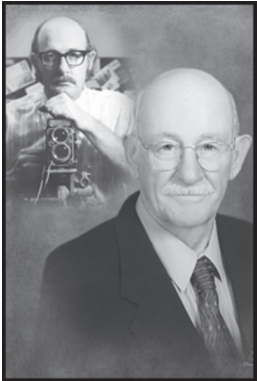


# OBITUARIES



OSCAR S. NELDER

PRESQUE ISLE - Oscar S. Nelder, 89, passed away April 14, 2016. Known for many years as "Voscar, The Maine Photographer," he was born September 29, 1927, the son of Clarence and Velma Nelder.

Voscar attended the New York Institute of Photography in New York City. Returning home he owned and operated Voscar's Studio on Main Street in Presque Isle and developed his photos in a darkroom set up in the basement of the fire station for 17 years.

Voscar also became employed at WAGM Radio in 1949 as a recording engineer, disc jockey, and host of a children's radio show which later became a children's television show called "Hi, Kids."

Voscar married Darlene Waddell Giles in 1985 and they moved Voscar's Studio to their home on Hardy Street in Presque Isle.

Voscar was never without his camera. He loved to travel the state and eastern Canada where he produced stunning images of the land and its people. Whether it was a shot of President Kennedy announcing his candidacy for the presidency or a shot of a stream deep in the Maine woods, his work was loved and appreciated by all who saw it.

Voscar is survived by his wife, Darlene, of Presque Isle, a sister, Mona, and a niece, Ruth Ann, also of Presque Isle.

Friends may call at 2 o'clock on Saturday, April 16 at the Gray Memorial United Methodist Church in Caribou. A funeral for Voscar will follow at 3 o'clock. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.duncan-graves.com](http://www.duncan-graves.com).



WALLACE HERBERT LAFOUNTAIN

MATTAWAMKEAG - Wallace Herbert LaFountain passed away peacefully in his sleep on April 5, 2016. He was 85 years of age. He was born on May 5, 1930.

Wallace enjoyed listening to music and to sing a tune for you. He also could play the keyboard, piano and harmonica. Antique vehicles were another thing he loved to see in public or usually had an antique calendar on his wall.

He is survived by brothers and sisters, Richard LaFountain and wife, Mary LaFountain, of Waterville, Gloria Chick of Waterville and Violet Marquis of Madison. He was predeceased by brothers and sisters, George LaFountain of Mattawamkeag, Helen Goodrich of Madison and Dorothy Heald of Anson.

A committal service will be held at a later date in Mattawamkeag.

ROSE MARIE DESIDERIO

HOULTON - Rose Marie Desiderio, 83, died April 11, 2016 in Houlton. She was born April 1, 1933 in Van Buren, the daughter of Willie and Marie (Lajoie) Cyr.

She is survived by 2 sons, Douglas and Suzanne Desiderio of Houlton, Lee Philip J. Desiderio and Brian Stanley of Portland; 2 granddaughters, Roslin and Christina and DJ Fitzpatrick; 2 great grandchildren, Abram and Darby Fitzpatrick and Roslin's mother, Shelly. She was predeceased by 7 brothers and 3 sisters.

A memorial service will be held 10 a.m. on Friday, April 22nd at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 110 Military Street, Houlton. For an online memory book and to leave condolences please visit

[www.bowersfuneral.com](http://www.bowersfuneral.com)

DANIEL BERT PUTNAM

CARY PLANTATION - Daniel "Danny" Putnam passed peacefully at home on April 11, 2016, after bravely battling brain cancer. He never lost his sense of humor or zest for life. Born in Houlton, Maine, he was the son of Glen and Catherine Putnam of Cary Plantation.

He is survived by his mother; sister, Debbie Harber of Ruidoso, New Mexico; and nephews, Jonathan Duff of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Eric Duff and wife Ashley of Fort Worth, Texas.

Danny graduated from Hodgdon High School and earned an associate's degree in Business Management from Husson University in Bangor. He was a Certified Nurses Assistant in Colorado and Maine as well as a licensed stock broker through Syracuse University, New York.

Dan enjoyed nature and enjoyed life to the fullest, whether it be jeeping through the woods, looking for creatures, entertaining, or eating out. There was never a dull moment around Danny!

He chose to start his new journey from this life.

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## Stained-glass window donated to hospice

PORTLAND — The Diocese of Portland has donated a stained-glass window from St. Patrick Church in Portland will provide warmth and tranquility to the future patients and families at the Aroostook House of Comfort in Presque Isle.

Representatives from the Aroostook Hospice Foundation will travel on Saturday, April 16, to St. Joseph Church, located on 673 Stevens Ave. in Portland, to receive the window from the Rev. Paul Sullivan, SJ, pastor of Our Lady of Hope Parish.

St. Patrick Church was a part of the parish until its

closure in May 2013. Christ is depicted in the middle lancet of the window and commissioning the Apostles "to go forth and teach all nations." The symbolism of the arrow pointing in four directions in the window refers to the worldwide evangelism of the Apostles.

The stained-glass window will be installed in the chapel of the Aroostook House of Comfort, Aroostook County's first free-standing hospice facility, which is expected to be open by early 2017. The soon-to-be renovated facility, located in the former MBNA building on

Green Hill Drive in Presque Isle, will offer end-of-life and palliative care for patients and their families when death is expected within six months.

The donation to the hospice facility was made possible thanks to the generosity of the parishioners at Our Lady of Hope Parish and Bishop Robert P. Deeley, who granted the parish permission to offer the windows as a gift.

"This beautiful window, will serve as a beacon of hope and reassurance for patients and their families in the future," Deeley said.

## WHAT IS IT?

Send your answers for this week's What Is It (right) to: Robert Croul, 1095 North Road, Newburgh, Maine 04444. Readers may respond by email to [recestate@myfairpoint.net](mailto:recestate@myfairpoint.net). Be sure to write "What is it?" in the subject line.



ROBERT CROUL

The "What Is It" in the April 2 edition of the Bangor Daily News was correctly identified as an antique hanging oil lamp with a tin shade by Erwin Flewelling of Northport, Andrea Pelletier of Fort Fairfield, Alfred Spencer of Glenburn, Stephen Dickinson of Presque Isle, Jan Hubisz and Mike and Della Gleason of Bangor. This particular lamp was used in an old store, but they were easily carried from one place to another, thus used on porches and entryways.



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