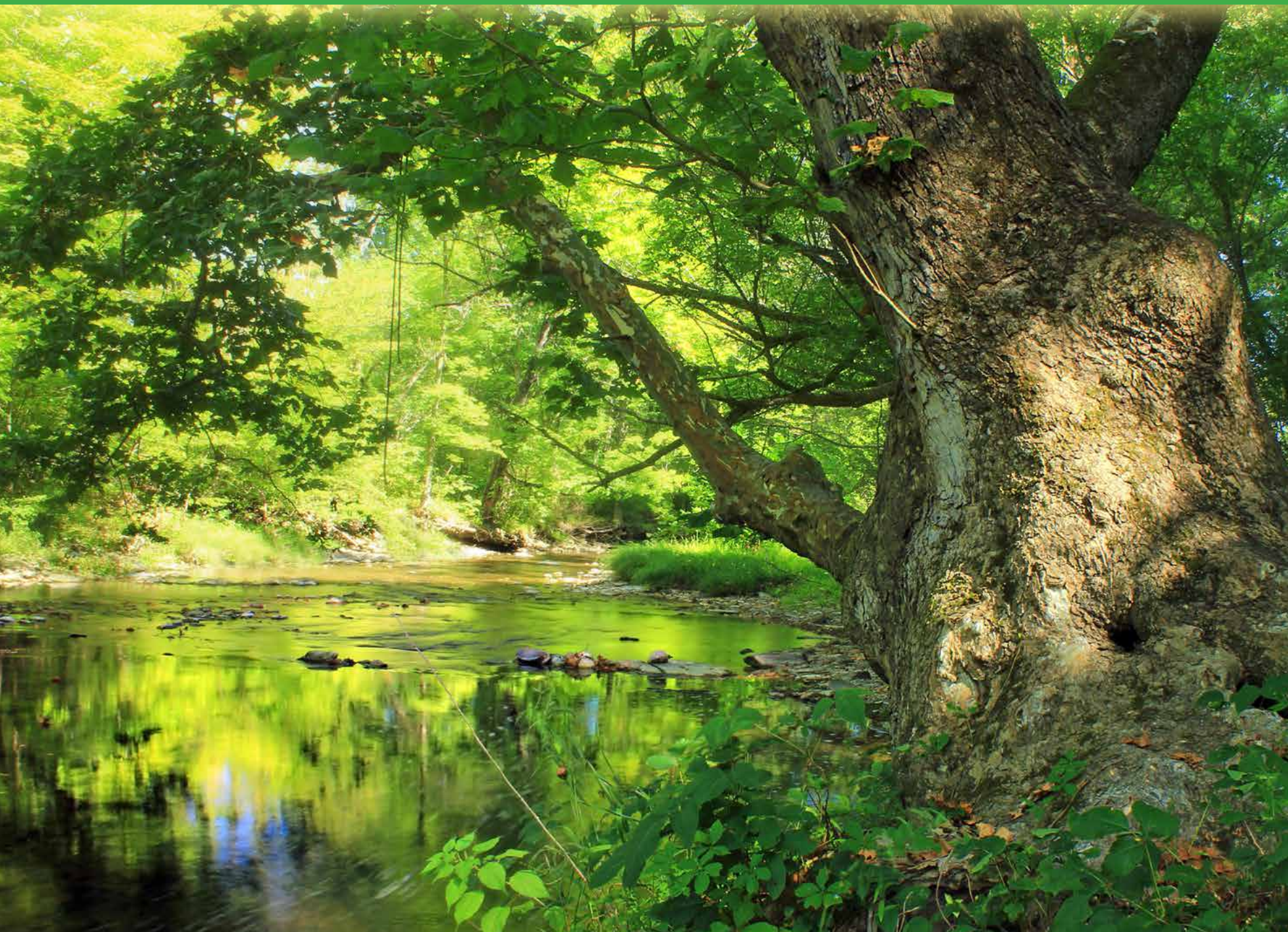


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July 29, 2025 - Aug. 26, 2025



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YVONNE BEDORE, 67, of Peru, passed away Aug. 10, 2025. She was born Feb. 19, 1958, daughter of Lawrence and Dorothy (Young) Bedore. Private service will be held in St. Matthew's Cemetery, Black Brook. Arrangements by Walker Funeral Home, Plattsburgh.

CARLTON DANA BROWNE, 68, of Plattsburgh, passed away on Friday, Aug. 22, 2025, at CVPH. He was born on July 12th, 1957. A Celebration of Life will be on Friday, August 29th, at Meron's in Plattsburgh at 5 p.m.

