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LISA ARNOLD GUAY, 73, of Champlain, passed February 26th. A celebration of life will be March 13th, from 1 to 3 at Hamilton in Peru with a closing prayer at 3. A reception will follow at the Harkness Church Hall.

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Paul J. Benway

August 26, 1937 - March 15, 2026



JAY — Paul J. Benway, 88, of Glen Road, Jay, passed away peacefully on March 15, 2026, at Plattsburgh Rehab surrounded by his family.

He was born on Aug. 26, 1937, in Jay, N.Y., the son of the late Wyman Benway and Nina (Hathaway) Benway.

Paul graduated in 1955 from AuSable High School. He married the late Barbara Cave on Sept. 20, 1958, at St. Agnes Church in Lake Placid. They were married 62 years.

Paul worked for many area businesses: North Country School, AuSable Valley Telephone Company, Edmonds Construction, Town of Jay (Assessor), NYS Department of Transportation and Northern Orchards. Paul retired from the NYS Department of Transportation in 1993. Paul spent 26 retirement years caring for his wife, Barbara, until her death on Aug. 22, 2021.

Prior to his wife's disability, he served at Holy Name Church as a member of the Parish Council, Eucharistic Minister and a Labor Day volunteer. He loved working in their vegetable gardens and flowerbeds. He also had a firewood business where he sold firewood to many people in the area. Paul enjoyed living on the Glen Road, with his wife, and enjoyed their beautiful view of Whiteface Mountain for many years. He and Barbara also enjoyed square dancing throughout the years.

Paul is survived by his six children: Christopher, Christina (Tim Oshier), Christal (Don Yando), Carol LaPorte, Paul (Carol Greenley), Timothy (Cathy). He is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren and one future great-grandchild in June 2026; his sisters: Hazel Teriele and Harriet Rasco; his brothers: Norris (Judy), Robert, Alan (Marla).

Paul was predeceased by his wife, Barbara; daughter-in-law, Kimberley Benway; son-in-law, Richard LaPorte; and great-grandson, Noah Boettcher; his siblings: Helen (Jim Flynn), Hilda (Vaughn Hathaway), Lional (Emmy) Benway; brothers-in-law: Bernard Teriele and Marshall Rasco; sisters-in-law: Helena Benway and Maura Benway.

We want to thank Dale Walton for giving communion to dad at home. We also want to personally thank the staff at Plattsburgh Rehab for their wonderful care and kindness towards dad. They were exceptional.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations made to the Upper Jay Fire Department, Jay Fire Department, Wilmington Ambulance, and the AuSable Ambulance.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Holy Name Church in Au Sable Forks with burial to follow at Holy Name Cemetery.

Services were entrusted to Heidrick-Zaumetzer Funeral Home, PO Box 127, 3 College St., Au Sable Forks, NY 12912.

C

WENDY CAMPBELL passed away at her home on March 18, 2026. There will a celebration of life Saturday, March 21st, 2026, between the hours 4 to 8 p.m. at the Town Hall in Beekmantown, 571 Spellman Road, Beekmantown, N.Y.

DANIEL COURNEENE, of Plattsburgh, passed away March 19th in Naples, Fla. His life was taken in a cycling accident. He died doing what he loved in his happy place. His celebration of life ceremony to be announced.

Reverend Theodore A. Crosby

March 12, 1970 - March 10, 2026



WEST CHAZY — A Memorial Mass for Father Theodore A. Crosby will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Church in West Chazy at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 27th, celebrated by Bishop Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Father Scott Seymour will serve as homilist. The Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated in his hometown on Monday, March 16th, at 10 a.m. at St. Francis Church in Phelps, N.Y. Father Crosby died March 10, 2026, in West Chazy. He was 55.

Born March 12, 1970, in Clifton Springs, he was the son of Theodore M. and Margaret A. (Maslyn) Crosby. He was baptized at St. Francis Church in Phelps on March 29, 1970. He grew up in the Phelps area and remained connected to his family throughout his life.

Father Crosby graduated from St. John Fisher College in Rochester in 1992. He spent a year discerning with the Redemptorists as a postulant while studying at St. John's University from 1994 to 1995. He later attended Wadhams Hall Seminary-College for Pre-Theology followed by Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, where he earned a Master of Divinity in 2000.

He was ordained to the priesthood on Aug. 12, 2000, by Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

Following ordination, Father Crosby served as parochial vicar at Holy Family Church in Watertown from 2000 to 2004, and then at St. Peter's Church in Lowville, St. Hedwig's Church in Houseville, St. Thomas Church in Greig, and St. Mary's Church in Glenfield. In 2006 he began ministry in Malone, serving across St. Joseph's, St. Helen's, Notre Dame, and St. John Bosco parishes.

