

# with Love & Remembrance

Nov. 26, 2025 - Dec. 27, 2025



A

**Priscilla Ann Altizer****February 23, 1931 - December 12, 2025**

**PERU** — Priscilla Ann Altizer slipped into eternity peacefully on Friday, Dec. 12, 2025. She was born in Peru on Feb. 23, 1931, to Harvey and Alice Maynard Monnette and was married to Blake Altizer (died 1989) for 33 years. She leaves behind five children: Tammi Jo Klajnbart of Colorado, Darrell Altizer (Elise) of Peru, Lisa Graybill of South Carolina, Roxanne Melie of Clinton, N.Y., and Deanne McCallum (Roy) of South Carolina, eleven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Pam was valedictorian of her class in 1948 and received a degree from PSUC in Nursing in 1952. She worked as a nurse on Long Island and in Santa Barbara before children, and as a school nurse in the Keeseeville, Ausable Valley, and Peru school districts from 1975 until her retirement in 1994.

Priscilla was a long-standing member of the Peru Community Church, and a lifetime member and Girl Scout Leader. She was an active member of the Ladies Guild, the Community Church choir, Red Hat Society, and the NYS Retired Teachers Assoc. She loved to travel—especially to see her family, and she was known to gather friends for coffee, lunch outings, plays, or college events. Her zest for life was balanced by her quiet devotion to God.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Peru Community Church at 1 p.m. Saturday, December 20th, with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Center. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family in the spring.

Donations may be made to the Peru Community Church Steeple Fund or the Peru Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements are with the Hamilton Funeral Home, Peru.

B

**JUDITH BAER**, 91, passed away on Nov. 15, 2025. A Celebration of Life will be held at Plattsburgh Church of the Nazarene, 187 Broad St., Plattsburgh, Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025, at 11 a.m. Arrangements with R.W. Walker Funeral Home.

**RONALD BRUNELLE**, 87, of West Chazy, passed away Dec. 7, 2025. He was born Sept. 6, 1938. Arrangements are incomplete at this time and will be announced with the R.W. Walker Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 69 Court Street, Plattsburgh.

C

**CAROLE ANN CAO-BA**, 82, of Queensbury, N.Y., passed on Nov. 19, 2025, at Albany Medical Center. A Jewish service and burial will be held on Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025, at 11 a.m. at Temple Beth Israel in Plattsburgh.

**PATRICK CAYEA**, 74, of Lyon Mountain, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 17th. Calling hours will be held at St. Bernard's Church, Lyon Mountain, December 27th, 10 a.m. to noon. Mass will immediately follow at noon. Arrangements with Chateaugay Funeral Home.

**LAWRENCE F. CHATELLE**, 83, of Saranac, died Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2025, at his home surrounded by his loving family. A celebration of Larry's life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are with the Chateaugay Funeral Home.

**ALBERT CORYEA**—Visitation for Albert Coryea, will be Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025, 4 to 6 p.m. at R.W. Walker Funeral Home. A funeral service will follow at 6 p.m. in funeral home chapel. Arrangements by R.W. Walker Funeral Home, Plattsburgh.

F

**Sister Claire M. Fortier****May 25, 1932 - December 16, 2025**

**PLATTSBURGH** — Sister Claire Michel Fortier, SCSL of Victory Place Senior Community in Plattsburgh, N.Y., was called to her heavenly home on Dec. 16, 2025. She passed away at CVPH. The second child of three, she was born Marie Olive Fortier on May 25, 1932, to Ovila and Jeannette (Roy) Fortier in Berlin, N.H. Both her parents, her sister Jeannette Hillman, and her brother-in-law John Hillman predeceased her.

She attended grade school in Berlin, N.H., and then Waterbury Catholic High School in Waterbury, Conn. The family then moved to Oakville, Conn., where Sister Claire worked for four years in the office and factory for Autoyre Co., in Oakville and met the Sisters of Charity of Saint Louis who were in St. Mary's Parish in Oakville. In 1956 she entered the Novitiate of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Louis in Levis, Quebec, spent some time out in Western Canada, and made her First Profession on Aug. 22, 1958, and her Final Profession on Aug. 22, 1963, at St. Joseph's Novitiate in Cheshire, Conn.

Sister Claire obtained her Bachelor of Science Ed. from St. Rose in Albany, N.Y., and a Certificate of Qualification from the State Ed. Department. She obtained Certification in Religion from the Bridgeport Diocese and went for a Spiritual Renewal Program at Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Sister Claire was missioned and taught in schools in Brookfield, Conn., and in Plattsburgh and Keeseeville, N.Y. She was also Superior at St. Joseph's Convent in Brookfield, Conn., and at OLV Convent in Plattsburgh. After her teaching career in the primary grades, she happily volunteered at OLV Clothing Store.

