Obituaries

Gloria G. Hughes

1936 - 2012

PITTSFIELD — Gloria G. Hughes passed away Friday, March 16, 2012, at Berkshire Medical Center, in the loving presence of her family.

Gloria was born Gloria Mary Green in Troy, NY on April 5, 1936, the eldest child of the late Clinton Boice Green and Charlotte D. Sinsabaugh Green. She grew up in the Lansingburgh area of Troy, NY, where she was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Episcopal Church. After graduating from Lansingburgh High School in 1954, Gloria worked as a bookkeeper at Cluett, Peabody & Co. until November 1963, when she married Edward Hughes and moved to Pittsfield.

Gloria worked as an administrative secretary for the City of Pittsfield at City Hall, then for the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Safety, from 1980 until her retirement in 2001. She was a committed, active member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, where she served as choir mother, Sunday school teacher, Altar Guild member, and as a lay leader for communion. She was well known for her contributions to church fundraising and mission projects, especially for her gifts of creativity in confections, cake decorating, and construction of intricate gingerbread villages. She also felt privileged to serve at St. Stephen's Table. Gloria was a member of PEO, Chapter T, wherein she enjoyed great friendship and love and passionately supported the education of women around the world.

In addition to her involvement with the church and PEO, Gloria was active in the local community, volunteering as a librarian at Egremont School when her children were young, and supporting local sports through her children and grandchildren, especially ice hockey, baseball, figure skating and ballet. She loved reading and going to theatre and concert events.

Gloria is survived and dearly missed by her husband, Edward Hughes, three children, Edward S., Nancy, and Susan Hughes, two grandchildren who brought her the greatest joy, Edward D. and Rebecca Hughes, two brothers, Ronald and Dennis Green, and their families.

FUNERAL NOTICE: A private family cremation will be followed by a funeral service at which friends and family are welcome on Thursday, March 22, 2012, starting at 2 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, where Gloria's ashes will be interred in the columbarium. The service will be followed by a reception hosted by Gloria's PEO sisters in the Guild Room at the church.

Prior to her death, Gloria requested that in lieu of flowers, donations in her memory be made to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church or to PEO, Chapter T. Donations may be made directly to the church, or via DERY FUNERAL HOME, which is in charge of arrangements.

Patricia Ann Doherty

ARLINGTON, MA — Patricia Ann (Collins) Doherty of Arlington, the last in a line of local baseball royalty, passed away March 19 at Maristhill Nursing Home in Waltham. She was 89 and had battled Alzheimer's disease for the past eight years.

Mrs. Doherty was the daughter of Elizabeth (Doyle) and John "Shano" Collins, the last Boston-born Boston Red Sox manager for two seasons from 1930-1931 and a player for the Chicago White Sox and Boston Red Sox from 1910 to 1925. She was the mother of Ellen Steeby and her husband James of Jackson, Miss., and William Doherty and his wife Marjorie of North Andover; grandmother of Elizabeth Steeby of New Orleans, La.

She was the wife of the late William F. Doherty of Arlington and had four siblings; Virginia, Eleanor, Robert and William.

Born in Pittsfield and raised in Newton before living in Arlington for over 50 years, Mrs. Doherty worked at the former James Lawrence & Co. on Batterymarch St. in Boston and subsequently as a medical secretary.

She was a fan of baseball, Northeastern University hockey, the television show Wheel of Fortune, and most of all crossword puzzles, and art she inherited from her Charlestown-raised father, who, she often pointed out, educated himself through that genre as a train-riding professional baseball teammate of Shoeless Joe Jackon, Buck Weaver, and others.

FUNERAL NOTICE : Funeral from the DEVITO-O'DONNELL FUNERAL HOME, 1145 Mass Ave., Arlington, will be Thursday morning at 8, followed by a funeral mass at 9 in St. Camillus Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Visiting at the DeVito Funeral Home is Wednesday 4 to 8. For directions or condolences visit devitofuneralhomes.com

In memoriam

Boivin, Joseph Roy
Doherty, Patricia Ann
Gamache, Ronald J. Sr.
Hodges, Paul E.
Hughes, Gloria G.
Lewarn, John H. Jr.
Meaney, Stephen R.
Miller, Edith
Rosati, Mary J.
Vigna, Elizabeth 'Betty'

Ronald J. Gamache, Sr.