Wayne Russell Burl

August 04, 2025



TARBORO, N.C. - Beloved husband, father, grandfather, mentor, friend, and fixer-of-all-things, Wayne R. Burl passed away after a short but fierce battle with cancer, surrounded by the family who adored him—just as he deserved.

Wayne was a man of extraordinary talent, tireless grit, and quiet generosity. Born into humble beginnings, he built a life defined by hard work, purpose, and love. He joined Deringer in an entry-level position, and, through relentless dedication, drive, and vision, rose to become its CEO and Chairman of the Board. Over the course of 60 years—the longest tenure in the company's history—he became a legend to those at Deringer who were fortunate enough to know him personally. He wasn't just a leader by title—he was a leader by nature. He could see around corners, navigate any storm, and somehow always knew what needed to be done before anyone else realized there was even a problem.

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Wayne could figure out how to do anything. Literally anything. Plumbing? Sure. Electrical? Why not! Install a stair railing, finish drywall, repair an irrigation system. No problem! All in a day's work. He was allergic to paying someone to do something he could teach himself and was a huge fan of YouTube video tutorials. His DIY spirit was never more evident than when he single-handedly renovated his first home in Rockport, Mass.,—inside and out—with nothing but sheer will, library books, This Old House episodes on PBS, and whatever tools he had in the back of the garage or could rent at the local hardware store.

He was, by nature, excellent—and he expected excellence from everyone around him. His bar was high, and at times that could feel intense for those of us trying to measure up. But as he grew older, he softened—deepening into a gentler, more forgiving version of himself. He still held the standard, but he also held your hand while helping you get there.

Wayne was the guy you called when something broke, when you didn't know what to do next, or when you just needed someone to listen. He was unwaveringly dependable, deeply thoughtful, and, though he would never have described himself this way, wise in the most grounded, practical way. Quiet, steady, calm, and wise. That was our Papa.

He loved fishing, woodworking, and the peace and focus of making something with his hands. One of his proudest projects was building custom cabinets for his workshop—by hand—because of course he did. We cherish the intricately dove-tailed boxes he made for us that he lovingly and proudly stamped with his "Wayne Burl Woodworking" seal.

Wayne was the favorite person of many, and certainly of ours. He gave everything to his family, and in the last week of his life, we gave everything back. We never left his side, because he never once left ours—not in the big moments, not in the hard

ones, and not in the quiet, everyday in-betweens.

We will miss him every single day, but we find peace in knowing that somewhere out there, the fishing is good and the workshop is perfectly set up—with every tool in its place—for him to keep building whatever his heart desires.

Wayne is survived by his wife of 53 years, Rosaleen Burl, his daughters Stefanie Burl Blouin and Erica Hengemuhle and her husband John, his grandchildren Olivia Blouin and her fiancé Mason Yandow, Ryder Blouin and his partner Gianna Smith, and Jacob and Caleb Holmes. Wayne is also survived by his siblings Lorraine Ryall, Joyce Warren, Maynard Burl, and Judy Burl.

In true fashion, Wayne asked that his workshop equipment be donated to a school so young people could learn the craft of woodworking and furniture making. We are honored to pass on his legacy by partnering with the North Carolina School of Furniture. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the school for the Wayne R. Burl Woodworking Scholarship. These funds will support young people to learn the trade and craft he so loved. Donations in Wayne's name may be sent to: The North Carolina School of Furniture Attn: Stewart Kent, Director, 3749 W. Wilson St., Farmville, NC 27828.

Rest easy Pops. We carry you in our hearts, always.

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Sandra Jean Chilton

September 03, 1945 - August 19, 2025

VERSAILLES — Sandra Jean Finnell Chilton, beloved wife of LTC (R) Robert Chilton, formerly of Ellenburg Depot, N.Y., passed away peacefully at home in Versailles, Ky., on Aug. 19, 2025, surrounded by her family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her mother-in-law, Mary Jane Chilton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Clear Creek Church Road Fund or the Sandra Chilton Scholarship Fund at: Clear Creek Church, 30 Pinckard Pike, Versailles, KY 40383.

SUZETTE CONNELL DROLLETTE, 79, of Richmond, Vt., passed away peacefully at her home on July 25, 2025. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Arrangements with Stephen C. Gregory and Son Cremation Service, South Burlington, Vt.

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Rodney W. "Rod" Davey

May 19, 1938 - August 03, 2025



KEESEVILLE — Rodney W. "Rod" Davey, 87, of the Hallock Hill Road, Keeseville, passed away peacefully on Aug. 3, 2025, in Plattsburgh.