In 2007, he became administrator and later pastor of St. Michael's Church in Standish and St. Bernard's Church in Lyon Mountain. He also provided sacramental ministry as a volunteer chaplain at the Lyon Mountain Correctional Facility. Beginning in 2010, he also served as administrator and later pastor of St. Edmund's in Ellenburg Center. In 2016, he was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's Church in West Chazy and Sacred Heart Church in Chazy, where he ministered faithfully until his death.

He was predeceased by his parents, and he is survived by his sister, Tammy Crosby.

Father Crosby's priestly life was marked by love for the Eucharist, the Mass and Mary, the Mother of God. He once advised, "Mary told the angel at the Annunciation, 'Be it done unto me according to your word.' God was able to entrust such a great vocation to Mary because she never let herself get in God's way." He tried hard not to let himself get in God's way, embracing a life of steadiness, humility, curiosity and simplicity.

He had a lifelong love of history, especially Civil War and Lincoln-era history.

Father Crosby is survived by his sister Tammy of Phelps, his aunts Joanne Maslyn of Farmington, Betty Gordner of Seneca

Castle and Jane Crosby of Geneva and many cousins. He is predeceased by his parents.

Parishioners across his assignments will remember his generosity, his engaging homilies and his pastoral care.

KAREN CROWLEY, 61, of Plattsburgh, passed away peacefully, March 5, 2026, at the UVM Health Network-CVPH, with her family by her side. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at 10 a.m. at Brown Funeral Home, Plattsburgh.

D

CASEY DESROCHER passed away unexpectedly on March 7, 2026. Calling hours Monday, March 16th, 1 to 4 p.m. with a funeral service at 4 p.m. A celebration of life will be held at Treadmill Rec Park, 4 to 8 p.m.

Valerie S. Dominic

July 12, 1948 - February 21, 2026



MOOERS FORKS — Valerie S. Dominic, 77, of Route 11, Mooers Forks, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 21, 2026, at Meadowbrook Healthcare.

She was born in Malone on July 12, 1948, the daughter of Harold and Velma (Spoor) Honsinger.

Val graduated from Northern Adirondack Central School. She married Lawrence Dominic on Oct. 18, 1968. Val was employed by the Department of Social Services until her retirement. She was a member of the Red Hat-ers. Val enjoyed jigsaw, crossword, and word find puzzles. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with her family.

Survivors include her loving husband, Lawrence Dominic; son, Joey (Sandy) Dominic of Chazy; daughters, Amie (Patrick) Sample of Mooers Forks and Rebecca (Jerry) Hebert of Mooers Forks; brother, Peter (Vivian) Honsinger of Holley, N.Y.; sisters, Penny (Alfred) Favreau of Champlain and Pamela (Barry) Smith of Malone; grandchildren, Paige (Evan) Sample, Chase (Faith) Sample, Ethan Dominic, Peyton (Dehstin) Smart, Kaleb LaBarge, Bryn Sample, Karsen LaBarge, Aiden Dominic and four great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents, Harold and Velma Honsinger.

Private funeral services were held for the family. Burial will take place in the spring in St. Edmund's Cemetery in Ellenburg.

Donations may be made to St. Jude or Shriners Children's.

Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.rabideaufuneralhome.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted into the care of the Rabideau Funeral Home, 5614 Route 11, Ellenburg.

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Mary Ann Flora**October 15, 1936 - March 06, 2026**

PLATTSBURGH — It is with profound sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Mary Ann Theresa (McGuire) Flora, 89, on March 6, 2026. Mary Ann was a loving spouse, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, loved by all.

Born Mary Ann McGuire in The Bronx to Irish immigrants Edward and Cecile McGuire on Oct. 15, 1936, as a child she was very close to her brother Mickey and enjoyed playing "street games" with Mickey and their cousins. As a young adult she worked in advertising in New York City, and was proud of the fact that she was the hand model pictured on the very first instant cake mix box. Mary Ann met the love of her life, Joseph Flora, during a visit to the North Country when she was a very young lady, too young to date as she would say. Years later Mary Ann and Joe reconnected, and they married on Jan. 18, 1958. She was proud of her big city roots, and after marrying Joe who grew up in Willsboro, they moved to the North Country; originally in Willsboro, Essex, Westport, Long Lake, and Plattsburgh, before settling in Peru where they raised their five children. She fell in love with the North Country, particularly cherishing time on Lake Champlain; so much so that her children lovingly referred to her as "The Lady of the Lake." She cherished time spent with friends and family over coffee, always with spirited conversation and laughter. Mary Ann also spent years as a dedicated volunteer in the Birthright organization. Faithful to her Catholic upbringing, she was a longtime member at St. Augustine's Catholic church in Peru.

Mary Ann was predeceased by parents Edward and Cecile McGuire, loving husband Joe, and brother Mickey.

