

Norman W. Racine, 63

Worked for city of Fitchburg

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FITCHBURG — Norman W. Racine, 63, of Rindge Road, died Monday evening, July 14, in HealthAlliance Hospital/Leominster, after a brief illness.



He was born on Aug. 16, 1940, in Ashby, the son of Viaetaur Racine, and had lived all of his life in Fitchburg.

Mr. Racine had worked as a mechanic for the Highway Department in the City of Fitchburg for over 20 years and retired due to illness in 1994.

He enjoyed camping and fishing and was a volunteer for the Friends of Cogshall Park for many years. He was a member of St. Camillus de Lellis Church.

Mr. Racine served in the Massachusetts National Guard for 15 years.

He leaves his wife of 24 years, Beverly A. (Martioski) Racine; two sons, Roger W. Racine of Ashby and Andrew A. Racine of Lunenburg; one daughter, Iris J. Brodeur of Leominster; two brothers, William Racine of Royalston and Arthur Racine of Ashby; two step brothers, Ray Watson and William Racine, both of Royalston; four sisters, Marie Lewis of Anthrum, N.H., Gloria Borba of Maine, Sandra Racine and Sharen Whitney, both of Royalston; seven grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

**RACINE** — On July 14, Norman W. Racine, 63, of Fitchburg. The funeral will be held Friday from the Lavery-Chartrand Funeral Home, 99 Summer St., with a Mass at 9:30 a.m. in St. Camillus de Lellis Church, 333 Mechanic St. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. Calling hours in the funeral home are Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Friends of Cogshall Park, City Hall, 718 Main St., Fitchburg, MA 01420.

Waldo H. Nason, 95

Member of American Radio Relay League

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ATHOL — Waldo H. Nason "W1LUG", 95, formerly of 935 John Fitch Highway, Fitchburg and Norwood, died Monday, July 14, in Quabbin Valley Health Care Center.

Mr. Nason was born in Freedom, N.H., the son of Frank W. and Bertha E. (Brooks) Nason and grew up in Waltham. He graduated from Waltham High School in 1926 and received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1931 from Northeastern University, Boston. He lived most of his adult life in Norwood before moving to Fitchburg in 1989.

Mr. Nason was an electrical engineer for Raytheon Corporation for several years before his retirement in 1975. Prior to that he had worked for Sylvania Corporation in Waltham. Following his retirement he was a bus driver for the Norwood Council on Aging.

He was a lifelong Republican active in local and state politics, including many years as a Norwood Town Meeting Member and a member and past chairman of the Norwood Republican Town Committee. In 1972, he had an unsuccessful campaign for state representative. He was also a member and past chairman of the Norwood Council on Aging, Norwood School Committee, Norwood Band Parent and Norwood Grace Episcopal Church and served on its vestry. He was an active member of the Norwood Amateur Radio Club and a 50-year member of the American Radio Relay League. He was well-known by his call sign "W1LUG". He was also a member of the Norwood Civil Defense Communication Group. In Fitchburg he was a member of the Fitchburg Republican Committee and the Montachusett Amateur Radio Association.

He leaves three daughters, Nancy B. Wood of Oak Hill, Va., Marjorie L. Burt of Fitchburg and Marilynn "Mandy" Nason of Concord, N.H.; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. His wife of 39 years, Eleanor M. (Stewart) Nason, died in 1975. He was also predeceased by a daughter, Dorothy M. Donovan of Newburyport, who died in 1996.

**NASON** — On July 14, Waldo H. Nason, 95, of Fitchburg. The funeral will be held Thursday, July 17, at 9 a.m. in Christ Church, 269 Main St. Fitchburg. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Freedom Village, N.H. Calling hours are today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the Fitchburg Chapel of the Sawyer-Miller-Masciarelli Funeral Homes, (www.masciarellifuneralhomes.net) 129 Elm St. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Engineering Emergency Grant Fund, Attn. Katherine Fagen, Room 347, Richards Hall, Northeastern University, Boston, MA 02115; and may be left at the funeral home.

Catherine Louise (Bouchard) Lambert, 84

Worked for Foster Grant Co.

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LEOMINSTER — Catherine Louise (Bouchard) Lambert, 84, of 13 Wheeler St., died Monday, July 14, in the Keystone Center, after an illness.