Born on May 19, 1938, he was a beloved son, brother and uncle who lived a life dedicated to family, teaching, and the land.

Rod graduated from Keeseville High School in 1956 and after graduation, worked at Prescott's Mill in Keeseville and helped build houses at Plattsburgh Air



Force Base. His interest in teaching led him to earn his Bachelor's Degree in Education in 1962 and Master's Degree in Education in 1969.

For three decades, he served as a dedicated teacher, first with the Greenville Central School District (1962-1970) and then with Keeseville Elementary School (1970-1993), teaching second and sixth grades. After retiring from teaching, Rod spent his time maintaining the family farm—a place where he found peace and purpose.

In his downtime, Rod enjoyed reading western novels and watching classic movies; and appreciated good meals at McLean's and Pleasant Corner, which brought him great comfort.

Rod was predeceased by his parents, Margaret "Frank" (O'Neill) and George Davey, and his brother, George "Bull" Davey.

He is survived by his nephew, Michael Davey, and nieces, Gwynn Davey and Carroll (Davey) Mannino, along with many great-nephews and great-nieces.

His love for teaching, his devotion to his parents, and his fondness for the simple joys of life will be remembered.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated Thursday, Aug. 14, 2025, at 11 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church in Keeseville. Committal prayers and entombment will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to fulfill a teacher's classroom wish list via donorschoose.org.

Arrangements are in the care of the Hamilton Funeral Home, 124 Clinton Street, Keeseville, 518-834-7667. To make a floral purchase, offer an online condolence, share a symbolic gesture, or share a photo in memory of Rod Davey please visit www.hamiltonfuneralhome.com

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Mark J. Donnelly

November 13, 1951 - August 22, 2025



PLATTSBURGH — Mark J. Donnelly, 73, of Plattsburgh, N.Y., passed away on Friday, Aug. 22, 2025, at the UVM Medical Center in Burlington, Vt., surrounded by his family. Mark was born in Plattsburgh on Nov. 13, 1951, the son of Gerald and Mary Jane (McMartin) Donnelly.

A graduate of Mount Assumption Institute, Mark would go on to receive degrees in physical education from the University of Vermont, and athletic training from

West Chester University.

Mark, affectionately known as Coach, or Mr. D. by many of his students, went on to teach physical education and coach a variety of sports at St. John's Academy, and in the Beekmantown School District, before spending more than 30 years serving the Plattsburgh City School District at Plattsburgh High School. The longtime educator, coach and athletic trainer dedicated his life and career to the health, safety and well-being of student-athletes at PHS, and across the North Country. Mark was known not only as a trusted medical professional, but as a mentor who took great pride in the successes and achievements of others.

In addition to his role as a physical educator, longtime track coach, and athletic trainer at PHS, Mark was active in the community and at state levels as an instructor in first aid and CPR, teaching numerous coaching safety courses, creating athletic training classes for students at PHS, and serving on New York State Public High School Safety Committees, advocating on be-

half of student athletes. His legacy is seen in the students that he mentored who have gone on to serve their communities as educators, coaches, athletic trainers and professionals in a variety of fields.

When he wasn't working, Mark could be seen cruising around his hometown in his '57 Chevy. His greatest source of pride and joy was his family. He was a devoted husband, father, son, brother, uncle, and the best Grampy around. Mark has always been known for his strength; both physically, and that of his character. His integrity, work ethic, loyalty, and desire to help others are just part of his legacy.

Mark is survived by his wife and partner of 55 years Joyce Donnelly, son Patrick Donnelly and his wife Trisha, daughter Erin (Donnelly) Moriarity and her husband Sean, and his grandchildren Caitlyn and Jackson Donnelly, Isla, Finnegan, Sullivan and Macallan Moriarity, as well as his sister Cynthia (Bill) LaWare and family.

He is predeceased by his parents.

A celebration of life in Mark's honor will be held on Saturday, Aug. 30, 2025, from 2:30 to 5 at the Adirondack Room at the Butcher Block, 15 Booth Drive, Plattsburgh, N.Y.

BURTON F. DUQUETTE passed away on Aug. 5, 2025, at Meadowbrook Healthcare. Visitation Monday, Aug. 11, 2025, 5 to 7 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home. The Mass will be Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2025, at 11 a.m. at St. James Church.

HOWARD DUSHANE Passed away surrounded by his loving family. Calling hours 5 to 7 p.m. at Harland Funeral Home, Port Henry, Tuesday, July 29th. Graveside service Wednesday, July 30th, 11 a.m., at Ironville Cemetery. Reception to follow at Howard's residence.