Mary Ann is survived by son Jeff (Debbie) Flora of Schenectady, N.Y., daughter Jeanne (Steve) Boutilier of Dayton, Ohio, son Robert (Linda) Flora of Mechanicsville, N.Y., daughter Lisa of Pine City, N.Y., son Mike of Plattsburgh, and grandchildren Jamison (Sarah) Flora, William (Ashley) Boutilier, Christopher Harrison, Erik (Erin) Flora, Renee (Scott) Horcher, Missy Walker, Dan Flora, Colleen (Rocco) Strangio, Ryan Flora, Nick Flora, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Many thanks to the Samuel Vilas Home and CVPH Comfort Care for their compassion and care for not only our Mom, but also for our family.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family asks for donations to Birthright of Plattsburgh.

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 deceased please visit www.hamiltonfuneralhome.com

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JANICE FOSTER, 85, of Laflure Lane, Peru, passed away March 4, 2026. She was born on Oct. 25, 1940. At her request, there are no public services. Arrangements entrusted to Walker Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 69 Court Street, Plattsburgh.

Randolph Joseph Furnia**December 27, 1954 - November 29, 2025**

LEBANON — Randy joined his parents and siblings that had gone on before, on Saturday, Nov. 29th, 2025, at his residence in Lebanon, Ohio.

He was born in Plattsburgh, N.Y., on Dec. 27, 1954, to Paul and Anna Mae (Hart) Furnia, the youngest of seven children. He attended Holy Name and AuSable Valley Schools. He had a love of nature, having spent time working in the logging business with his father and brother Chet. In later years became an avid bird watcher at his

many bird feeders.

Randy was a life long musician, playing with among others the Crystal Blues in AuSable Forks and later December Wind, near Massena, N.Y., where he lived until 2019. December Wind played many years at the Grassroots Festival in Trumansburg, N.Y.

Randy was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Margaret Sousis, and brother, Chet Furnia.

He is survived by brother, Mitch Furnia of Macon, Ga., Caroline Sousis of Bennington, Vt., Diana Clark of Osborne, Kan., and Elaine Adams of Lebanon, Ohio, and many nieces, nephews.

There will be no services and burial will be at a later date at the convenience of the family.

Donations can be made in his honor to St. Jude's or a tree planted in his name.

H

Richard David Harrica**November 27, 1945 - February 28, 2026**

DANNEMORA — A beloved husband, father, grandfather, son, and brother, Richard "Dick" Harrica, passed away on February 28th. He was born on Nov. 27, 1945 in Monterey, Calif., to Howard Harrica and Elsie (Fall). He was predeceased by his sister Marlene Jones. He graduated from Dannemora High School in 1964 and obtained a Business Education degree at the University at Buffalo.

Richard married his beloved wife Elaine Patnode on April 12, 1971. His children are Bree Pisacane (Jeffrey) of Gansevoort, N.Y., Shann Taylor (Chad) of Morrisonville, N.Y., and Patrick Harrica (Kate) of Plattsburgh, N.Y. He was predeceased by his son Jonathon Harrica in 2021. He was a devoted "Grandpa" to Elonne and Qwin Pisacane, and Reagan and Riley Harrica. Richard's family was always his number one priority.

Richard was a pillar of the community both in Dannemora, N.Y., and Deltona, Fla., where he spent the winters. Each person he met became an instant friend. During his many years as a beloved teacher at Dannemora and Saranac high schools, he inspired countless students as a role model of strength, integrity, and generosity. Beyond teaching he was active in his church community. His never ending devotion to Jesus poured out into the lives of others. He was exceedingly generous and always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed assistance.

Richard made the most of the big and small moments. An avid photographer, he captured the wedding day of numerous cou-

ples. Richard loved the natural world, especially spending summers at Chateaugay Lake, trapping, hunting, and fishing. He was a member of the Cranberry Pond Hunting Club, the Siberian Rod and Gun Club, and the NRA. He enjoyed Cowboy Action Shooting and had a passion for pickleball.

Dick will be remembered by all who knew him as a loving, generous, easy-going, friendly, kind person. His light will continue to shine in the world through all who knew him. His family is requesting that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital in his memory.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 12 p.m. on May 8, 2026, at St. Joseph's Church, Dannemora.

LOUIS HUNTER - Passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at CVPH, surrounded by his loving family. Arrangements with Brown Funeral Home, Plattsburgh.

K

Margaret H. Karkoski**November 07, 1935 - March 04, 2026**

KEESEVILLE — Margaret H. Karkoski was born on Nov. 7, 1935, in Utica, N.Y., the youngest of five children to Robert S. Henry and M. Irene (Shafer) Henry.

Margaret grew up in New Hartford, N.Y. Margaret loved participating in sports and lettered in many sports in high school along with being in the school band. She was a 1954 graduate of New Hartford High School (Go Spartans).

