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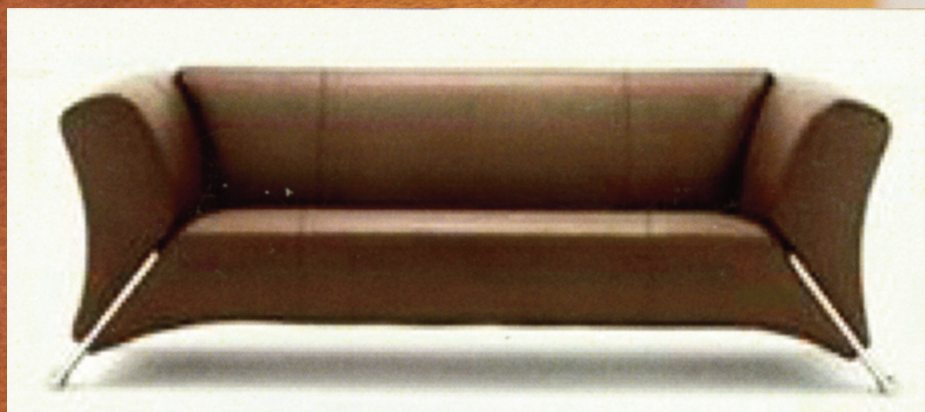
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Obituaries

Robert A. 'Bob' Denbow, 84, passed away February 14, 2022, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Greenville, Maine, December 27, 1937, he was the second of eight children of Eugene Irving and Agatha Blanchard Denbow.



In 1958 he married Mary Catherine 'Kay' Scott and they went on to have five children. They made their homes in Pittsfield, Palmyra, Newport, St. Albans, Welton, AZ, Brenda, AZ, and finally back home to Waldoboro.

Bob graduated from Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield in 1956 and joined General Electric in Lynn, MA before beginning his tanning career with Irving Tanning Company in January 1957. He took correspondence courses in analytical chemistry and the ALCA Leather Technology Course. He was a laboratory technician for five years and then laboratory supervisor for the next 15 years. He moved from Assistant director, to Technical Director, to his last position of Assistant Vice President Technical Services before retiring on October 16, 1998. During his almost 42 years at Irving Tanning Company in Hartland, he was involved with leather making from the hair to the finished produce with emphasis on retanning and coloring. He worked extensively with color drum computer automation. He served on the Steering Committee of the New England Tanners Club for six years and was a member of the ALCA since 1982.

Bob and Kay, with friends Keith and Marleen Bubar, founded and ran a woodworking business, St. Albans Slab & Sawdust, where they produce everything from Canadian Rockers to tanning drums for the tannery.

Bob loved music, both writing and playing. He played as a lounge entertainer at Squaw Mountain Resort and Lovley's Motel. He was also the musical director and organist for the Maine State Junior Miss Pageant. Bob and Kay loved to travel and play Bingo every chance they could. They also liked to garden and produced a lot of vegetables and grapes even though they lived in the desert.

After retiring in 1998, Bob and Kay moved to Welton, AZ, where they lived a couple years before settling in Brenda, AZ. In 2021, they returned to Maine.

In Brenda, Bob really had time to pursue his passion for music. There were several places in town where he could play at a jam almost any day. While living in Arizona, he was a member of five local bands. The last one was the Notables that included his best friend, Chuck Morris.

Other than his parents, Bob was predeceased by two sisters. He is survived by his wife of more than 63 years, Kay; his children, Kathryn Grant and her husband Peter of Waldoboro, Robert B. Denbow and his wife Michelle of St. Albans, Jeffrey Denbow and his wife Debra of Readfield, Peter Denbow and his wife Kim of St. Albans, Carol Millett and her husband Scott of Corinna; 14 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; one sister and four brothers, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Bob requested there be no services at this time. As a lifelong member of the Catholic Church, a Funeral Mass and committal service will be held at a later date. Those who wish may make memorial donations to the American Cancer Society – (ME), P.O. Box 350, Westbrook, ME 04092-3438.

Thomas Emmerling, 66, of Barrington, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

Tom was a member of the ALCA from 1988 until 2004. He returned to the ALCA in 2015 and was an active member at the time of his death. Tom graduated from German Tanning School, Reutlingen in 1983 with degree in leather technology. Over the years, he worked for Prime Tanning, Bayer AG, Coach Leatherware and Leather Blvd. and Schill and Seilacher for GmbH.



Young Leather Scientist Grants Announced

The Executive Committee of the IULTCS is pleased to announce the winners of the 2022 IUR research grants to be awarded to two young scientists, under the age of 35. The monetary awards help support the work of young talent in the leather sector.

This is the eighth year of the grants which have been generously supported by industry and IULTCS alike. The Selection Committee of the IULTCS Research Commission (IUR), chaired by Dr Michael Meyer, is pleased to announce the following recipients:

Young Leather Scientist Grant 2022 Basic Research

Fitsum Etefa Ahmed from the Ethiopian Institute of Textile and Fashion Technology. IULTCS has provided the monetary sponsorship for a single sum of €1,500 grant to Basic Research. The title of the project is 'Study of anti-ectoparasitic activity of medicinal plant extracts in terms of reducing cockle damage on sheep and goat skin'.

Dr Mike Redwood Young Leather Scientist Grant 2022 Sustainability / Environmental Award

Louret Atsenga Andalo, from Dedan Kimathi University of Technology, Kenya will be the beneficiary of the generosity of Leather Naturally who have sponsored the €1,000 grant for the project entitled 'Extraction of natural dye (batalain) from beetroot peel (Beta Vulgaris) and application in leather dyeing using bio-mordant'.

The grants have been very successful and well received by industry. Referring to the awardees of the 2021 grants Dr Meyer said "We are very happy that the research results of last year's two awardees were presented at the perfectly organised IULTCS Congress in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia last November. Although the number of physical participants was limited, due to the pandemic, we had the chance to attend the remote presentations delivered by Dr Caroline Agustini (Brazil) and Dr Nilay Ork (Turkey). This year we again received some strong new proposals and two of them have been selected. We look forward to seeing the research outcomes from Fitsum and Louret of the projects we are supporting and wish them every success as they contribute to expanding our industry knowledge."

The two proposals can be downloaded from the IULTCS website, <https://iultcs.org/commissions/iur-research-commission/>

It is also the opportunity to announce the next call for applications for YLSG 2023. The submission deadline of the next round is 30 November 2022. Details of the eligibility requirements and application forms will be available on the IULTCS website (www.iultcs.org) in May. The IULTCS requests that readers of this announcement forward the information to those institutions and individuals who could benefit from the award.

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