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GERTRUDE GARROW, 91, of Plattsburgh, was born May 24, 1934, and passed away Aug. 6, 2025. A private burial will take place in St. Alexander's Cemetery, Morrisonville. Arrangements are entrusted to the R.W. Walker Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Plattsburgh.



Shay Haggerty McAuliffe

October 11, 1973 - July 27, 2025

DALLAS — Shay Haggerty McAuliffe, 51, passed away on July 27, 2025, while residing in Dallas, Texas.

Born Oct. 11, 1973, in Plattsburgh, N.Y., Shay graduated from Chazy Central Rural School in 1992 and earned his Bachelor's degree from Plattsburgh State University in 1996. For over 25 years Shay dedicated himself to his career path with Pearson Assessment, helping to contribute to the field of standardized assessment.

Shay was passionate about soccer and basketball, enjoying these sports as a player and a spectator. In the realm of athletics, Shay is most known for being one of Chazy's most dynamic and memorable goalkeepers. In his adult years, Shay spent a tremendous amount of time absorbing new knowledge through books, cooking his favorite meals, and landscaping throughout the summer months with his father, John.

Shay was widely known for his gentle nature, kindness, and his unending willingness to help others. He was a modest and thoughtful person who never wanted to see good things go unappreciated or wasted; reflecting a sincere sense of concern for others as well as the simple things in life. All who spent time with Shay in recent years can instantly picture him wearing a comfortable pair of cargo pants, a broken-in flannel shirt, and a subtle expression on his face.

Shay is survived by his mother, Rae Perry McAuliffe, an older brother Robert (Kristin) McAuliffe and their two children, Ava and Jack. He is survived by his younger brother Patrick McAuliffe, his nephew William, and William's mother, Caryl Provost.

He is survived by many aunts and uncles including Bill and Kathy McAuliffe, James McAuliffe, Jerry and Marie McAuliffe, Connie Tuning, Wendy and Paul Jarecki. In addition Shay is survived by many cousins on both sides of his family.

It goes without saying that Shay is also survived by many special friends, who were like family to him, including Christopher Gondek, Kevin Keuleman, Rich Martin, Tim Martin, John Bourgeois, Tim Collins, and Joseph Coulombe. Shay's very dear friend Erin Giroux, and her husband Steven, were especially close with Shay and having resided in Dallas for many years they have remained a tremendously important connection for him.

Shay is preceded in death by his father, John McAuliffe, his aunt Karen Saroj and her husband Satish, and his uncle Randy Tuning. He is also preceded in death by both his maternal and paternal grandparents.

Calling hours will be at Brown Funeral Home on Aug. 17, 2025, from 3 to 5 p.m. A Mass will be held on Aug. 18, 2025, at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Chazy, N.Y.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the local food bank in Shay's honor.

JAMES T. HAYS JR., 98, born Aug. 11, 1927, died Aug. 16, 2025 at English Meadows, Fishersville, Va. Funeral arrangements by A Better Cremation, 1761 Jefferson Hwy, Fishersville, VA 22939.



Robert Heidelmark

July 27, 2025



Clayton, N.C. — Robert "Butch" Heidelmark, age 78, of Clayton, N.C., formerly of Plattsburgh, N.Y., passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 27, 2025, at UNC Johnston Health in Smithfield, N.C., with his family by his side.

He was born in Albany, N.Y., on Jan. 14, 1947, to the late Harold B. Heidelmark and the late Betty Irene Sears. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings Cheryl, Kenny, Ronnie, and "Little" Jim.

Butch was a carpenter by trade in the Plattsburgh area for many years and worked at Wyeth Laboratories in Rouses Point until his retirement. He truly enjoyed hunting and fishing with his sons in his early years, and spending time with his family. Butch was an avid storyteller and liked to reminisce about his life in upstate New York.

He is survived by the love of his life and wife of 56 years, Paulette Gibeau Heidelmark; children, Michael (KC) Heidelmark and Tony (Candida) Heidelmark; grandchildren, Matthew, Kami, Brenden, Briar, Cianna, and Alexis; great-grandchild, August; brothers and sisters, Eileen Blake, Dennis Heidelmark, Jackie Trombley, Karen Blake, Sally Collins, Wanda Drake; many in-laws, Jeanne and Tommy Kelley, Greg and Dianne Ransom, Monique Gibeau, Ronald Gibeau as well as many nieces, and nephews.

A celebration of life gathering will be held at a future date in Plattsburgh, N.Y., for all of Butch's family and friends to share his life story.