In February of 2014, Sister Claire underwent surgeries due to several fractures from a fall and since then she has been completely retired, but continued visiting the sick Sisters of Charity of Saint Louis in nursing homes.

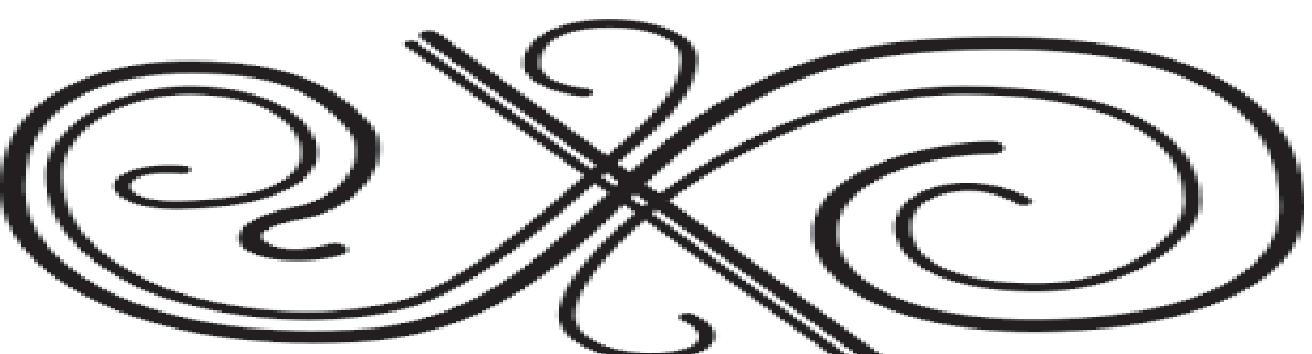
Sister Claire spent her last years of retirement at Victory Place Senior Community.

Sister Claire Michel Fortier is survived by her sister, Sister Mary Francis Fortier, a cloistered Dominican Nun in North Guilford, Conn. She is survived by one niece and two nephews, one great-niece and three great-nephews, and aunts, uncles, and cousins. She is also survived by her Religious Community, the Sisters of Charity of Saint Louis.

A great deal of thanks to Dr. Gilbert Desmangles and nurse Morgan Bennet, who spent many hours with Sister in her passing.

Calling hours will be at Our Lady of Victory Church in Plattsburgh, N.Y., on Saturday, Dec. 20, 2025, from 9 to 10 a.m. A Mass of Christian burial with follow at 10 a.m.; burial will be later next year at St. Peter's Cemetery in Plattsburgh.

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



## G

**WAYNE GARRANT** died Dec. 12, 2025, at his home in Plattsburgh. Visitation will be at St. Alexander's Church, Morrisonville, at 11:15 a.m., Saturday, December 20th, followed by a funeral at 12 p.m., with a gathering after at the church hall.

**RUTH GONYA**, 86, of Point au Roche, passed away Dec. 12, 2025. A graveside service will take place in the spring in Point au Roche Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to the R.W. Walker Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Plattsburgh.

## Barbara Ann Guay

July 13, 1942 - December 15, 2025



ROUSES POINT — With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Barbara Ann (LaValley) Guay, a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, who left this world on Dec. 15, 2025, at the age of 83. Born on July 13, 1942, in Mooers Forks, N.Y., Barbara spent her early years surrounded by the beauty of upstate New York before eventually settling in Rouses Point, where she became a cherished member of the community.

Barbara was a dedicated homemaker, pouring her love and energy into creating a warm and loving home for her family. She also contributed her talents to the Champlain Telephone Company and Sheridan Iron Works, demonstrating her strong work ethic and commitment to those around her. Friends affectionately referred to her as the "beautiful lady," a testament to her kind spirit and captivating presence.

Above all, Barbara cherished her role as a grandmother, nurturing and caring for her grandchildren—Alyssa (Greg) Haase, Miranda (Tommy) Menard, Kyler (Katherine) Guay, Karissa Guay, Zoey McNeil, Abigail Guay, and Kaitlynn Guay—with love and devotion. She was also a proud great-grandmother to Nathan Guay, forming a lasting bond with each and every one of them.