She was born on March 5, 1919, in Claremont, N.H., the daughter of Edward and Marion Bouchard and had lived most of her life. She attended Leominster schools.

Mrs. Lambert worked for the former Commonwealth Plastic Co. in Leominster for several years. She later worked for the former Foster Grant Co. in Leominster for more than 25 years before her retirement. She was a long-time active member of St. Cecilia's Church.

She leaves two sons, Edward Lambert of Leominster and Dennis Lambert of California; three daughters, Alice Sheridan of Leominster, Sheila Kwoka of New Jersey, and Shirley Viewig of Pennsylvania; two brothers, Gilbert Bouchard and Daniel Bouchard, both of Leominster; one sister, Alice Woods of Florida; 13 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Her husband, Romeo F. Lambert, died in 1989. Two brothers, Edmond Bouchard and Albert Bouchard, and one sister, Gabrielle Spring, also predeceased her.

**LAMBERT** — On July 14, Catherine Louise (Bouchard) Lambert, 84, of Leominster. The funeral will be held Friday, July 18, from M.A. Simard & Son Funeral Home, 14 Walker St., Leominster with a Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Cecilia's Church, 180 Mechanic St., Leominster. Burial will follow in St. Cecilia's Cemetery. Calling hours in the funeral home are Thursday, July 17 from 5 to 8 p.m.

DEATH NOTICE

**SCHREIBER** — On Nov. 27, 2002, Herbert W. Schreiber. He was pre deceased by his wife, Irene June Henke. Family and friends are invited to attend his graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 19, at Forest Hill Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to Alzheimer's Association, 435 East Henrietta Road, Rochester, N.Y., 14620. The Paul W. Harris Funeral Home, Rochester, N.Y., is handling arrangements.

Leroy Fredrick Floyd, 61

Was self-employed general contractor

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WESTMINSTER — Leroy Fredrick Floyd, 61, of 188 Bean Porridge Hill Road, died Monday morning, July 14, in Heywood Hospital, Gardner, after an illness.

Mr. Floyd was born in Bridgewater, Vt. on July 28, 1941, the son of George and Coryl F. (Fredrick) Floyd. He was educated in Vermont and Westminster elementary schools, and is a 1959 graduate of Leominster Trade School for Carpentry.

He had lived in Westminster for most of his life. As a teenager he worked summers at the Cape Ann Diner. He worked for many years for Speedway, but for most of his life he worked as a self-employed general contractor. He also spent a few years logging in Vermont for the family logging business.

He enjoyed horseback riding, camping, target practice, wood-working and snowmobiling.

Mr. Floyd is survived by his wife of 32 years, Pamela (Allard) Floyd; one son, Robert F. Floyd of Phillipston; two daughters, Kimberley A. Floyd of Phillipston and Leah J. Floyd of Dubois, Wv.; three sisters, Margaret Dundas of Maryland, Jean Floyd, of New York and Karole Messier of Westminster; his foster mother, Rhuie Thompson; four grandchildren; nine nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by three sisters, Eileen Floyd, Charlotte Ward, and Pearl Floyd; three brothers, Clif Floyd, Robert Floyd, and George Floyd; and his foster father, Ed Thompson.

**FLOYD** — On July 14, Leroy Fredrick Floyd, 61, of Westminster. The funeral service will be held Friday, July 18 at 11:30 a.m. in the Westminster Chapel of the Sawyer-Miller-Masciarelli Funeral Homes, (www.masciarellifuneralhomes.net) 123 Main St., Westminster. There are no calling hours. Burial will be in Mountain View Cemetery, Claremont, N.H. at a later date. His family requests memorial contributions be made in his name to the Adcare Hospital, 107 Lincoln St., Worcester, MA 01605.

Mary Ann (Fagan) Gamache, 67

Worked in the rectory at St. John's Church in Townsend

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FITCHBURG — Mary Ann (Fagan) Gamache, 67, of 14 Ashburnham St., died Monday, July 14, in the Simonds-Sinon Regional Cancer Care Center, after an illness.

Mrs. Gamache was born in Fitchburg on Dec. 8, 1935, the daughter of Dr. John and Mary C. (Flynn) Fagan, and had resided most of her life in Fitchburg. When she was growing up, she and her family resided several years in Ware.