TERRY HOY, 68, Altona, died Aug. 9, 2025. Visitation Wednesday, August 13th, 4 to 6 p.m., at Walker Funeral Home. Graveside services are Thursday, 10 a.m., Sheldon Hill Cemetery, Ellenburg Depot. Arrangements with Walker Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Plattsburgh.

J

LINDA JOHNSON, 76, Ellenburg Depot, passed away July 28, 2025. Visitation Sunday, August 3rd, from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Rabideau Funeral Home. Funeral services Monday, 11 a.m. in St. Edmund's Church, Ellenburg. Arrangements by Rabideau Funeral Home, Ellenburg.

Don Johnston

April 11, 1934 - July 27, 2025



BALSTON LAKE — Unbeknownst to most, the world became a better place when on April 11, 1934, when Don O. Johnston came into this world.

Don was the son of Elmer and Vivian Johnston of 168 Lake St., Rouses Point, N.Y. A kind and gentle soul, Don led an exemplary life for himself, his family and his community, having served on the Village Board for a number of years.

Don served in the USAF from 1953-1957. Upon receiving an honorable discharge, he attended Canton School of Technology graduating with a degree in Electrical Technology. He then began a thirty-nine-year career at Sheridan Iron Works, Harris Graphics and Kimpex, USA until retire-

ment in 1999.

Don Married Mary Margaret Coopy in 1969. He was a loving family man and a model husband and dad - except that he never learned to cook!!

To this day his son, Dan, often remarks on how much he learned under the wing and advice from his dad.

Don was truly a "Jack of all trades" and was always ready to give a helping hand. In fact, his wife, without his knowledge, often offered his time and talent so that he earned the nickname - "Don'll do it!"

One of Don's proudest accomplishments was a two-year garage project where he completely restored a 1969 427 Corvette down to the last screw and wire. It was and still is a beauty, as it remains in the family protected and well preserved.

Don was meticulous in everything he did. His wise advice was "pay attention to detail." Nary a dandelion nor weed dared to plant itself on his lawn! His cars were always shiny and spotless. His eat off the floor garage could not have been more organized. Every item owned its place, and it was mandatory that that item always be returned to its home - or else!

Don's undying love for Lake Champlain never weakened even in his last months. His memory bank was dwindling but embedded forever were the many years of the good times - boating, fishing, water skiing, skating and snowmobiling on that beautiful lake. Family and friends delighted in hearing and sharing with him his many happy stories. A proud and grateful dad, he nurtured and shared with his children his love of the lake and his childhood home until they left the nest to pursue their own dreams.

Unfortunately, and sadly, Don became a victim of Alzheimer's and his fragile body could no longer bear the damage of the debilitating disease. He passed away peacefully on July 27, 2025.

Don is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mary Margaret, Ballston Lake, N.Y.; son, Dan (Maryann), Rome, N.Y.; daughter, Aminee (Josh) Spiegel, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; grandchildren, Jameson, Olivia and Molly Spiegel, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; sister, Barbara Holland, N.H.; brother-in-law Bill (MaryAnn) Coopy, Remsen, N.Y., and several nieces and nephews.

There will be no calling hours. Interment will be announced and will take place at the convenience of the family.

If donations in his memory are considered, they may be made to: NY State Alzheimer's Association, 4 Pine West Plaza #405, Albany, NY 12005 or to the charity of choice.

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William R. Kennedy

October 24, 1947 - July 25, 2025



PLATTSBURGH — William "Bill" Kennedy, 77, of Cedar Ledge Lane, passed away on Friday, July 25, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Manhattan on Oct. 24, 1947, the son of William and Alice (Nolan) Kennedy.

After his mother's passing, Bill was raised from infancy by his aunt Annetta (Kennedy) Woodward and her husband Harry Woodward of Plattsburgh. He grew up in Plattsburgh and married Susan Czechowicz in 1971.

Bill served honorably in the United States Army after high school, later joining the Plattsburgh City Police Department, and Clinton County Sheriff's Department where he served as Undersheriff. He retired as a Customs Officer with United States Customs and Border Protection.

He enjoyed golfing, spending time at the lake and watching his grandkids' sporting events.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Kennedy; children, John (Carolyn) Kennedy, Cassidy Kennedy (Jeremy Hoy), Ryan Kennedy (Laura Lopez-Kennedy), Kara Kennedy (Ted McConaughy); brothers, Richard and Fred Woodward; brother-in-law, Joe Czechowicz; grandchildren, Jake, Susie, and Jane Kennedy, Jalyn Kennedy-Lopez, Delany Kennedy-Lopez, and many granddogs.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, July 31, 2025, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the R.W. Walker Funeral Home in Plattsburgh. Interment will be at a later date in Point Au Roche Cemetery.