1949 - 2012

ADAMS — Ronald J. Gamache Sr., 62, of 23 Gilead St., Adams, died early Saturday morning, March 17, 2012, at Baystate Medical Center.

Born in North Adams on Dec. 5, 1949, son of the late Joseph Gamache and Carol Lyons Gamache, he graduated from McCann Technical School and attended North Adams State College. Mr. Gamache ran his family business, Gamache Interiors, for many years and retired in 1998.

He enjoyed spending time with his family; he was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Gamache was also an avid fisherman.

Besides his mother, Mr. Gamache leaves his wife, the former Sandra Crocker of Adams; a son, Ronald Gamache Jr., of Adams; seven daughters, Angie Gamache and Jennifer Gamache, both of Oregon, Terry Perrone of East Hartford, CT, Irene Kielb of Bolton, CT, Christina Kielb of East Hartford, CT, Tracy Perrone of Adams, Judy Schmidt of Moseley, VA; a brother, Bob Gamache and his wife Bobbie, and two sisters, Sue Hargrave and her husband Dan and Michelle Meaux, all of Louisiana, 17 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a brother, Neil Gamache.

FUNERAL NOTICE: Funeral services for Ronald J. Gamache, Sr., will be Wednesday, March 21, 2012, at 11 am at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield MA, with Monsignor Michael Shershanovich officiating. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the service on Wednesday from 10 to 11 am.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association, care of the DWYER FUNERAL HOME in his memory. Please visit www.dwyerfuneral.com to leave remembrances and condolences.

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Stephen R. Meaney

1949 - 2012

EAST RANDOLPH, VT — Stephen R. Meaney, 62, died Saturday evening, March 17, 2012, at Gifford Medical Center in Randolph.

He was born Dec. 26, 1949, in Pittsfield, MA, son of Francis "Midge" and Barbara (Brow) Meaney. Stephen was raised in Housatonic, MA and graduated from Searles High School in Great Barrington, MA in 1967. Following his education, he worked in Lee, MA for several years until moving to Florida in 1973. While in Florida, Stephen worked in commercial construction before moving to Randolph Center in 2007. He enjoyed watching NASCAR, doing yard work and gardening.

He is survived by his parents, Barbara and "Midge" Meaney of Randolph Center, a sister, Barbara Meaney and her partner Gregory Winnie of E. Randolph, a brother, David Meaney and wife Wendy of Lancaster, PA, his aunt, Shirley Hallett of Pittsfield, MA, a nephew, Travis Dunning of E. Randolph; two nieces, Heather Meaney of Lancaster, PA and Erin Leale of Coopersville, MI and many cousins.

He was predeceased by a brother, Michael Meaney.

FUNERAL NOTICE : Graveside services will be held at a later date at St. Peter's Cemetery, Great Barrington, MA. There are no calling hours. Private online condolences may be left at www.dayfunerals.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Last Mile Ride, c/o Gifford Medical Center, PO Box 2000, Randolph, VT 05060. Arrangements are under the direction of the DAY FUNERAL HOME, Randolph.

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9/27/39 - 3/20/03
Another year without you
Nine lonely years missing you
Miss you more all the time
Till we meet I love you.
Your soul mate,
Joan

John H. Lewarn, Jr.

1922 - 2012

PITTSFIELD — John H. Lewarn Jr., age 90, passed away on March 18, 2012, in Pittsfield.

John was born on Feb. 6, 1922, in Pittsfield, son of John and Emma Wood Lewarn, and he attended Pittsfield schools and graduated from Pittsfield High School in 1940. He was a veteran of World War II and served in the Army Air Force, where he was an aerial photographer in India, China, and Burma. After the war, John attended Syracuse University and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1950, and then in 1952 a Masters of Arts Degree from Columbia University. He taught Art Education in Lenox for 36 years and retired from teaching in 1988.

