



REUTERS | FILE

U.S. millionaire conservationist Douglas Tompkins stands on his land in Chile in 2000 in the region of Palena south of Santiago. Tompkins died Tuesday after an accident in the Chilean Patagonia during a kayak trip.

became a Colorado ski bum, and he trimmed trees in Lake Tahoe before starting the shop.

Shortly after, he founded the business that would become the Esprit line with his then-wife, Susie Russell, with whom he had two daughters. The business, and the marriage, eventually had troubles. The couple parted, and he remarried. He was reported to have left Esprit in 1990 with a fortune of about \$150 million.

He and second wife, Kristine Tompkins — a former Patagonia chief executive and a Californian — went to Chile in the 1990s to devote themselves to conservation efforts, leaving their business careers behind. Douglas Tompkins had first visited the country as an aspiring Olympic skier in the 1960s. Now he intended to stay for good.

Tompkins said he wanted to be like the philanthropists of American history who preserved lands that later became national parks. Kristine Tompkins explained the decision by

comparing the wilds of Patagonia to what California may have been like 150 years ago.

They lived on the land, preaching ecology and sometimes generating controversy. Douglas Tompkins' efforts to preserve vast stretches of South America was rooted in the "deep ecology" movement enumerated by Arne Naess of Norway, who called for deep transformation of modern society's assault on nature.

They made contributions of land to the Corcovado National Park and Monte Leon National Park.

His activism stirred admiration but also resentment in Chile. He clashed with leaders of Chile's lucrative farmed salmon business and opposed a dam project in Patagonia.

He appeared to have a tireless passion for the rough mountains and fjords of that land. In 2006, he described an early visit: "The clouds were all just hanging around. That was just incredible that day. I thought, 'This is the place.'"

99-year-old Florida woman about to become a US citizen

BY ALFONSO CHARDY
EL NUEVO HERALD

MIAMI — When Patrocinia G. Guisado de Guerad was born in 1916, Cuba had only recently emerged as an independent republic — after nearly four centuries of Spanish colonial rule and several years of U.S. administration.

Her earliest memories are of growing up in a farm near Yara, the historic site where in 1868 plantation owner Carlos Manuel de Cespedes launched the island's first rebellion against Spain. She also remembers meeting President Gerardo Machado, a general in the war of independence who ruled Cuba from 1925 to 1933 and was succeeded by Carlos Manuel de Cespedes y Quesada — son of the Yara planter who launched the initial rebellion.

Guisado de Guerad, who will turn 100 on St. Patrick's Day 2016, will swear allegiance to the United States Friday during a ceremony at the federal courthouse in Fort Lauderdale where she also will change her name to Patricia.

"I always wanted to be called Patricia, instead of Patrocinia," Guisado de Guerad said during an interview in Sunrise in West Broward, where she lives with her large family. She has three children, five grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-granddaughters, who are not yet a year old each.

Thousands of centenarians become U.S. citizens every year. In fiscal year 2013, for example, 19,876 immigrants 100 or older were naturalized, according to figures from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

The oldest person on record to have naturalized is Manik Bokchalian, from Turkey, who became a U.S. citizen in 1997 in Los Angeles



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Patricia Guisado de Guerad, a 99-year-old Cuban woman, will become a U.S. citizen Friday. Pictured with Guerad are her sons Pedro L. Guerad (left), David A. Guerad and daughter Migdalia Guerad.

when she was 117.

The oldest man on record to naturalize was Chao Por Xiong, from Laos, who became a U.S. citizen in 2011 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, when he was 106, according to USCIS.

As for Guisado de Guerad, she was born in Rio Seco, a town in Yara. She lived on a farm where they raised cows and horses.

"I used to ride the horses all the time," she recalled.

Her husband was a florist, and she worked in the house raising her three children — Pedro, Migdalia and David. David is 74, Migdalia is 69 and Pedro is 59, and they all live in South Florida.

Guisado de Guerad and her

family fled Cuba in the 1960s during the Freedom Flights. She obtained permanent residence on Oct. 14, 1969.

The family resettled first in New York City where Guerad lived for 45 years. She and her husband, Armando Augusto Guerad, who died in 2008, ultimately stayed married for 67 years. She moved to South Florida four years ago.

"I miss New York a lot," she said.

Now that she is becoming a citizen, Guisado de Guerad said one of her first actions will be to register to vote and cast her first ballot in the 2016 presidential election. She said she is not yet sure who she likes of the many candidates.

62 years later, monument with grammar error corrected

BY EMILY MILLER
SUN SENTINEL

BOCA RATON — Tony Jaswinski's strict adherence to grammar rules earned him the nickname "the pedantic pedagogue" from his students. But the 35-year teaching veteran didn't care because at least his students were using alliteration.

Jaswinski left a mark on hundreds of students during his years as a teacher and English department head at Pine Crest School in Fort Lauderdale. Now, the 76-year-old Boca resident's impact on his community is set in stone.

Jaswinski was the driving force behind correcting a grammatical error on a monument at the Boca Raton Cemetery.

The monument — dedicated to those buried at the cemetery who served in the military — incorrectly read "it's" instead of "its" for more than six decades.

"The most important thing is that it stands for all the heroic sacrifices," Jaswinski said. "To take that minor flaw away makes it even better."

Jaswinski, an Army veteran, has attended ceremonies at the cemetery along Southwest Fourth Avenue about twice a year for the past six years: once on Veterans Day and once on Memorial Day. He does so to remember two of his classmates — Dr. Jim Sosnowski and Barry Graham — who died while serving in Vietnam.

"Every time I visit

there, I try to think of [them] and the sacrifices they made," he said.

It was about five years ago when he noticed the error on the monument, which is prominently placed about 50 feet from the main entrance and is visible from the road. At this year's Veterans Day ceremony, he mentioned the blunder to Boca Councilman Scott Singer, a former student of his.

Within 10 days, the city covered up the apostrophe, correcting the mistake.

"It just shows when we see an issue, we address it," Singer said.

Next, Mayor Susan Haynie said, the city must correct the spelling of "cemetery" on banners at the site.

Former NBA star Schayes dies at 87

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

Hall of Fame basketball player Dolph Schayes, a member of the NBA's 50th anniversary team, died at age 87 on Thursday.

Schayes had been battling terminal cancer for the past six months.

Schayes was a 12-time NBA All-Star for the Syracuse Nationals between 1949-64. The 6-foot-8 center scored 18,438 career points and grabbed 11,256 rebounds.

"Dolph Schayes was one of the most influential fig-

ures in NBA history," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said in a statement. "He helped grow the NBA from its earliest days, emerging as one of the game's first stars and displaying the kind of passion for competition and commitment to excellence that has come to define our league."

After a standout college career at New York University, Schayes was named Rookie of the Year and quickly became one of the stars of the NBA. He was one of the first

centers to freely move around the court as opposed to standing in the pivot.

He led the Nationals to the 1955 NBA title. The franchise moved to Philadelphia and became the 76ers in 1963 and he served as player-coach for one season before retiring.

Schayes was named NBA Coach of the Year in 1966 and selected to the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1972.

Schayes' son, Danny, played in the NBA from 1981-99.