Donations in memory of Bill, may be made to the North Country Honor Flight.

To share a memory or condolence with the family, please visit www.rwwalkerfh.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the R.W. Walker Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 69 Court Street, Plattsburgh, N.Y.

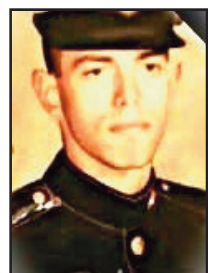
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ALBERT LADUKE JR. died Aug. 22, 2025, at UVM-CVPH. A funeral Mass will be held at St. Joseph's Church in Dannemora, N.Y., at 12 p.m. on Thursday, August 28th. Burial will follow immediately at St. Bernard's Cemetery, Lyon Mountain, N.Y.

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Steven Paul Mascia

July 27, 1950 - August 11, 2025



OCALA — Steven Paul Mascia, 75, passed away on Aug. 11, 2025. He is survived by the love of his life of forty years, Marilyn Mascia of Plattsburgh, N.Y., his daughter and her husband, Stacey (Mascia) and Lee Susice of Malone, N.Y., his sisters, Karen (Mascia) Reynolds of Plattsburgh, N.Y., Pamela Barcomb of Champlain, N.Y., sister-in-law, Julie Mascia of Clarksburg, W.Va., and beloved nieces and nephews.

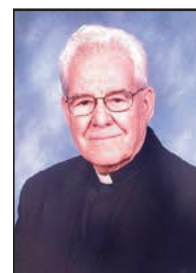
Steven was born July 27, 1950, in Plattsburgh, N.Y., and was predeceased by his parents, Joan (Prentice) and Armondo Mascia of Plattsburgh, N.Y., his sister Tammy Cannarile of Peru, N.Y., his brother Keith Mascia of Clarksburg, W.Va., and a son who died in childhood, Corey Fountain of Plattsburgh, N.Y.

He loved his Jack Russells, The Beach Boys, Bread, and the Bee Gees, martial arts, and Italian cuisine. His Christian faith was strong, and he shared that with many others. His sense of humor carried him through his service in Vietnam, earning him the nickname "Jerry (Lewis)" from his fellow service members. A proud member of the Marine Corp., he was wounded, received a Purple Heart, and when he returned to the States, he became the North Country representative of the Vietnam Veterans of America, advocating for his fellow veterans. A military service will be held for the family in Florida. "May his memory be a blessing."

In place of gifts or flowers, donations may be made to North Country Community College in Saranac Lake, N.Y., for the Student Veteran's Award in Steven Mascia's name, care of Foundation and Development, 518-891-2915 ext. 1250.

Reverend Gilbert B. Menard

October 24, 1928 - August 08, 2025



PLATTSBURGH — Reverend Gilbert B. Menard

A Mass of Christian burial for Father Gilbert B. Menard will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 14, 2025, at St. Ann's Church in Mooers Forks.

Bishop Terry R. LaValley will serve as the celebrant and will offer the homily.

Father Bernard Menard, nephew and priest of the Diocese of Syracuse, will preside over the Reception of the Body at 2:30 p.m. on August 13 at St. Ann's Church in Mooers Forks. Calling hours will follow until 6 p.m.

On August 14, calling hours will be held at St. Ann's Church, Mooers Forks, from 9:30 until shortly before Mass.

Burial will follow Mass at St. Ann's Cemetery with a reception afterward at the parish center.

Father Menard died Aug. 8, 2025, at Plattsburgh Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. He was 96.

Born Oct. 24, 1928, in Mooers, he was the son of Bernard and Adele (Arquette) Menard. He grew up in Mooers, attending Saint Mary's Academy in Champlain. He studied at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg and St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester, N.Y. He later received graduate studies at Saint Michael's College in Winooski, Vt., and the State University College at Potsdam.

He was ordained May 21, 1955, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg by Bishop Walter Kellenberg.

Father Menard's first assignment was as assistant pastor in Lake Placid followed by St. Mary's Church in Potsdam and St. Ann's Church in Mooers Forks. During this time, he also served as faculty at St. Mary's Academy in Champlain and taught Latin at Mooers High School, and the diocesan Director of the Columbian Squires.