Immediately after graduation she started working for American Telephone & Telegraph (AT&T) as a phone operator. In 1957 Margaret started working for the General Electric Company at their Utica plant as an IBM keypunch operator.

In 1959 she met Emil Karkoski who also worked for GE. They were married on June 11, 1960, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in New Hartford, N.Y. Margaret followed her husband's career and lived in Pittsfield, Mass., 1960-1963 and Mineville, N.Y., 1963-1966. In 1966 she moved to Keeseville, N.Y., and lived at 108 Prospect Rd.

since 1967.

In 1978 Margaret started working for the AuSable Valley Central School district. She worked 10 years at the High School for Mr. Bergevin and then in 1988 started working at Keeseville Elementary School as a teacher's aide where she was known as Mrs. K. She retired in 2001 and had an almost 25 year retirement.

Margaret belonged to many organizations including Keeseville Peru Ecumenical Choir 30 years, Immaculate Conception Altar & Rosary society many years, RSVP Peru exercise group 20 years, Keeseville Elks Lodge 2072 and the Senior Citizens of Keeseville and AuSable Forks.

She enjoyed visiting people at area nursing homes and Champlain Valley Senior Community in Willsboro. She enjoyed the Friday night gatherings at Speedy and Sue Arnold's house. She was the Number 1 fan of the AuSable Valley Patriots.

Survivors include her four children, Kevin (Monika) of Olympia, Wash., Michael (Kaan) of Granite Bay, Calif., Paul (Karen) of Plattsburgh, and Karen of Aztec, N.M.; nine grandchildren, Gavin, Landon, Maeva, Mannix, Eleanor, Julia, Kristin, Mikayla and Kelly. She is also survived by many nieces,

nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews and many, many friends.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, Emil; brothers Bob (Florence), and Bill; and sisters Eleanor (Jack), and Mary (Bill).

Calling hours will be held Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 10 to Noon at the Hamilton Funeral Home, 124 Clinton Street, Keeseville. A Mass of Christian burial will follow at 12:30 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church in Keeseville. Burial will be in the parish cemetery. A reception will follow the Mass, at the Keeseville Elks Lodge.

The family wishes to thank the PT/OT staff at Meadowbrook and the 4th floor staff of the UVM Health Network-CVPH for the wonderful care they provided.

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 Mrs. K, please visit www.hamiltonfuneralhome.com

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PAUL KLEINSCHMIDT, 64, of Plattsburgh, passed away on March 12, 2026, after a brief illness. He was born in Plattsburgh on Aug. 11, 1961, the son of Ludwig Kleinschmidt and Marilyn (Coon) Dumas. Arrangements with R.W. Walker Funeral Home.

JOHN KRAJEWSKI JR., age 87, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2025, at the Alice Center Nursing home in Malone, surrounded by his loving family. Services are private and at the convenience of the family.

L

CARL LUTTERS, 82, of Plattsburgh, passed away on March 14, 2026. He was born on Feb. 24, 1944, the son of Carl and Madeline (Bedore) Lutters. Services will be private for the family. Arrangements with R.W. Walker Funeral Home.

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JOHN MOONEY - Passed away peacefully at CVPH on Monday, March 10, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. Arrangements are with Brown Funeral Home, Plattsburgh.

SHANNON (MURPHY) MOUSSEAU, 71, Plattsburgh, passed away March 4, 2026. Visitation Friday, March 13th, 4 to 6 p.m., Walker Funeral Home. Services following 6 p.m. in the funeral home chapel. Arrangements entrusted to Walker Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Plattsburgh..

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Cynthia Perry

December 26, 1934 - February 21, 2026



POESTENKILL — Cynthia B. Perry, 91, passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday morning, Feb. 21, 2026.

Born on Dec. 26, 1934, in Plattsburgh, N.Y., Cynthia was the beloved daughter of Warren H. and Alma S. Brelia. She was raised in Peru, N.Y., and attended Peru Central School. Over the years she made many places home; living in Tucson and Wilcox, Ariz.; Kissimmee, Fla.; and Wynantskill, N.Y., where she ultimately

settled surrounded by the comfort of family.

Cynthia lived a life defined by independence, resilience, and strength. She was proud of the many roles she held throughout her life. She worked as a payroll clerk for her father's Chevrolet dealership, filled in as a bookkeeper, and worked for New York State at the Whiteface Mountain Summit. She served as a clerk typist at the Watervliet Arsenal from 1953 through 1956, and later as a teller at National Commercial Bank/Key Bank until 1959, as well as at Albany Savings Bank in Plattsburgh.