Barbara is survived by her loving daughter Lisa Menard and her husband, Dale, her son Randy Guay and his wife, Danielle, her son, Lance Guay, and her beloved sister, Genevieve Ducharme, as well as several nieces and nephews. The love that she cultivated in her family and friendships will continue to resonate throughout the lives she touched.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Elizabeth (Barcomb) LaValley, her loving sister, Flo Lamberton, her sister, Joanne LaValley, her two brothers, Oliver and Gerald LaValley, and two nephews, Barry and Terry Lamberton.

Calling hours will be held Tuesday, December 23rd, from 10 to 11 a.m. at St. Ann's Church in Mooers Forks, where friends and family are encouraged to share their memories and stories of this remarkable woman. A Mass of Christian burial will follow at 11 a.m. In honor of her caring spirit, memorial donations may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Barbara Ann (LaValley) Guay will be deeply missed but forever remembered, cherished in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. Her legacy of love, strength, and compassion will live on through her family and all who were lucky enough to call her a friend.

## H

## George "Bob" R.C. Harrison

June 21, 1936 - November 20, 2025

PLATTSBURGH — George R.C. "Bob" Harrison, 89, of Plattsburgh, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 20, 2025, at his residence. He was born on June 21st, 1936.

Bob loved spending time with his family, loved the Boston Red Sox, never missing a game.

He is survived by his sister Barbara Garish; nieces and nephews, Angela and husband Ken, Annette, Madeline and her husband John, Thomas and his wife Rene, Steve and John and his wife Monica, Patricia, Denise and Diane.

He is predeceased by his mother, stepfather and his wife. A Catholic Mass will be celebrated on Dec. 5, 2025, at 10 a.m. at St. Peter's Church. Inurnment will follow.

Arrangements are entrusted to Brown Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be offered at [www.brownfuneralhomemny.com](http://www.brownfuneralhomemny.com)

## K

## Gerd Kienert

July 13, 1941 - November 28, 2025



AVON — Gerd Kienert passed away peacefully on Nov. 28, 2025, after a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's disease.

Born in Germany on July 13, 1941, he came to the United States in 1953 with his mother and father. Arriving with no English, he taught himself the language by reading comic books, a small example of the curiosity and determination that would guide him throughout life.

After spending his early childhood in Germany, Gerd continued his formative years in Albany, N.Y., where he graduated from Colonie High School in 1963. He went on to earn his degree from SUNY Plattsburgh. Early in his career, he worked for R.J. Reynolds. Later he joined the Department of Corrections as a psychologist in the Merle Cooper Program, dedicating 25 years of service and retiring as Deputy Superintendent of Programs at Upstate Correctional Facility.

Known for his generosity and sense of humor, he was also active in his community as a member of the Masonic temple and as a Sunday school teacher at the Peru Community Church. Whether drag racing in his younger years, traveling to Maine or raising German Shepherds, he approached life with enthusiasm and purpose. Among his proudest moments was becoming a United States citizen on Dec. 4, 1959, a milestone that he never stopped celebrating.

He is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Mary Lou; his daughter Paula Kienert, and her husband, Simon Steel; his son, Eric Kienert, and his partner, Deb Tyler; his stepdaughter Stephanie Garvey, and her husband, Jay Garvey; and his grandsons, Matt and Nate Kienert and William and Sam Garvey. He was predeceased by his parents, Adolf and Erna Kienert; his sister, Lily and his first wife, Charlotte.

Those who knew him will remember his signature greeting

well - "Great, fantastic, couldn't be better - every day is a holiday!," a reflection of his spirit and the joy that he brought to others.

In keeping with his wishes, there will be no calling hours or funeral. A private celebration of his life will be held by the family at a later date. Donations in his memory may be made to the SPCA or the Parkinson's Foundation.

[www.NewComerRochester.com](http://www.NewComerRochester.com)

**MABEL KING**, 82, of West Chazy, passed away Dec. 19, 2025. Calling hours held December 22nd, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the R.W. Walker Funeral Home in Plattsburgh. Mass on December 23rd, 11 a.m. at St. Alexander's Church in Morrisonville.

## L

## David John Leary

August 18, 1953 - November 14, 2025



PLATTSBURGH — David ("Dave") Leary passed away in his home on November 14th after years of declining health. He was 72 years old. Dave was born in Burlington, Vt., to Tom and Bonnie Leary. After graduating from Burlington High School in 1971, he attended Champlain College, Castleton State College, and the University of Vermont. He explored various career paths in his life; in his later years he worked in sales at Jeffords Steel and enjoyed a post-retirement job at Dick's Sporting Goods. Dave

was an avid golfer and a fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers and the San Francisco Giants. He loved watching the University of Connecticut men's basketball team play whenever he could catch them on TV (Go Huskies!). His hobbies included photography and fishing.