Mr. Lewarn was a member of the Crescent-Pittsfield Lodge AF & AM Masons where he was Past Master; he was also Past High Priest and Past Illustrious Master of Berkshire Royal Arch Chapter, Past Commander of Berkshire Commandry, and a member of the Knights Templar and York Rite Bodies #22. He was a longtime member of Board of Directors Pittsfield Masonic Association and was a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church of Pittsfield.

He is survived by two nieces, Beverly Moore and her husband Charles of Fullerton, CA, and Elaine Haendiges and her husband Jerry of Whitter, CA.; cousins, Emily McDonough of Pittsfield and Sr. Lillian Belcher of Putnam, CT.; 12 great nephews and nieces, Jim Winestock, Jane Mole, Jeff Winestock, Jill Rufo, Jody Mullins, all of New Lebanon, Judy Mirault of Keene, NH, Valerie DeWeerth of Abu Dhabi, UAE, Keith Moore of San Diego, CA, Paul Moore of Corona, CA, Gary Haendiges of Newport Beach, CA, Sheryl Mauk of Whitter, CA, and Susan Perini of Katy, TX.

He was predeceased by his sisters, Ruth M. Harris, Hazel A. Winestock, Mary Brosseau, and a brother, Kenneth Lewarn.

The family wishes to thank all who helped care for John during the last few years; neighbors, friends, family, Lynne & Arlene and staff who provided home health care, and HospiceCare in the Berkshires.

FUNERAL NOTICE : Funeral services for John H. Lewarn Jr., will be held Wednesday, at 11:30 AM at the Wellington Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dr. Robert Rennie and the Rev. Quentin Chin officiating. Burial will follow in the Village Cemetery in West Stockbridge, MA with Military Honors. There will be a time of visitation on the day of the service from 10 am until 11:30 am at the WELLINGTON FUNERAL HOME, 220 East St., Pittsfield, MA 01201.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701 or to HospiceCare in the Berkshires, 877 South St. Suite 4 east, Pittsfield, MA 01201. Thoughts and wishes for the family may be emailed to condolences@wellingtonfuneralhome.com.

A memorial service will be held on March 30, 2012 at 4 pm at the First Baptist Church, South St., Pittsfield, MA.

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Edith Miller

COLONIE, NY — Edith Miller, 102, formerly of Colonie, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 18, 2012, at Fairview Commons in Great Barrington, MA.

She was born in Albany to James and Jeanette Miller. Edith was a housewife in Yonkers and returned to the Albany area in the 1940s.

She worked at General Electric in Schenectady during the war. She volunteered as a Red Cross Gray Lady, helping out at area hospitals. Edith worked at Mayfair, Inc. in Albany for many years as an interior decorator and seamstress. She lived at Bishop Broderick Apartments where she was a volunteer and fundraiser. She was recognized by receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Capital District Senior Issues Forum in October 2003 at the age of 94. In 2008 she moved to Fairview Commons Nursing Home in Great Barrington, MA at the age of 98.

Her family includes son Frank A. Renak, Jr. (deceased), his wife, Geraldine (Rapp) Renak and their children, Steven Renak, his wife Kim, and Linda Renak; also, her son Irwin T. Renak and his wife Mary L. (Libardi) Renak and their children Valerie A. Sharper, her husband David, and Amy E. Renak. She also has several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Edith was a beloved friend to Alexander McLeod, Jr., who passed away in 1974. Other close friends include Walter and Norma Unverhau. Her extended family in the Albany area includes the Johnstons, the Fullers, the Millers, and the Olivers.

FUNERAL NOTICE : Funeral services will be Wednesday morning at 11 at NEW COMER CANNON FUNERAL HOME, 343 New Karner Rd. Colonie. A calling hour will precede the service from 10 to 11 am at the funeral home. Interment will be in Memory Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fairview Commons-Activities Dept., 151 Christian Hill Rd., Great Barrington, MA 01230-1108. To leave a special message for the family online, visit NewcomerAlbany.com

Mary J. Rosati

MCLEANSVILLE, NC — Mrs. Mary J. Rosati, 92, formerly of Pittsfield, MA died Monday, March 19, 2012, at Ashton Place, McLeanville, NC.

Arrangements are incomplete at RICH & THOMPSON FUNERAL AND CREMATION SERVICE in Burlington, NC.