Cynthia and her first husband owned and operated Jeanne's Dairy Bar until it was sold in 1965, where she managed operations while also handling construction bookkeeping. They also owned Iroquois Campground together in the 1970s and early 1980s. She later worked in management and office administration for contractor and construction projects at Plattsburgh Air Force Base, coordinating with engineers and overseeing office operations. After moving to Troy in 1981, she was involved in the family businesses C.D. Perry and Sons, Inc. and Troy Slag Products Co., Inc., serving as payroll clerk beginning in 1985. In recent years, she continued assisting with investments and coordinating with the office for C.D. Perry, LLC from home. She took great pride in the Perry family businesses and the legacy they built.

She also found joy in simple pleasures that reflected her spirited personality. Cynthia enjoyed target shooting with her pistol, bowling, and watching their Perry Farms standardbred pacers and trotters.

Above all, Cynthia treasured her family. She was predeceased by her husband, Jack Edward Perry, and her infant son, James Joseph Ondrek.

She is lovingly survived by her daughter, Jeanne Marie Ondrek Arnold and her husband Timothy, who she often described as her rock; always there to listen, support, and help when she needed it most. Her legacy continues through her stepdaughter Jackie Perry Gould, grandson Dustin J. O. Bedore; stepgrandchildren, Taylor Arnold, Cristy Arnold Lindner, Adam Gould, Brittany Gould, and Kaitlyn Gould; stepgreat-grandchildren, Lucas, Lauren, and Madison O'Brien; nieces, Amelia Alma Brelia Davis, Brenda Brelia Lamoy, and Suzanne Brelia Burnett; and nephew Joseph Brelia.

The family extends their heartfelt appreciation and love to Kevin Gould for his years of kindness and dependable help, just as he had faithfully done for his father-in-law, Jack, for many years before.

The family would also like to extend their deepest gratitude to all of her caregivers, who were not only caregivers but dear friends. They adopted her into their own families, made her days brighter, and kept her safe and comfortable until the end: Melissa Lyman, Corinne Tario, Marti Kjelland, Melissa Mullen, Mary Provost, and Rebecca Provost.

Special thanks are extended to the entire Warren and Don Fane families for keeping the Perry legacy alive and flourish-

ing; to the entire William Doyle family for their steadfast advice and loyalty through the years; you all meant the world to Jack and Cynthia; and to Sister Kate, Sister Rita, and Deacon Bob for their faithful visits to the home during Jack's many years of illness.

Cynthia also cherished her lifelong friendship with Patricia Frank; no matter the distance, they always kept in touch.

Cynthia will be remembered for her determination, wisdom, and loyalty to the people she loved. She was strong-willed yet caring, independent yet devoted, and a steady presence whose love was shown more through actions than words.

Services will be held privately for her family.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Cynthia's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 1003 Loudon Road, Cohoes, NY 12110; the Rett Foundation Inc., P.O. Box 7, Melrose, NY 12121; or Elmore SPCA, P.O. Box 686, Peru, NY 12972. Condolence book and memorial page at parkerbrosmemorial.com.

James W. Provost

September 18, 1957 - March 16, 2026



PLATTSBURGH — James W. Provost, 68, of Sheila Avenue, Plattsburgh, passed away on March 16, 2026, at UVHN-CVPH Medical center in Plattsburgh.

He was born in Plattsburgh on Sept. 18, 1957, the son of Victor and Gertrude (Bell) Provost.

James retired from Imperial Mill and was a Rural Letter Carrier for Morrisonville for 32 years. He enjoyed interactions with all of his customers on his postal route.

He lived to hunt every year, from the time he was 21 until 20 years ago with his best friends, Steve and Yogi. He always enjoyed his time away hunting downstate. He loved to spend time working on projects such as remodeling the home and traveling to far away places. But his biggest interest was his family.

He is survived by his wife, Neva(Katz) Provost. Brothers Daniel Provost, Kevin Provost, Gary and Perry Provost, Rodney and Rae Provost and sister-in-law Sharon Provost. Children Ben and Jessica (Nunn) Provost, Kenneth Provost, Jeffrey Provost, Ronnie and Kelly (Burke) Katz, Joshua Outen, and Savannah Morgan (DJ Williams).

He had many grandchildren (21) and five great-grandchildren. He had an amazing love for his Sansa; the two were best friends.

He was predeceased by his father, Victor Provost and mother Gertrude Provost, his sister, Cheryl Provost -Daniels, brother, Carl Provost and son, Westley Outen.

Calling hours will be held on Monday, March 23, 2026, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Brown Funeral Home in Plattsburgh.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 10 a.m. at St. Alexander's Church in Morrisonville. Burial will follow in the parish cemetery.

Donations in Jim's memory may be made to the Outreach Center in Treadwell Mills.

Arrangements are entrusted to Brown Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be offered at www.brownfuneralhomeny.com



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THERESA RABIDEAU, 93, of West Chazy, N.Y., passed away on Feb. 14, 2026, at Clinton County Nursing & Rehabilitation in Plattsburgh, N.Y. Per Theresa's wishes, there will be no calling hours or services.

