

Obituaries and Funerals

Daniel J. Trotter; formerly operated Adams funeral home

ADAMS — Daniel Joseph Trotter, 67, of 13 Sumner St., operator of the Trotter Funeral Home from 1933 until his retirement in 1960, died Saturday night of an apparent heart attack at his home.

Born in Adams, he was the son of the late Daniel and Mary LeBeau Trotter. He was a graduate of the former St. Joseph's High School here, St. Michael's College and the Boston School of Embalming.

Mr. Trotter was a member of the Adams Lodge of Elks and the Carlier Club and was a communicant of Notre Dame Church.

Survivors include his wife, the former Amelia Kozik; a son, Atty. Mark Trotter of Adams, who is probate officer and clerk of the Adams District Court; a daughter, Mrs. George Bigelow of Adams, and six grandchildren.

A Liturgy of Christian Burial will be celebrated tomorrow at 10 at Notre Dame Church. Burial will be in Bellevue Cemetery.

Calling hours at the Trotter Funeral Home will be today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9.

Mrs. Helen Provost

Mrs. Helen M. Provost, 78, of 169 Linden St. died yesterday at the Valley View Nursing Home in Lenox, following a long illness. She was the wife of Frank O. Provost, who died in 1961.

Born in North Adams, daughter of Charles and Emma Martin Briggs, she had made her home in Pittsfield for the past 35 years. Mrs. Provost was employed by the former Elmvalle Worsted Co. as a spooler for several years.

She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Lillian D. Adelson of Pittsfield, a brother, Alexander C. Briggs of Rocky Hill, Conn.; one grandchild and three great-grandchildren.

Private funeral services will be tomorrow at the Berkshire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Southview Cemetery, North Adams.

There are no calling hours. If friends desire, donations in Mrs. Provost's memory may be made to the oncology department, Berkshire Medical Center, in care of Dr. Jesse I. Specior.

Mrs. Helen Rynka

Mrs. Helen Rokevich Rynka of 7 Turner Ave., the widow of Alexander Rynka, who died in 1938, died Saturday afternoon at her home.

Born in Russia, the daughter of the late Lucas and Anna Rokevich, she came to the United States 63 years ago and moved to Pittsfield in 1934 after living 20 years in Salem.

She was a communicant of St. Nicholas' Russian Orthodox Church.

Mrs. Rynka is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Mary Coffill of North Andover, Mrs. Louis N. Sicaard and Mrs. Lillian Amaral of Pittsfield, and Mrs. Paul Leclair of Auburn; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Tuesday morning at 9:30 from Park Funeral Home with a Divine Liturgy at 10 at St. Nicholas' Russian Orthodox Church. Burial will be in Pittsfield Cemetery.

Calling hours will be today from 2 to 4 and from 7 to 9. A Panakhida, or prayer service, will be held at the funeral home this evening at 7.

Mrs. Stella Hovey

Mrs. Stella Harrington Hovey, 82, of 117 Memorial Drive died Sunday at the Pittsfield General unit, BMC.

A native and lifelong resident of Pittsfield, she was the daughter of the late Delbert and Delia Gibbons Harrington and the widow of James C. Hovey, who died in 1928.

Mrs. Hovey was a communicant of St. Charles' Church.

She is survived by two sons, James E. Hovey of Cheshire and Joseph E. Hovey of Pittsfield; four daughters, Mrs. Estelle Loehr, Mrs. Delia LeBlanc, Mrs. Dorothy Loehr and Mrs. Jean Fazzino, all of Pittsfield; a sister, Mrs. Delia Wheeler of Dalton; 15 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be Wednesday morning at 9:30 from Dery Funeral Home with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at St. Charles' Church at 10. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Calling hours will be tonight from 7 to 9 and Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9.

Mrs. Amy G. Williams

A Liturgy of Christian Burial for Mrs. Amy G. Williams of New Ashford was this morning at St. Raphael's Church in Williamstown. Burial was in Southview Cemetery, North Adams.

The family has suggested that donations in Mrs. Williams' memory be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Aresca, Mrs. Fiorina Valente Beckwith, Robert M. Jr. Connelley, Martin T. Donlon, Miss Katherine F. Gamache, Mrs. Alderic Graham, John H. Sr. Hovey, Mrs. Stella H. Mawhinney, William L. Olando, Anthony Olson, John F. Phelan, John Pizzonia, Joseph Sr. Provost, Mrs. Helen M. Rich, Eugene H. Rynka, Mrs. Helen R. Tanner, Mrs. Doris D. Trotter, Daniel J. Varcoe, Mrs. Beatrice Evans Wetmore, Robert G. Wyckoff, Frederick G.

William Mawhinney

DALTON — William L. Mawhinney, 56, of 66 Oak St. Extension died Friday night at the Pittsfield General unit, BMC, after a short illness.

He was born in Pittsfield but lived most of his life in Dalton. He was the son of Helen Fahey Mawhinney of Dalton and the late Victor Mawhinney.

Mr. Mawhinney was an Army veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict.