Elizabeth "Betty" Vigna

NORTH ADAMS — Elizabeth Mary "Betty" (Mangiardi) Vigna, 91, of Parker, Colo. and a former longtime resident of North Adams, died Monday, March 19, 2012, at her home.

She was born in Sheffield, IL on Oct. 3, 1920, daughter of Bruno and Chiara (Perini) Mangiardi. She attended schools in Brognaturo, Italy until age 14, when she came to the United States and settled in North Adams. Betty worked at Sprague Electric Co. for many years. She was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church and a member of its Rosary Society. She was also an active member of the North Adams Garden Club. Betty enjoyed baking and knitting. She moved to Colorado in 2002.

She was the widow of Thomas Vigna who died April 1, 2000. They were married on June 1, 1940.

Survivors include one daughter, Diane Sweeney Kilthau of Parker, CO, with whom she lived; one son, Thomas Vigna Jr. of Noblesville, IN; five grandchildren, Leslie Vigna, Melissa Sweeney, Jennifer Sweeney, Rebecca Vigna, and Jeffrey Vigna; five great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Two brothers and two sisters are deceased.

FUNERAL NOTICE: A Liturgy of Christian Burial for Betty Vigna will be celebrated Thursday March 22, 2012 at 11 AM at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church. Burial will be in Southview Cemetery. There are no calling hours. The FLYNN & DAGNOLI-MONTAGNA HOME FOR FUNERALS CENTRAL CHAPEL, 74 Marshall St. North Adams, MA is in charge of arrangements.

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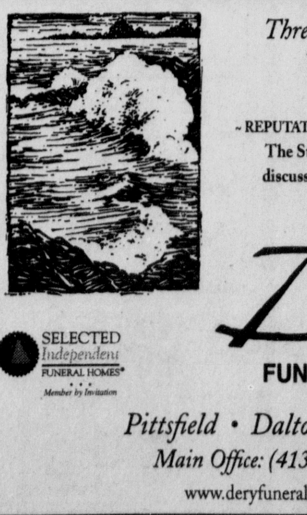

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Joseph Roy Boivin

1924-2012

PITTSFIELD — Joseph Roy Boivin died peacefully on March 15, 2012 in Chandler, Ariz., at the age of 87.

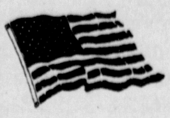
He was born July 28, 1924 in Pittsfield, the son of Rose Mary Lassor and Isadore Joseph Boivin. Known to everyone as "Joe", he attended area schools, graduating from Pittsfield High School in 1942. On his eighteenth birthday, Joe enlisted in the Army and fought bravely in World War II, serving as Sargeant in Battery C 101st Field Artillery, positioned in the European theater. For his distinguished service, Joe was awarded a Bronze Star, a Croix de Guerre, and a Purple Heart.

After the war, Joe returned to Pittsfield and married Virginia H. Kozack. He became a master carpenter, working for many large construction companies in the Berkshires including Barbalanuga; Carroll, Verge & Whipple; Emerson; Arace; and Allegrone Construction. Mr. Boivin built over 200 houses, in addition to schools, banks, churches, and other public buildings, often serving as job foreman or superintendent. He had a reputation as a tireless worker and a demanding boss with very high standards.

Joe was a past member of the VFW and Elks Club in Pittsfield. His hobbies included hunting and fishing, but working with wood was Joe's passion. He continuted to work daily in his workshop until the end of his life, creating projects to give as gifts to family and friends. He inspired everyone with his strong work ethic and determination to always strive for perfection in his work.

Mr. Boivin leaves his loving wife, Katharine Settle, whom he married in 2004. They resided in Columbia City, Oregon and Casa Grande, Ariz., and he considered his fifteen years with Kathe to be the happiest years of his life, as they were able to travel extensively and enjoy retirement.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Boivin leaves three adult children from his first marriage: Virginia B. Peniuk and her husband, Sylvester, of Lanesboro; Joan B. Hunter and her husband, James, of Williamstown; and Joseph D. Boivin of Manchester, Conn. He also leaves his dearly loved grandchildren: Elizabeth Calderwood, Ryan Boivin, Sarah Hunter, Courtney Boivin; Maggie Hunter, Myles Boivin and Christopher Boivin; his great-grandchildren, Cody Barber, Dean Parise and Gianna Parise; and numerous nieces and nephews. Mr. Boivin is survived by his sister, Mary Honiker, of Lee and his former wife, Virginia Boivin, of Pittsfield.