Robert E. Racette

June 30, 1929 - February 27, 2026



PLATTSBURGH — Robert E. Racette Sr., (Bob), 96 years old of Plattsburgh, died on Feb. 27, 2026, surrounded by family.

He was born in Clayburg, N.Y., June 30, 1929, the eldest son of the late Ernest Albert and Isabelle Mary (Dubrey) Racette. He grew up on a farm, the oldest of ten children. This engrained in him a strong sense of responsibility and work ethic that was present throughout his life.

After graduating from Sallaz Academy, he joined the U.S. Air Force and served for three years during the Korean War, flying active combat missions as a tail gunner on a B-29 Superfortress based in Japan. As a country boy, he considered his service to be an adventure of a lifetime.

After the Air Force, he worked briefly at General Electric and then took a position at Montgomery Ward on a full time, then part-time, basis over 25 years as a Display and Store Planning Manager. This played to his talents as an artist and craftsman with a keen eye for detail.

Bob married Alice Elizabeth Turner, on June 21, 1954, at St. Alexander's Church in Morrisonville. They settled in Dannemora where they raised their two children, Jane and Rob. Bob and Alice were a loving, devoted couple for over 71 years.

In 1956, he began his career with the New York State Department of Correctional Services, retiring after 35 years as a Lieutenant and Watch Commander at the Clinton Correctional Facility.

Bob was a great believer in the importance of education, earning a bachelor's degree while working two jobs.

As busy as he was, he still made time for family, playing ball in the backyard, engaging in wild ping pong games, taking his family on camping trips, and memorable vacations. Later, he loved doting on his grandchildren.

Bob was active in the Plattsburgh community, serving on the County Senior Citizens Council. Bob and Alice were members of the Saint John XXIII Newman Center where he served on the building and grounds committee.

Bob had many hobbies. He was an accomplished artist and craftsman. He grew beautiful flower and vegetable gardens. Bob was a prolific writer and served as the family historian. He was an avid golfer, enjoyed photography, and was a great fan of the Yankees.

Bob took a North Country Honor Flight to celebrate his 90th birthday. Given that he was so proud of his military service, this served as a very moving, full-circle moment for him.

Bob is survived by his loving wife, Alice, his daughter Jane (Michael) Kanfer, a son Robert (Kathy) Jr., his grandchildren, Joe (Pam) Kanfer, Rebecca (Antonio) Kanfer, Alex (Keri) Racette, Nicole Racette and Tori (Derrick) Rokjer, and eight great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Ceil Johnson, and brother, Ken (Kathy) Racette, and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, Ernest and Belle, sisters, Belle, Elizabeth, Patricia, Geraldine, and brothers Donald, Gerald, and Eugene.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, March 6, 2025, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Saturday, March 7, 2026, at 11 a.m. at St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to North Country Honor Flights.

Arrangements are entrusted to Brown Funeral Home, 29 Broad St., Plattsburgh, NY 12901 (518) 561-3980.

Family and friends are invited to share on-line condolences and memories at BrownFuneralHome.com

Robert Wayne Rice Jr.

June 18, 1939 - March 05, 2026



WESTPORT — Robert W. Rice, Jr., 86, of Westport, N.Y., passed away at home surrounded by his loving family.

Bob was born in Walpole, N.H., to Robert W. Rice Sr. and Elizabeth Cassidy Rice. He grew up in Westminster, Vt., and graduated from Bellows Falls High School in 1957. Bob attended St. Michael's College, completing his degree in 1961. While there, he was a ski jumper on the ski team and a member of R.O.T.C. Following college, he joined the United States Air Force.

On July 26, 1969, he married Beverly Crowson in Westminster, Vt. Later that year, he began a teaching career at Moriah Central School that continued until 2000. He then retired to his Westport farm that he had worked since 1971.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Philip and Howard Rice, and sister Terri Lowe.

"Grumpy", as he was affectionately known by his family, is survived by his wife Beverly, sons Gregory, Raymond, Robert (Sarah) and daughter Jillian Senter. He leaves behind his beloved grandchildren Benjamin Senter (Zeallah), Jack Rice, Maddox Rice and Emmitt Rice.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you offer someone a cold soda or make a donation to your local library in his memory. Our Grumpy loved to offer everyone a Diet Pepsi and enjoyed reading his large print westerns.

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JOHN T. SNELL, formerly of Plattsburgh, N.Y., and Davenport, Fla., died peacefully Monday, March 2nd, at Cedar Manor Memory Care, Chesapeake, Va. A memorial will be held at a later date in Plattsburgh, N.Y. Neptune Cremation Service, Virginia Beach, Va.