Dave was predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his two brothers, Tim (Erin Swezey) and Kevin (Karen) as well as nephews Patrick, Keenan, Brent and niece Jessica. The family would like to extend their gratitude to Dave's ex-wife, Carolyn Lawrence, for her kindness and support over the years.

A graveside service will be held next summer.







## M

**William Thomas Meconi**

October 02, 1948 - December 06, 2025



PLATTSBURGH — William Thomas "Bill" Meconi, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025, at the home of his daughter, Jillian Duda, surrounded by love. He was born on Oct. 2, 1948, in Plattsburgh, N.Y., son of Louis Peter Meconi and Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Jennings Meconi. He graduated from Au Sable Forks High School and later attended Springfield College in Springfield, Mass.

He is survived by his daughter Lisa Meconi and her husband, Jeremiah Murray and grandson Cormac Murray, his daughter Jillian Duda and her husband Jonathan Duda, and grandson Connor Duda, son John Meconi and his wife Regina Meconi, stepdaughter Savanna-Lin Frederick, stepson Tyler Broadway and stepson Hunter Broadway; sister Susan Pulitzer and her partner Barry Waling, brother Robert Meconi and his wife Victoria Meconi; many nieces and nephews; and beloved friend Renee Levesque.

Visitation will be held Thursday, Dec. 18, 2025, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the R.W. Walker Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated Friday, December 19th, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh.

Donations in Bill's honor may be made to the Plattsburgh VA Clinic.

Those wishing to share a photo, story, or condolence with the family are invited to visit [www.rwwalkersfh.com](http://www.rwwalkersfh.com).

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

**Gail Morin**

August 11, 1935 - December 13, 2025



PERU — The weeds of the world can finally breathe a sigh of relief as Gail Morin, Master Gardener, has hung up her trowel for the final time after a life spent keeping plants - and people in line. Gail A. Morin, 90, of Peru, died Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025, at the Plattsburgh Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

Gail was born in Flushing, N.Y., Aug. 11, 1935, the daughter of Hugo and Marie (Hauser) vonWalsleben. Gail graduated from Plattsburgh State University with a teaching degree in 1957. She taught at Monty Street Elementary School in Plattsburgh, where she met her husband, Camille Morin.

For decades Gail was a member of the local Ladies Garden Club. She also dedicated numerous years as a volunteer at the Peru Free Library. Honoring her German heritage, Gail was a member of the local German Club. A world traveler, Gail collected passport stamps and explored several countries (Great Britain, Russia, Mongolia, Austria and China to name a few), cultures and cuisines.

Left to cherish her memory are Gail's five daughters, each of

whom inherited at least one of her traits: her green thumb, her wanderlust, her love of community and her uncanny humor. Susan Mariano (Michael) of Somersworth, N.H., Melanie Morin of Naples, Fla., Julie Smuczynski (Mike) of the world in general, Amy Morin of Saranac Lake, N.Y., and Leigh Tyler (Tom Mattila) of Plattsburgh, N.Y. She also left behind grandchildren Taylor Bezio, Nicholas Mariano, Kelsey, Morgan and Ian Smuczynski, Madison Tyler and Chaz Welker as well as her great-grandson, Hayes Smuczynski Short and niece, Jane Bickford.

Gail's family extends a special thank you to John Tyler of Peru, N.Y., for his love, help and support of Gail over the years.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husbands, Harry B. Thompson in 1959 and Camille Morin 2008 and her brother Ted in 2001.

Honoring Gail's wishes, services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests planting something in her honor; preferably something hardy. Gail did have her standards.

Arrangements are in the care of the Hamilton Funeral Home, 294 Mannix Road, Peru, (518) 643-9055. To offer an online condolence, share a symbolic gesture, or share a photo in memory of Gail Morin please visit [www.hamiltonfuneralhome.com](http://www.hamiltonfuneralhome.com)

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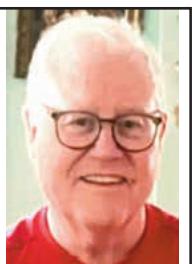
**MARY PAUL**, 86, of Plattsburgh, died Dec. 5, 2025. A Mass will be celebrated Saturday, December 13th, 10 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church in West Chazy. Burial will be at a later date. Arrangements by R.W. Walker Funeral Home, Plattsburgh.

## R

**G. RABIDEAU** of Wanakena, passed away on Dec. 18, 2025, after a long battle with a brain cancer, glioblastoma. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are with French Family Funeral Home in Star Lake.