He was employed for 37 years by Crane & Co., where he was foreman of the stationery department. He was a communicant of St. Agnes Church, a member of the town's Board of Registrars and of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and Wahconah Country Club.

Besides his mother, he leaves his wife, the former Dorothy Hickman; four sons, Robert W. and Thomas S. Mawhinney, both of Pittsfield; Glenn J. Mawhinney of Dalton and Paul C. Mawhinney, at home; also a brother, John J. Mawhinney of Dalton, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow from the Dery-Poly Funeral Home in Dalton with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 9 at St. Agnes Church. Burial will be in the Ashuelot Street Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Anthony Olando

GREAT BARRINGTON — Anthony Olando, 65, of Main Street, died Saturday morning at the Pittsfield General unit, BMC, Pittsfield.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Aug. 4, 1911, Mr. Olando was the son of Anthony and Nancy Genzale Olando.

He leaves a half-brother, John Annessa of Maspeth, Long Island, N.Y.

Calling hours at the Birches Funeral Home will be tonight from 7 to 9.

The funeral will be tomorrow morning at 11:30 from the funeral home with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at noon at St. Peter's Church.

Burial will be in St. Peter's Cemetery.

R. M. Beckwith Jr.

GREAT BARRINGTON — Robert M. Beckwith Jr., 16, of Silver Street, died this morning at the Albany Medical Center, Albany, N.Y., after a short illness.

Born in Great Barrington Nov. 23, 1960, he was the son of Robert and Mary Jane Lawrence Beckwith.

Mr. Beckwith was a junior at Monument Mountain Regional High School here. He was a junior member of the Great Barrington Fish & Game Association. He attended the United Methodist Church here.

Mr. Beckwith leaves his father and his mother, Mrs. Donald Almstead, both of Great Barrington; one brother, Michael D. Beckwith of Great Barrington; three sisters, Susan J. Beckwith of Housatonic, Patricia L. Beckwith, of Great Barrington and Linda C. McCauley of Denver, Colo.

He also leaves his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Hazel D. Walsh of Feeding Hills, Mass., and his paternal step-grandmother Mrs. Dewey J. Beckwith of Housatonic.

Funeral services will be Thursday at the United Methodist Church, Great Barrington, at a time to be announced.

Calling hours at the Stevens Funeral Home will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9.

Dorothy Gamache, police chief's mother

NORTH ADAMS — Mrs. Dorothy May Sunn Gamache, 71, wife of Alderic Gamache of Ashland Park Apartments and mother of North Adams Police Chief Kenneth A. Gamache, died Saturday morning at North Adams Regional Hospital after a long illness.

Born in Westport, N.Y., Aug. 12, 1905, she was the daughter of George and Charlotte Ross Sunn. The family moved to Shelburne Falls when she was a child and she was educated there. She came to North Adams 49 years ago after her marriage.

Mrs. Gamache was a communicant of St. Francis' Church.

Survivors besides her husband and son include three other sons, Eugene A. Gamache of North Adams, Robert A. Gamache of Holyoke and Carl E. Gamache of Lafayette, La.; a sister, Mrs. Evelyn Martin of Feeding Hills; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be tomorrow morning at 8:15 from the Flynn & Dagnoli-Montagna Funeral Home, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 9 at St. Francis' Church. Burial will be in the family lot in Southview Cemetery.

Calling hours at the funeral home are today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9.

Eugene H. Rich

Eugene H. Rich, 65, of 229 Connecticut Ave. died yesterday at the St. Luke's unit, BMC, after a long illness.

He and his wife, the former Margaret L. Warren, had been married four years last July.

Mr. Rich was born in Littleville and had lived in Pittsfield 42 years. He retired in 1973 after 42 years with General Electric Co. He was a member of the Pensioners, Quarter Century and Stanley clubs, and attended the Evangelical Free Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Donald E. Rich of Wilmington, Mass., and Larry A. Rich of Wilmington, Del.; a daughter, Mrs. Marlene Damiano of Derry, N.H.; two brothers, Arthur Rich of Holyoke and Walter Rich of Dunwoody, Ga.; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Goehring of Mount Dora, Fla., and Mrs. Mabel Benjamin of Hudson Falls, N.Y., and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday afternoon at 2 at Wellington Funeral Home with burial in Norwich Bridge Cemetery, Huntington. Calling hours will be today from 7 to 9 and tomorrow from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9.

Joseph Pizzonia Sr.

Joseph Pizzonia Sr., 78, of 8 Lyric St. died Saturday at his home.

Born in Polia, Cantzaro, Italy, the son of the late Joseph and Catherine Salentina Pizzonia, he was a veteran of service with the Italian army during World War I.

Mr. Pizzonia lived 53 years in Pittsfield, and was employed as a gardener at Miss Hall's School until joining General Electric Co. as a steamfitter. He worked at GE for 21 years until his retirement in 1963.

