



Dee Ganley, winner of the Crystal Heart Award, works at home in East Andover with her three dogs: Tucker, Dazzle, and Jax.

Dee Ganley Awarded Crystal Heart For Work In Prison Dog Program

Caring Animal Partners of New London, a local pet therapy group, awarded this year's Warren-Campbell Crystal Heart Award to Dee Ganley of Andover. The award is given to a person, or a group, in the central New Hampshire area who demonstrates through their outstanding actions the strong and important bond that exists between humans and our domesticated animals.

Dee Ganley, a veteran New Hampshire dog trainer and author of *Changing People, Changing Dogs*, earned the award for her participation in the New Hampshire Pathways to Hope Prison Dog program. This program takes dogs that need homes and places them in the State prison in Concord under the care of a specially selected group of inmates, who will train them as therapy dogs. When their course of training is com-

pleted, the dogs will be donated to those in need of their services.

Caring Animal Partners' President Robert Moser said of Dee, "She provides the experience, knowledge, and leadership to make this program viable. She has to evaluate the dogs as to their suitability for advanced assistance skill training, set up and supervise the training protocols within the prison, and be willing to make the hard decisions as to when an inmate or a dog are not progressing adequately. Dee has built a strong foundation for the future success of this program."

To learn more about New Hampshire Pathways to Hope's Prison Dog Program, visit PthNHPdp.org. To learn more about the broad range of teaching, training, and behavioral work of award recipient Dee Ganley, visit DeesDogs.com.



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BORN Griffin Palmer Mayo

Douglas and Kathleen Griffin Mayo of Mashpee, Massachusetts announce the birth of their son, Griffin Palmer, born December 31 at Falmouth (Massachusetts) Hospital. Griffin weighed in at seven pounds, two ounces and 21 inches, and he joins his brother Quinlan Douglas, age four.

Maternal grandparent is Lydia Griff-



fin of Fall River, Massachusetts. Paternal grandparents are Donald and Julie Palmer Mayo of East Andover.

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great-grandchildren.

According to Ethel's wishes, there were no visiting hours. A graveside service was held in Blossom Hill Cemetery in Concord.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice at PO Box 2209, New London 03257.

HERBERT E. SHAW, 94, formerly of Tilton, died in Clearwater, Florida, on Tuesday, January 6, 2009.

He was born in Salisbury on June 12, 1914, the son of Frank and Gertrude (Gilpatrick) Shaw. He was raised in Salisbury and was a Tilton resident for more than 50 years. Antiques were his passion and, before his death, he was the oldest active antique dealer in New Hampshire.

Family members include his son and daughter-in-law, Herbert H. Shaw and Saiyo Shaw of Clearwater; brothers Frederick Shaw of Salisbury and Hale Shaw of Andover; a sister, Dorothy Atwood of Tilton; and lots of nieces and nephews.

His ashes will be placed at his grave in Tilton and at his parents' grave in Salisbury in the late spring. No services are planned.

KATHERINE "KAE" LA ROCHE, 66, died Monday, January 12, 2009 at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, after a short illness.

Kae dedicated most of her life to education and was a teacher for 39 years, spending most of those years at Merrimack Valley High School in Penacook, where she was most recently employed. During her years as a teacher, Kae earned a master's degree in education from Notre Dame College in Manchester. She was also a member of the National Education Association and the American Association for Teachers of English, of which she was very proud.

Memorial donations may be made in her name to the ALS Association Northern New England Chapter, Concord Center, 10 Ferry Street, Suite 438, PO Box 314, Concord 03301.

RANSOM W. DAVIS JR., devoted husband and father, passed away on January 26, 2009 at New London Hospital surrounded by his loving family after a

long illness. He was 67 years old.

He was born in Laconia on August 22, 1941, the first son of Ransom W. Sr. and Evelyn (Ostrout) Davis. Randy spent his younger years in Connecticut, in Andover, and then in Danbury before moving to East Andover in 1965.

He served with the US Army as a Petroleum Refueling Specialist and was stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey and Fort Wainwright, Arkansas. For 25 years he was a truck driver. He was previously employed for Berwick and Sons in Plainfield until his retirement in 1987 due to health issues.

Music was an essential part of Randy's life. He loved to play the guitar,



accordion, and keyboard and sing. He was very talented and could play other instruments as well and played mostly by ear. Playing solo for his family and friends or in a band was just fine with him, as long as he could be making country music.

Randy will be greatly missed by his loving family and all who knew him. He was predeceased by his parents and a brother, Chief Mst. Sgt. Roger Davis, USAF.

Members of his family surviving include his loving wife of 46 years, whom he married on October 18, 1962, Nancy (Brown) Davis of Andover; four daughters, Amy Diggett and her husband Joseph of Sterling, Connecticut, Bonny Morris and her husband John of Andover, Jeannette Shedd and her husband Larry of South Danbury, and Nannette Cain and her husband Phillip of Franklin; three sons, Ransom Davis III and his wife Roseanne of Andover, See Obituaries on page 36