**Romeyn Rowlson**

December 30, 1950 - December 17, 2025



PLATTSBURGH — Romeyn (Miney) Rowlson - Miney was born in Plattsburgh to loving parents Ira A. (Buss) Rowlson Jr. and Jane Prescott Rowlson. He graduated from Plattsburgh High School, where he enjoyed participating in three varsity sports. He earned a Bachelor's degree from SUNY Plattsburgh, and had the opportunity to play football alongside his oldest brother, Alan.

Miney lived his life in public service: first in the military; then afterwards, working for the federal government in a number of capacities. In 1976 he proudly joined the U.S. Marine Corps. He completed Officer Candidate training in Quantico, Va., and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. Afterwards he went to NAS Pensacola, Fla., for aviation training as a helicopter pilot. Miney achieved the rank of Captain and was discharged from the Marine Corps in 1981 from the Air Sta-

tion in Tustin, Calif. He continued his military service in the USMC Reserves as a pilot out of the Westover AFB, Mass., from 1981 until 1983.

Miney was always ready with a joke and a smile and will be remembered as a fun-loving person. Once retired and living back in Plattsburgh, he often enjoyed sharing lunch and a beer with his brother Chris. An avid reader, he found happiness both in shared laughter and in the quiet companionship of a good book. His life touched many in meaningful ways, leaving behind warm memories that will remain with all who knew him.

Miney is survived by his son, Nathaniel Romeyn Rowlson of North Charleston, S.C., and his daughter, Margaret Page Rowlson of Fairfax, Va. Also surviving are his brothers Alan (Elva), and Chris (Mickey) Rowlson, his sister Becky (Ernie) Witkowsky, along with loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A family celebration of life for Miney will be planned for a later time.

Those wishing to share a photo, story, or condolence with the family are invited to visit [www.rwwalkersfh.com](http://www.rwwalkersfh.com).

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

## S

**JOHN SAWYER**, 84, of Plattsburgh, passed on Nov. 29, 2025, at the Essex Center in Elizabethtown. He was born Sept. 10, 1941, the son of Henry A. Sawyer and Doris C. (Hamilton) Sawyer. Arrangements with Brown Funeral Home.

## T

**ROLAND TATRO**, 89, of Lyon Mountain, passed away Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025, at CVPH Medical Center, Plattsburgh. Services will be private and at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are with the Chateaugay Funeral Home.



## U

**Robert H. Underwood****May 05, 1945 - November 29, 2025**

WEST CHAZY — Robert H. Underwood, 80, of West Chazy, on Nov. 29, 2025, at the UVHN:CVPH Medical Center.

He was born in Ellenburg Depot, N.Y., on May 5, 1945, the son of Clifford and Bertha (Brassard) Underwood.

Robert retired from Wyeth in Rouses Point, N.Y.

Robert is survived by his wife of 55 years, the former Helen Marie LaFountain of Standish, N.Y.; they were married on July 25, 1970, at St. Bernard's Church in Lyon Mountain. His brothers and sisters-in-law, Gary and Patricia Underwood of Plattsburgh and Randy and Cathy Underwood of West Palm Bay, Fla., his sister, Kathy Underwood of Melbourne, Fla., and Betty and Gary Dragoon of Sciota, N.Y.; several nieces and nephews also survive him.

He was predeceased by his parents, his sister and brother-in-law Joan and David Wadden.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, Dec. 4, 2025, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Brown Funeral Home in Plattsburgh. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Friday, Dec. 5, 2025, at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Chazy. Burial will be at Assumption of Mary Cemetery in Redford, N.Y., later next year.

Donations in Robert's memory may be made to Hope Lodge, Burlington, Vt., Masses in his memory at Sacred Heart Church or a charity of one's choice.

Arrangements are entrusted to Brown Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be offered at [www.brownfuneralhomeny.com](http://www.brownfuneralhomeny.com)



## W

**RICHARD WIDELSKI**, 87, Chateaugay, died December 4th. Calling hours will be held at the Chateaugay Funeral Home December 10th, 4 to 7 p.m. Mass will be at St. Patrick's Church, Chateaugay, December 11th, 11 a.m. Arrangements with Chateaugay Funeral Home.

**STEPHEN WOOD**, 73, passed away unexpectedly Dec. 1, 2025. Visitation Friday, December 12th, 4 to 6 p.m. at Walker Funeral Home. Services Saturday at 11 a.m. in Trinity Episcopal Church, Plattsburgh. Arrangements by Walker Funeral Home, 69 Court St., Plattsburgh.





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