The family will hold a private event to celebrate Joe's life, and his ashes will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

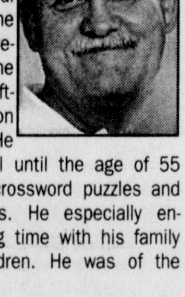
Donations in Mr. Boivin's name may be made to "Here at Home Committee" through the Veterans' Office at Pittsfield City Hall, attn: Roseanne Frieri.

Paul E. Hodges

1948 - 2012

PITTSFIELD — Paul Ernest Hodges, 63, of 140 Bradford Street, Pittsfield, died Monday, March 19, 2012, at his home after a long illness.

Born on Nov. 8, 1948, in Pittsfield, he attended local schools. Paul was a carpenter for many years and also was a driver for Able Medical Transport in Syracuse, NY. Paul was also the longtime caretaker of the Berkshire Softball Complex on East Street. He played softball until the age of 55 and enjoyed crossword puzzles and word searches. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren. He was of the Bahai faith.



He is survived by his wife, the former Sylvia M. Pensivy, whom he married July 7, 1985; his mother, Bernice M. Hoisington Hodges Sakowski of Pittsfield; two sons, Keith and Paul A. Hodges, both of Pittsfield; a daughter, Denise Hodges of Pittsfield; his wife's children Michael Andross of South Carolina, Felisa Andross of Ludlow and Tahirih Donenger and her husband Matthew of Clearwater, Florida; two sisters, eight grandchildren, Dalton, Caliegh, Rayha, Anna, Kendra, MaKenzie, Trinity and Avionna Mae.

He was predeceased by a brother, US Air Force Capt. Michael A. Hodges, on March 14, 1989.

MEMORIAL NOTICE: A memorial service will be held Thursday, March 22, 2012, at 7 P.M. at the DERY FUNERAL HOME. The family will receive relatives and friends from 5 to 7 P.M. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name may be made to Elder Services of Berkshire County in grateful recognition for all the care they have given Paul over the past three years.

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pitching the show to the 600 stations that carry Limbaugh, as well as other outlets, has branded it as a less feisty alternative.

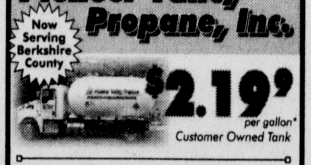
Limbaugh, with an estimated 20 million listeners, is midway through an eight-year contract with Premiere Networks, a subsidiary of Clear Channel Communications, worth about $50 million a year.

"I'm not a person who would call anyone by names that would cause my late mother to come out of her grave and slap me to the floor," Huckabee told the Journal.

Barry predicted as many as 30 other stations would drop Limbaugh in favor of Huckabee once their existing 90-day renewable contracts with Premiere Networks expire. He acknowledged that WBEC "broke" its contract with Limbaugh's syndicate by canceling the program on March 5.

"We will honor any penalties in accordance with the contract," Barry said.

"I don't think Rush will survive unscathed," Barry added. "No one stays No. 1 forever, and his gaffe has created opportunities for people" to compete more effectively against him.



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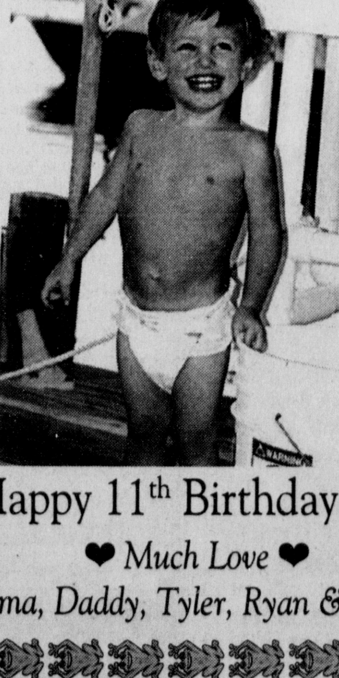

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