Clarissa D. Stone

June 16, 1933 - March 10, 2026



PLATTSBURGH — Clarissa D. Stone, 92, of Robinson Terrace, Plattsburgh, passed Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at the Vilas Home in Plattsburgh. She was born in Rouses Point, N.Y., on June 16, 1933, the daughter of Ernest and Kathleen (Stone) Rushford.

Clarissa enjoyed quilting, gardening, cooking, spending time with family and being the best Mother, Grandmother,

Great-grandmother and Friend to everyone she knew.

Clarissa spent over 30 years working as a cafeteria manager in the Plattsburgh City School District.

She is survived by her brother Gerald Rushford, her children Charles Stone and his wife Janora (Maynard), Karen (Stone) Oles and her husband Dave, Lorry Stone, Bruce Stone, Starr (Stone) Burke, Brian Stone and his wife Jamie (McAuliffe), 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She is predeceased by her husband Gordon Stone, her daughter Charlotte (Stone) Brady, nine siblings, two grandchildren.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2026, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Brown Funeral Home in Plattsburgh. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Friday, March 13, 2026, at 10 a.m. at St. Peter's Church. Burial will be later in the year in St. Peter's Cemetery in Plattsburgh.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made out to the North Country Mission of Hope.

Arrangements are entrusted to Brown Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be offered at www.brownfuneralhomeny.com

Molly Theresa (Morrisey) Stone

October 09, 1950 - March 17, 2026



SCHUYLER FALLS — Molly Stone, cherished mother, Meme, and sister, passed away on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at CVPH Medical Center.

She has rejoined her best friend of 51 years, Arnold Stone Sr.

She was the beloved daughter of Alice Hebeart and William Morrisey.

She is survived by her sister, Jody Morrisey.

She is also survived by her four sons and their families: Arnold Stone Jr. and his companion, Sharon; James Stone and his wife, Lena; Kevin Stone and his wife, Janelle; Keith Stone and his wife, Jennifer.

She is also survived by her beloved grandchildren: Autumn, Olivia, Daniel, Michael, James, and Ashley; and her great-grandson, Wyatt.

She is also survived by her Aunt Mary, her father's sister.

She is predeceased by her parents; Alice (Hebeart) and William Morrisey, brother Bill Morrisey, sister Susan Davidson and her beloved husband, Arnold Stone Sr.

As per Molly's wishes, there will be no service.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Hospice of the North Country.

Thomas "Tom" Francis Sweeney

October 05, 1934 - February 27, 2026



PLATTSBURGH — Thomas "Tom" Francis Sweeney, 91, formerly of Peru, passed away Friday, Feb. 27, 2026, at the UVM Health Network-CVPH in Plattsburgh. His family is deeply grateful for the compassionate care he received at CVPH and at Pine Harbour Assisted Living.

He was born Oct. 5, 1934, in Troy, N.Y., the son of Thomas Byron and Margaret Jane (Roach) Sweeney. He grew up in Lansingburgh, N.Y., and graduated from Lansingburgh High School in 1952. Tom



served honorably in the United States Army, with service in Germany during the early Cold War.

On May 28, 1960, he married Thera "Terry" Anne Sisson of Easton, N.Y. Tom and Terry made their home in Peru, N.Y. Tom was steadfast in his Catholic faith and he and Terry were active parishioners of St. Augustine Catholic Church. They often spoke fondly of the many friendships formed and enjoyed in Peru and Plattsburgh.

Tom worked in the telecommunications field as a Switching Equipment Technician, primarily with the New York Telephone Company and its associated companies in Plattsburgh and Peru.

He was a member of the Lions Club, the Knights of Columbus, and the Communications Workers of America.

Tom is best remembered as a builder, woodworker, carver, and artisan. He built sailboats that he raced and enjoyed on Adirondack lakes and supported his church and his children's schools through a wide range of construction projects, from gym equipment to stage props. Ever industrious, he studied home construction through correspondence courses and built the family home where he and his wife raised their children. He handcrafted furniture for his family, created wooden toys for his grandchildren, carved bowls and art pieces, and made many gifts for friends and loved ones. A quiet man, he expressed his care and love through his craftsmanship and artistry, generously shared with family and friends.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 65 years, Terry Sweeney of Plattsburgh; his children, Kathleen Mary Sweeney of Boston, Mass.; Susan Margaret (Andrew) Smith of Cranberry Lake, N.Y.; Michael Joseph (Su Epstein) Sweeney of Middletown, Conn.; David Thomas (Patricia) Sweeney of Jacksonville, Fla.; and Timothy John (Joanna Bone) Sweeney of San Diego, Calif.; six grandchildren, Logan Patnode (Stacia), Mackenzie Patnode (Morgan), Harris Smith, Jack Sweeney, Maggie Sweeney, and Eli Sweeney; his sister, Catherine Sweeney of Pacifica, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by an infant son, Patrick Thomas Sweeney; his siblings, Jane Sweeney and Richard Sweeney; and his sister-in-law, Carol Sweeney.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at St. Augustine's Church in Peru, at a date and time to be announced. Inurnment will follow in the St. Augustine's Church Columbarium.