In 1965, Father Menard was parochial vicar at Saint Alphonsus Church in Tupper Lake until becoming pastor at St. Peter's Church in Hammond and St. Patrick's Church in Rossie in 1971. In 1978, he was named pastor of St. Alexander's Church in Morristown. He then served as pastor at St. Edmund's Church in Ellenburg Center and St. Philomena's Church from 1983 until his retirement in 1999.

Father Menard was on the faculty of Wadhams Hall Seminary from 1965 to 1978, teaching Latin and French and serving as Foreign Languages Chair. Additionally, Father Menard was a prolific speaker and retreat director for youth and adults, presenting around the diocese on many topics. Among his many other duties, he was a prison chaplain at Clinton Correctional Facility, instructed CCD teachers, was chaplain of the Court Little Rose Catholic Daughters of America, was a deanery director for the Bishop's Fund Appeal and served on the diocesan Board of Consultants.

Survivors include his sisters Cecile McDonald, Rita Miner, Sr. Elizabeth Menard, Gloria Menard, Catherine (Jerry) Frederick, Regina (John) Stansbury, and Jeanne Menard; brothers Roland Menard and Arthur (Norma) Menard. Father Menard is also survived by Shirley Reyell, his faithful housekeeper for over 45 years, and many nieces and nephews.

Father Menard was predeceased by his parents, brothers Fr. Clarence Menard, Leonard (Doris and Joyce) Manor, and infant Joseph Menard; sisters Theresa (Raymond) Lavoie, and infant Bertha Menard; and brothers-in-law Donald McDonald and Jerry Miner.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be offered to St. Ann's Church, Mooers Forks, N.Y.

Arrangements are in the care of the Brown Funeral Home, Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Michael Vree "Mike" Morse

September 27, 1955 - July 23, 2025



PERU — Michael Vree Morse, of Peru, passed away peacefully on the evening of Wednesday, July 23rd, 2025, leaving behind a legacy rooted in love and connection.

He was born in Plattsburgh on Sept. 27, 1955, the son of the late Vreeland and Janet (Covel) Morse. Mike graduated from Peru High School in 1973.

Post graduation, Mike worked various jobs. He was most proud of his work alongside his father; he worked insulating as part of Vree Morse & Son — including many businesses in preparation for the 1980 Olympics.

In 1986, Mike began a long career with the New York State Department of Corrections. After early assignments downstate, he spent 23 years at Bare Hill Correctional Facility, where he built lasting friendships and retired in December 2011.

Mike loved time with his grandchildren and being at his favorite place—camp in Keene Valley. His greatest passion was the people in his life, with a heart that knew no limits. He made others feel seen, brought laughter with ease, and left a lasting mark through his warmth and charm. His memory will bring smiles for years to come.

Left to cherish the memory of Mike are, his two children and their spouses, David and Chelsea Morse, and Michelle and Terrence Sims; four grandchildren, Keene and Kemp Morse, and Isaiah and Hezekiah Sims; his sister, Amy Morse; his former wife, Karen Morse; his longtime girlfriend, Susan Jordan, and several nieces and nephews including Logan Laforest, whom he thought of as a son.

He was predeceased by his siblings Roy C. "Rick" Morse and Marian Morse Peters; and his sister-in-law, Toy C. Morse.

In lieu of calling hours, Michael's family is hosting a celebration of life on his birthday, September 27th, at Ledge Hill North (formally Living Goods/Crickets) from 3 to 6 p.m.

Donations can be made to Hospice in his honor.

Arrangements are in the care of the Hamilton Funeral Home, 294 Mannix Road, Peru, 518-643-9055. To make a floral purchase, offer an online condolence, share a symbolic gesture, or share a photo in memory of Michael Morse please visit www.hamiltonfuneralhome.com

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Linda O'Leary

July 08, 1941 - August 09, 2025



TRUMANSBURG — Linda O'Leary of Trumansburg passed away on Saturday, Aug. 9, 2025, at the age of 84.

Linda was born on July 8, 1941, in Plattsburgh, N.Y., a daughter of the late Otis and Leona (Tobin) Hazen. Linda's academic pursuits led her to graduate from Au Sable Forks High School, followed by obtaining her bachelor's degree from SUNY Plattsburgh.

In 1976, Linda began what would be a dedicated career at Trumansburg High School as a home economics teacher. Her influence extended far beyond the classroom, as she nurtured young minds and shaped future generations with her warmth and wisdom. She teamed up with the beloved Kathy Bond in the library for 29 cherished years at Charles O. Dickerson High School, where she retired from in 2013. As a class advisor, she created lasting memories that resonated with her students, weaving lessons of life with threads of kindness.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Linda's heart thrived in the companionship of her close friends at JKL Design. Among the most treasured memories are the countless hours spent crafting vibrant items for local craft shows and the joy derived from running shows straight from her garage.