She was a 1953 graduate of Fitchburg High School. She formerly attended Sacred Heart Church in West Fitchburg, where she was a member of the Women's Guild and assisted in the church fairs.

Mrs. Gamache worked in the rectory at St. John's Church in Townsend for several years, retiring in 1990. Prior to that she worked at the former Chemlock Company in West Fitchburg.

She is survived by her husband of 48 years, George E. Gamache; one son, Paul E. Gamache of Fitchburg; two daughters, Julie Lundergreen of Shell Beach, Calif., and Susan R. McPartlan and her husband, Robert McPartlan, of Aalsmeer, Holland; a sister, Margaret (Peggy) Hawkins of Fitchburg; and one grandson, Brent Hainsworth of Chico, Calif. She was the sister of the late James Fagan of Fitchburg.

**GAMACHE** — On July 14, Mary Ann (Fagan) Gamache, 67, of Fitchburg. A funeral Mass will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. John the Evangelist Church, 1 School St., Townsend. Calling hours in the Louis M. Isabelle Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon St., Fitchburg are today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, Colon Center Research, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01710.

Lorraine E. (Elliott) Levier, 73

Worked for Burbank Hospital for 30 years

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LEOMINSTER — Lorraine E. (Elliott) Levier, 73, of 100 Main St., died Sunday, July 13, in her home after being stricken ill.

She was born in Hyannis on April 12, 1930, the daughter of William J. and Eleanor (Sears) Elliott, and lived most of her life in Fitchburg and Leominster.

She was employed for 30 years at the former Burbank Hospital, mostly in the linen service department.

She leaves two sons, Frederick W. Levier of Pittsburgh, Pa. and Bobby R. Levier of Leominster; one daughter, Linda L. Devine of Wilton, N.H.; two brothers, William Elliott of Leominster and Ernest Spellman of Florida; one sister, Pauline Spellman of Plainfield, Conn.; and seven grandchildren. Her husband of 52 years, Fred Raymond Levier, died on Dec. 30, 2001. A brother, Roy Sears, and a sister, Beverly Allen, also predeceased her.

**LEVIER** — On July 13, Lorraine E. (Elliott) Levier, 73, of Leominster. A graveside service will be held Friday, July 18 at 1 p.m. in Forest Hill Cemetery, Fitchburg. There are no calling hours. Bosk Funeral Home, 85 Blossom St., is directing arrangements.

Constance P (Richard) Shepard, 66

Was author of 'Always Together, Horses and All'

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GARDNER — Constance P. (Richard) Shepard, 66, of 32 Hospital Road, formerly of Ashburnham, Fitchburg and Townsend, died Sunday, July 13, at Wachusett Manor Nursing Home after an illness.

She was born in Fitchburg on Oct. 24, 1936, the daughter of Prime and Lillian (Canty) Richard. While living in Townsend she raised horses. She also authored a book entitled "Always Together, Horses and All." She was an accomplished roller skater and competed in many roller dancing competitions many years ago at the former Whalom Park Roller Rink.

She leaves two sons, Bruce Shepard and Bryant Shepard, both of Madison Heights, Va.; one daughter, Victoria "Vickie" Maxfield of Puyallup, Wash.; three brothers, Robert Richard of Leominster, Roger Richard of Santa Monica, Calif. and Norman Richard of Townsend; three sisters, Patricia Thibodeau of Fitchburg, Gloria Sebek of Texas and Jacqueline Goodband of Townsend; nine grandchildren; and her primary caregivers, Joann and her husband Matthew Marro and her granddaughter, Doraleann Arnhold of Gardner. Her husband, George W. Shepard, died in 2001.

**SHEPARD** — On July 13, Constance P. (Richard) Shepard, 66, of Gardner. Calling hours in the Bosk Funeral Home, 85 Blossom St., are Thursday, July 17, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. A service will be held at 7:30 p.m. After cremation, burial will be at a later date.



