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In Memoriam

Paul Webster, AG '33, passed away on April 18, 2008, at the age of 94. Paul loved to farm and developed an artificial insemination business in the central Vermont area as well as operated a farm machinery business in Randolph, VT for many years.

Robert Denton, AG '47, died unexpectedly at his home on June 9, 2008. He was born August 3, 1928 in Stowe, VT, the son of Perley E. and Cora M. (Covel) Denton. He married Gloria Salvas on October 27, 1956 in Stowe.

Bob worked for the State of Vermont on road construction for a number of years, was employed by M & K Construction and later established Denton Construction which he owned and operated for over 20 years. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the American Legion, Mystic Masonic Lodge #56 F & AM, and the Cairo Shrine. He enjoyed fishing, playing golf, and swimming and was a loyal Red Sox fan.

Stanley Arbuckle, AG '48, passed away on May 30, 2008, at his home. He was born in Randolph, VT on September 7, 1932, a son of Roy and Eva (McIntosh) Arbuckle.

After graduating from the VSA, he served in the Army just after the Korean War.

He worked as a lineman for 30 years for Central Vermont Public Service in Springfield, VT. He enjoyed playing golf, water and snow-skiing, riding snowmobiles, and helping people repair their homes.

Warner Smith, AG '49, died February 18, 2008, in Rock Hill, South Carolina, after a brief illness. He was born March 6, 1931, in Greenfield, MA to Otho O. and Margaret (Spears) Smith. He graduated from Brattleboro High School and married his childhood sweetheart, Jacqueline King, on July 12, 1952.

He served in the Army during the Korean War. While living in Massachusetts, he worked for the Northfield Inn, Stan Johnson Plumbing and Heating, and A. R. Sandri. He moved to Vermont and worked many years for Idlenot Dairy in North Springfield and then Billings Dairy in Wilder. In the 10 years before he retired, he owned his own dairy, servicing the federal WIC program. For 20 years, he had his own square dance calling business, calling for the Sugar House Swingers in Woodstock, Twin State Squares

in White River Junction, and the Okemo Squares in Ludlow, which he also founded.

He served as president of the Vermont/New Hampshire Baptist Men in Lebanon, loved sports, spending time with family and story telling.

Timothy Millard, ET '87, died May 8, 2008, in Rutland, VT. He was born May 7, 1965, in Rutland, the son of Carlton and Joy (Rowe) Millard.

Timothy grew up in South Wallingford and Mount Tabor, graduating from the Mill River Union High School in 1983. He married Lila Letourneau on June 20, 1987.

He had been employed by the Central Vermont Public Service Corporation for the last 22 years. Timothy was a member of the South Wallingford Union Congregational Church and he enjoyed fishing, helping people, and was active with this children.

1950's

Kermit Spaulding, AG '55, celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary on May 10, 2008 with his wife, Hazel, at a gathering with nearly 200 family and friends. Kermit's grandson, **Kristopher Lewia, WDM '06**, helped celebrate, along with Kermit's brother-in-law, **Gerald Titus, AG '55**, who traveled from Joshua, TX with his family. Kermit tells us that he has retired again, most recently as Sergeant at Arms of the Vermont State Capitol where he served ten years. Kermit would love to hear from other members of the class of 55.

1970's

Richard M. Roderick, AG '73 wrote in to give us an update. Richard writes, "After 24 years with USDA Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration (FmHA)) in Vermont, New Hampshire, and the US Virgin Islands, I relocated in March, 2008 to Kosrae, The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) to become the Office Manager/Area Specialist of the Kosrae, FSM USDA Rural Development Office. The FSM, the Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands are the only three foreign countries to which the USDA Rural Development programs are available. Prior to transferring to Kosrae, I was the Manager of the Grafton County USDA Rural Development office in Woodsville, New Hampshire for 18 years. In the mid-1980s I was an Assistant County Supervisor in the St. Croix,

US Virgin Islands FmHA office. It is nice to be back in the tropics. I will miss the changing of the seasons but sunny days and warm weather are also appealing. While the climate and tropical landscape and size are pretty similar to St. Croix, the language, population and culture are different. (Kosrae is 42 square miles vs. St. Croix's 84, but St. Croix's 50,000 population is quite a bit larger than Kosrae's 8,100.) However, I think my time in St. Croix and my time as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the mid-1970s in Jamaica will serve me well in my new position."