Donations in his memory may be made to St. Augustine Catholic Church in Peru and Catholic Charities.

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 Tom Sweeney please visit www.hamiltonfuneralhome.com

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Shirley Louise Walker

May 28, 1940 - March 03, 2026



CHAMPLAIN — Shirley Louise (Alford) Walker-

With heavy hearts we announce the passing away of Shirley recently at her home in Champlain, N.Y., on March 3, 2026.

Born on May 28, 1940, in Plattsburgh, N.Y., and lived in Clinton County, N.Y., her entire life of 85 years.

Shirley was raised in Mooers/Mooers Forks, moved to Rouses Point and lived in Champlain for over 50 years.

Shirley was the youngest child of Lynn Walter Alford - her father and Gertrude (Elvidge) Alford - her mother. Her sisters were Ruth, Betty, Eunice and brother Harold Alford. They enjoyed living on the family farm on Route 11, Mooers Forks.

Shirley married and had three children- Peggy, Steven and Barbara Walker. She was dedicated to nurturing her children and being a stay at home mom until later in their lives.

A special acknowledgment to caregivers Gary and Mary Bernard and Clinton County Office of the Aging.

Shirley was preceded in death by her domestic partner of 40 years, Steve Ashline (2025); father and mother, Lynn and Gertrude (Elvidge) Alford, sister, Ruth and John Mickelson, sister, Betty (Mary Elizabeth) and Martin Morrison, brother, Harold and Shirley Alford, brother-in-law, Leeward Babbie. Her four fallen Angels, Devin W., London L., Carter W., and Dustin K.

Faith, Family, Community, Social, Nature and Self were her life's dedications.

A lifelong member of Three Steeples United Methodist Church and a dedicated follower of Billy Graham, Shirley exercised her religious beliefs with enthusiasm.

She loved attending every Sunday and participating in religious/social events including Sunday school at the church.

Shirley is survived by her sister Eunice Babbie, New York; daughter, Peggy and Leonard Zuniga from Maryland; daughter, Barbara and Gary Archer from New York; son Steven and Alison Walker from Florida.

Granddaughter Jaime and Douglas Stigler, grandsons, Christopher and Marie Fredette, Jason and Tammy; Fredette, Jonathan and Brittany Zuniga, Alexander Archer, Troy and Katherine Archer and Timothy Payne. Shirley is also survived by her beloved four great-granddaughters, six great-grandsons, two great-great-granddaughters and four great-great-grandsons from New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, North Carolina, Louisiana.

Shirley was a teacher's aide/principal's secretary at Champlain Elementary (NCCS) and retired after 20 years of service. She worked at the election polls and was politically active for over 30 years. Shirley enjoyed working at the North Country Golf Course Club House in the summertime and networking with the members. Shirley spent many hours visiting with the elderly at Edgewater Nursing Home in Rouses Point, Meadowbrook Nursing Home in Plattsburgh, caroling at Christmas time and loved to volunteer her time to the church.

Shirley was a "social butterfly," she loved to walk, talk, and was outgoing, charismatic and enjoyed the company of everyone she would meet. Her favorite walk was at sunrise or sunset at the Lake Champlain Rouses Point breakwater where she found peace and tranquility. She simply loved nature and being outside. Shirley enjoyed "yard sales" with Steve A and frequented both locally and Warrensburg, N.Y., annually. She created

crafts and sold them at the Methodist Church Rummage sales. Shirley treasured the holidays, festivities and home cooked meals with the family.

She and Steve A were dedicated to visiting (Gertrude's) Elvidge's relatives across the border in Blackpool, Quebec, Canada. Shirley cherished her trip with Steve A to Las Vegas, Nev., to see the shows and gamble. In the winter she loved opening the blinds and sitting in the sun to warm her soul.

She enjoyed watching birds and animals especially cardinals, bluebirds, robins, woodpeckers and whitetail deer. She treasured viewing the moon and stargazing nightly. Monarch butterflies, moose, flowers, nature, and photography were her other favorite interests. And a very special thanks to Fluff and Ben, her two unforgettable pets that brought her and Steve A many years of companionship and entertainment.

Funeral services are open to the public. Rev. Philip Richards from the Three Steeples United Methodists Church, Champlain, N.Y., will be presiding over the memorial services.

Calling hours will be held at Ross Funeral Home, 2586 US 11, on Saturday, May 16th, 2026, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Burial will follow at the Alford Family plot at the Union Cemetery, 3317 US 11, Mooers Forks, Clinton County, N.Y.







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