Today's Obituaries

Fitchburg

**Gamache, Mary Ann** (Fagan) — Louis M. Isabelle Funeral Home.

**Nason, Waldo H.** — Fitchburg Chapel of the Sawyer-Miller-Masciarelli Funeral Homes.

**Racine, Norman W.** — Lavery-Chartrand Funeral Home.

**Sweeney, Paul W.** — Smith-Mallahy-Masciarelli Funeral Home.

Gardner

**Shepard, Constance P.** (Richard) — Bosk Funeral Home.

Leominster

**Lambert, Catherine L.** (Bouchard) — M.A. Simard & Son Funeral Home.

**Levier, Lorraine E.** (Elliott) — Bosk Funeral Home.

Westminster

**Floyd, Leroy F.** — Westminster Chapel of the Sawyer-Miller-Masciarelli Funeral Home.

Out of State

Rochester, N.Y.

**Schreiber, Herbert W.** — Paul W. Harris Funeral Home Inc.

Paul William Sweeney, 59

Was a U.S. veteran of Vietnam War

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FITCHBURG — Paul William Sweeney, 59, of 21 Harrison Ave., died Tuesday, July 15, in Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, after a battle with pancreatic cancer.



He was born in Fitchburg on Nov. 13, 1943, the son of Paul T. and Sarah A. (Boyd) Sweeney and lived here all of his life.

Mr. Sweeney was employed in the Maintenance Department at Fitchburg State College for the past 24 years. Previously he was employed for five years in the Maintenance Department at Burbank Hospital.

He was a member of St. Bernard's Parish in Fitchburg, attended St. Bernard's Central Catholic High School, was an accomplished bowler and participated in the Sentinel & Enterprise Bowling Tournament yearly. He enjoyed all sports, music and NASCAR racing.

He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the U.S. Navy as a boswain's mate from 1961 to 1969. He also saw action during the Cuban conflict and was an accomplished crane operator, dangerously transferring surface-to-surface missiles.

He leaves his wife of 27 years, Diane L. (Hauelsen) Sweeney; one son, Sean M. Sweeney of Fitchburg; one daughter, Jennifer M. Glasenapp of Lakewood, Wash.; two brothers, Patrick M. Sweeney of Elfrida, Ariz., and Philip G. Sweeney of Fitchburg; one sister, Patricia A. Souza of Fitchburg; one grandson, Jayson Glasenapp of Lakewood, Wash.; two aunts; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

**SWEENEY** — On July 15, Paul William Sweeney, 59, of Fitchburg. The funeral will be held Friday, July 18, from the Smith-Mallahy-Masciarelli Funeral Home (www.masciarellifuneralhomes.net), 243 Water St., Fitchburg, with a Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Bernard's Church, 240 Water St., Fitchburg. Burial will be at a later date in St. Bernard's Cemetery. Calling hours in the funeral home are Thursday, July 17, from 5 to 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Jude Children's Hospital for Pancreatic Cancer Research, 1 St. Jude Place Bldg, P.O. Box 1000, Memphis, TN 38148-0552 or to the Fitchburg State College Foundation for Athletics, 160 Pearl St., Fitchburg, MA 01420 or may be left at the funeral home.

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

by The Associated Press

Tex Schramm

DALLAS — Had Tex Schramm only built the Dallas Cowboys into "America's Team," his contribution to pro football would've been immense. Yet it was only part of his impact on the NFL.

From using professional dancers as cheerleaders to letting officials correct calls through instant replay, Schramm's bold innovations and keen eye for promotion made him one of the driving forces in turning the NFL into a billion-dollar industry.

Schramm, the first team executive elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, died Tuesday at his Dallas home. He was 83.

As the man who gave Pete Rozelle his first job in the league and the chairman of the powerful competition committee for 25 years, Schramm's contributions to league history run deep. "You would run out of ink if you tried to write them all down," Kansas City Chiefs owner Lamar Hunt said.

Yet Schramm always made it clear that the Cowboys were his top priority.

Hired before the team was officially given an NFL franchise, Schramm's first move was hiring Tom Landry as the coach. Despite opposite personalities, their "business relationship" — as Schramm called it — produced 20 straight winning seasons, 18 playoff appearances, 13 division titles, five Super Bowl appearances and two championships.

"Tex was responsible for building the Dallas Cowboys and making them the team that they were," said Wellington Mara, owner of the rival New York Giants. "He built that franchise up and kept it running."

Schramm left the organization in 1989, two months after Jerry Jones bought the club and fired Landry. He went into the Hall of Fame two years later, but a strained relationship with Jones kept him out of the club's Ring of Honor.



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