## Punkin the bear passes

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## Grandfather Mountain lost another family member this week.

24-year-old Punkin, a female black bear, was put to sleep. Arthritis had plagued the bear for years, but recently the pain had gotten much worse. Punkin was raised by Mildred, one of Grandfather Mountain's most famous bears. 7 bears remain on display at Grandfather Mountain.