Linda Jerome, VO '79, writes that she's living in Hawaii on the island of Maui. Linda is working for Costco but has found a new passion: scuba diving and oceanography! She tells us that she's finally headed back to school to finish her bachelor's degree from the University of Hawaii and would love to hear from old classmates.

Michael J. Tortorella, EE '79, recently emailed the Alumni Office, saying, "Greetings from the Land of Enchantment here in sunny New Mexico... Where shall I begin? After VTC, I spent 6+ years at IBM. (After 20 years of growing up/living in Essex Junction, it seemed like the place to go at the time. But, after 26 winters in the Northeast, I decided I had enough and left IBM. I spent the next 16 years (1985-2001) at a start-up company in Silicon Valley, and I didn't see snow for 18 years! In the summer of 2001, I was laid-off and was out of work for 2 years. In December 2003, I sold my California residence and relocated to Albuquerque, New Mexico in January 2004. Since the electronic work here only pays about 30 cents on the dollar compared to California, I wasn't able to secure any employment in my original field. In 2004, I spent some time selling cars and even taught high school for a time. In 2005, I joined the IBEW electricians union apprenticeship program, thinking I would do better and make more money as an electrician - but I only ended up digging ditches. In May 2007, I decided I had "played" electrician long enough, and went back to a local community college for what's known as "job re-training" to learn aircraft assembly technology. For 12 weeks of night class, I only had to pay \$400 for 18 college credits (that's a whole semester's worth at Vermont Tech). This turned out to be one of my "better" investments. The training program got me in the door of Eclipse Aviation, Albuquerque, New Mexico where I've been since August, 2007. In my current position, we drill, rivet, and assemble various sections of aircraft

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fuselage for private jet aircraft. (It's sort of like being "Rosie the Riveter" in a private company instead of a military application). I now have enough work to keep me busy 'til I retire, and I'm only 25 miles from the office and NO traffic jams! Those are my memoirs, for now. I hope they were as insightful as they are interesting."

1990's

Shawn Rogers, AB '91, recently updated the alumni office. Shawn writes, "I work full-time for Estes & Gallup, Inc. in Lyme, NH as a project manager. I manage residential construction and light commercial. I've been with them for 8 years. I also own my own private business called Straight Edge Architecture. I design and provide drafting services for new home and renovation projects from as far north as Ryegate, VT and as far south as Claremont, NH. I've done work as far east as Warren, NH and as far west as Barre, VT."

Jeffrey Wimette, ABT '91, recently started a three-year term as the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 300 union business manager and financial secretary. Jeffrey previously served as assistant business manager. He was been a licensed Local 300 electrician since 1999 and lives in Bristol with this wife and three children.

Delta (Washburn) Thurston, BU '96 recently wrote in to the Alumni Office. She has been working as the Financial Manager for the Town of Bethel for the last five years. Last year, she and her husband "were blessed with a beautiful baby girl" that they named Brookelle Dawn. She was born June 27, 2007 and weighed 5 lbs. 5.5 oz.

Ross Duncan, ET '97, was united in marriage to Stacey Kirby on May 20, 2008, in St. John's, Antigua at the Sandals Resort. Ross is employed by IBM and Stacey is employed by Test America. The happy couple now resides in South Burlington, VT.

Carrie (Partridge) Clement, BU '98 and husband Shawn welcomed a little boy, Carleton James, into the family on May 9, 2008. Carl joins his big sisters, Courtney 6, Makayla 5, and Adrienne 2 at their home in Randolph. Carrie is the Alumni Coordinator at Vermont Tech while Shawn is a student studying mechanical engineering.