Linda is survived by her children, Kelly (David) Blake, Karen (Brian) Barnes, and John O'Leary; grandchildren, Kimberly Makinster, Zachary Makinster, Marshall Blake, Jacob (Hannah) Barnes, Joshua Barnes, and Zak Horn; great-grandchildren, Jahnaya, Kyra, Julianna, and Elijah; sister, Peggy Kyea; along with many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, John Harrington O'Leary; and her brother, Joseph Casey.

The family will be present to receive friends from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 16, 2025, at Ness-Sibley Funeral Home, 23 South Street, Trumansburg. A memorial service will immediately follow at 3 p.m., at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers the family asks those that would like to make a donation in her memory to kindly consider the Trumansburg Food Pantry, PO Box 162, Trumansburg, NY 14886.

For additional information please visit www.ness-sibley.com

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Angela N. Rider

March 13, 1985 - July 29, 2025



PLATTSBURGH — Angela Nicole Rider, age 40, beloved daughter, mother, wife and nurse passed away July 29th, at home with her family after bravely fighting cancer.

Angela was born March 13, 1985, in San Diego, Calif., and came to New York as a young adult where she put herself through nursing school. She received her RN certification and spent the rest of her life helping anyone she could. Angela was a light in the dark to everyone that knew her, and will forever be missed.

She lives on by her mother Deborah McCoy, son Tyler Rider, daughter Abbey Rider, along with many others.

Please help us celebrate her life Saturday, August 9th, at her home, 79 Saily Avenue, Plattsburgh, from 1 to 5 p.m. All are welcome.

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BONNIE SKELLY passed away Aug. 9, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. Visitation will be held at Brown Funeral Home in Plattsburgh on Thursday, August 14th, from 4 to 6 p.m.

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ALLISON TUCKER - Funeral services for Allison Tucker, of Saranac, will be held Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2025, at 12 p.m., Frary Funeral Home. Calling hours will be from 10 a.m. until the service starts. Arrangements with Frary Funeral Home, Malone.

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THEODORE KOLFF VAN OOSTERWYK, 94, of Altona, died July 28th, 2025, at his home. He was born in North Bellmore, July 5th, 1931, the son of Lambertus and Mildred (Burkhart) Kolff van Oosterwyk. Arrangements by the Hamilton Funeral Home, Mooers.



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Sylvia Carol Soper White

May 23, 1935 - August 07, 2025



THE VILLAGES — Sylvia Carol Soper White, 90, passed away peacefully on Aug. 7, 2025, at 11 p.m., surrounded by her loving family at A Banyan Residence in The Villages, Fla. Born on May 23, 1935, Sylvia was the beloved daughter of Maynard and Malana Soper. She was predeceased by her husband of 60 years, Alfie A. White (2015), her parents, and three siblings. She is survived by her three children: Phyllis Patnode, Jeffrey (Cheryl) White, and Stephen (Anne) White; six cherished grandchildren: Nicole (Eric) Maisch, Malana (Nick) Tamer, Matthew (Anne) White, Katie (Lane) Padgett, Nicole (Lamont) Grimstead, and Eric (Lisa) Johnson; and 13 treasured great-grandchildren, each of whom brought her immense joy.

Sylvia and Alfie built a life together filled with hard work, family, and adventure. For many years they owned and operated the Grand Prix Motor Lodge and the Village Motel, welcoming guests with warmth and hospitality. In retirement, they split their time between homes on Lake Champlain and in Florida, enjoying the game of golf, time with friends, and living life to the fullest. A woman of strong faith, Sylvia was a parishioner of St. Timothy Catholic Church in The Villages, Fla., as well as Immaculate Conception and St. John’s Catholic Churches in Keeseville, N.Y. She will be remembered as a kind-hearted yet spirited mother, grandmother, and friend—someone who spoke her mind, loved deeply, and brought laughter and strength to those around her. Her family is deeply grateful to everyone who offered prayers, love, and support throughout her long journey with dementia. Sylvia’s warmth, resilience, and zest for life will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Memorial service arrangements are in the process of being made.

FREDA WHITFIELD, 98, Lyon Mountain, died July 25th. Visitation at St. Bernard’s Church, Lyon Mountain, August 2nd, 10 to 11 a.m. Mass immediately following at 11 a.m. Burial in St. Bernard’s Cemetery, Lyon Mountain. Arrangements with Chateaugay Funeral Home.







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