Tammy (Hayward) Ladd, BU '98, LPN '05, & NUR '08, and husband Jason welcomed another little boy to their family on August 13, 2008. Jackson Aldis Ladd weighed in at 7 lbs. 9 oz. and now joins big brothers, Hunter age 8, and Conner, 5. Tammy is an RN in the birthing center at Gifford Medical Center in Randolph, while Jason works for Ted Green Ford in Stockbridge, VT. Congratulations!

2000's

Jacob Emery, EET '00, was united in marriage to Victoria Oliver on June 21, 2008 at the Lake Morey Inn and resort in Fairlee, VT. Jake is employed as a technical Service Engineer for Hypertherm, Inc. in Hanover, NH while Tory is employed as a Child Welfare Social Worker for the State of Vermont. After a honeymoon in Mexico, the couple now resides in Bradford, VT.

Jeremy Gile, BUS '00, recently announced his engagement to Michelle Moshinskie of Irmo, South Carolina. Jeremy is currently attending the University of South Carolina for a B.S. in Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management. He is employed at the University of South Carolina in the Development Department. Michelle is also attending the University of South Carolina majoring in Advertising. A June 6, 2009 wedding is planned.

Benjamin Stuart, LAH '00 and Jessica Bent, VET '00, were united in marriage on June 7, 2008 in Chittenden, VT. In attendance were groomsmen, **Troy Roscoe-Dare, CT '98, Dylan Palmer, MEC '00, Nolan Young, CPM '00**, and friends **Benjamin Palmer, DFM '00, Brad Washburn, CET '01, Lauren (Mann) Washburn, ABT '00 & AET '02, and Karie Thompson, AMT '00**. Ben and Jess honeymooned in Lake Tahoe for a week then returned to their home in Westford, VT. Ben is employed at Competitive Computing in Colchester and Jess is employed at Essex Veterinary Center in Essex.

Cassandra Crocker, BUS '02, recently announced her engagement to Isiac Hathaway. Cassandra is currently employed at Upper Valley Credit Union in Lebanon, NH as a Member Service Representative. Her fiance is employed by Economy Plumbing and Heating in Keene, NH as an Apprentice Plumber. An August 22, 2009 wedding is planned in Newbury, NH.

Paul Spicer, CMP '03, recently announced his engagement to **Sarah Abbott, BUS '03**. Paul is employed by the State of Vermont, Division of Fire Safety, as an assistant state fire marshal, while Sarah is a paralegal for Ellis, Boser, and Blake in Springfield, VT. A September, 2008 wedding is planned.

Eric Way, ABT '03, recently announced his engagement to Sarah Boutwell. Eric is employed by K2 Construction while Sarah is employed by Casella Waste, Inc., both in Burlington. A summer wedding is planned.

Michael Allen, EET '04, was united in marriage to Julie Bergeron on May 24, 2008. Michael is a technician at Dynapower Corp. and Julie is a finance manager at Analytical Services, Inc. They reside in Milton, VT.

Matthew Wilson, CPE, '04 & BSCPE '07, recently announced his engagement to Rochelle Vanderwende. Matt is a production engineer at LED Dynamics in Randolph while Rochelle is currently a student at Vermont Tech. A June, 2009 wedding is planned.

Misty Berry, VAST '05, recently wrote in to the alumni office. Misty writes, "Since graduation I have been to Lyndon State and graduated with my associate's degree in Business in '06. I've spent the last 8 months in sunny Florida as a case manager for an organization called Project Response where my clients have HIV/AIDS. It's very demanding but rewarding work. I also model part-time with a painting motorcycle company named Dangerous Curves. We donate money and support children born with disabilities. My goal is to get my massage license with in the next few years."

Justin Dodd, MEC '06 & ELM '08, recently announced his engagement to **Julie Dion, VET '07**. Justin is employed by Alstrom, while Julie is employed by VCA Brown Animal Hospital. An October, 2008 wedding is planned.

Jennifer Smith, LPN '08, recently announced her engagement to David Squire. The couple lives in Brookfield. A summer, 2009 wedding is planned.

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