He is survived by his wife, the former Mary Galatie, to whom he had been married 52 years last December; a son, Joseph Pizzonia Jr.; and two daughters, Mrs. John Hospot and Mrs. John F. Azubalis, all of Pittsfield; two brothers, Vito and Anthony Pizzonia, both of Italy, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be tomorrow morning at 8:30 from Dery Funeral Home with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 9 at Mount Carmel Church. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Calling hours will be today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9.

John F. Olson

John F. Olson, 50, of 85 Orchard St. died Saturday at his farm in Vicksburg Landing, Ky.

A native and lifelong resident of Pittsfield, he was the son of Raymond and Elizabeth Dumburski Olson. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and a communicant of St. Joseph's Church. He worked as a mechanic for 20 years.

Mr. Olson is survived by a brother, Raymond A. Olson of Pittsfield, and two sisters, Mrs. George D. Hinckley of Pittsfield and Mrs. Robert C. Hicox of Ellicott City, Md.

Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Dery Funeral Home, are incomplete.

John Phelan is dead at 61; was athlete

John James Phelan, 61, of 87 Montview St., an outstanding three sport athlete at Pittsfield High School in the 1930s and a charter member and former president of the Businessmen's Golf League of the Berkshire Hills Country Club, died this morning at Hillcrest Hospital after a long illness.

He was born in Pittsfield, the son of William and Margaret Fallon Phelan, and graduated from the former Berkshire Business College here. Mr. Phelan had been a self-employed salesman in recent years. His career had included posts with Western Mass. Electric Co., General Electric Co.'s power transformer department, Miller Co. of Meriden, Conn., and nine years as district sales manager of the Stewart Warner Corp. U.S. Machine division, after which he was named Western Massachusetts sales manager for Sanitary Supply Co. of Troy, N.Y.

He was a member of the Berkshire Hills Country Club, the Monday Morning Quarterback Club, the Boys' Club Alumni Association, YMCA, and the Catholic Youth Center and was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church.

Mr. Phelan is survived by a brother, William J. Phelan of Dalton, and a sister, Miss Winifred E. Phelan of Pittsfield.

Funeral services will be Wednesday morning at 8:30 from Dery Funeral Home with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at St. Joseph's Church at 9. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Calling hours will be tomorrow from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9. In lieu of flowers, friends may donate to the Catholic Youth Center or the Boys' Club Alumni Association in Mr. Phelan's memory.

Robert G. Wetmore

CANAAN, Conn. — Robert Grant Wetmore, 72, of West Main Street died last night at his home.

Born in Winchester, May 23, 1904, he was the son of the late Willis and Florence Nash Wetmore.

Mr. Wetmore was a self-employed machinist and electrician.

He leaves his wife, the former Florine Stevens, and a daughter, Mrs. Roger Robbins of Torrington.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 2 at the East Canaan Congregational Church with the Rev. Peter A. Dakers, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Winchester Center Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Calling hours at the Newkirk Funeral Home here will be tomorrow from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9.

Mrs. Mary M. Garrison

The funeral of Mrs. Mary M. Garrison, formerly of Lenox, was held this morning at St. Ann's Church in Lenox with a Liturgy of Christian Burial celebrated by the Rev. Leonard J.M. Perrault, acting pastor. Burial will be at a later date at St. Ann's Cemetery.

Bearers were Randall Flynn of Philadelphia, Pa.; Frank Consolati, George and Michael Van Zandt, and Casper Sablin, all of Lee, and John Flynn of Lenox.

Williams PTO is sponsoring book fair

Williams School PTO will sponsor a book fair tomorrow and Wednesday for students and parents to raise funds for equipment for the school.

The fair will be open for students from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. tomorrow and 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday. Parents as well as students will be welcome Wednesday from noon to 3 p.m. and from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Francis Dwyer, chairman, said a wide variety of children's literature as well as educational games and puzzles will be on sale. Many of the books will be in the area of the classics, he said.

In addition, there will be a videotape program about 50 minutes long that will promote children's literature. Directed by Dwyer and his 6th grade teaching colleagues Donald Fyfe and Merrill Roberts, the videotape was made in the Pittsfield High School television studio.

Martin T. Connelley, chef, restaurateur

GREAT BARRINGTON — Martin T. Connelley, 54, of Stockbridge Road, died Saturday afternoon at the Veterans Hospital, Albany, N.Y.

Born in West Brookfield, Sept. 2, 1922, Mr. Connelley was the son of the late John and Phoebe Brigham Connelley.

He was a signalman, 2nd class, in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and a member of the Great Barrington American Legion post.

From 1959 to 1963, Mr. Connelley operated Marty's Diner here on State Road. He then opened the former Town House Restaurant on Bridge Street here for two years. In 1967 Mr. Connelley built and opened on Stockbridge Road a second Town House Restaurant. He and his wife, the former Norma A. Spronati, operated that restaurant until they sold it in 1975. The site was taken over by the Clip Shop hair salon.

Mr. Connelley was last employed as a chef at the Shed Restaurant, Sheffield.

Besides his wife, he leaves four stepsons, Arthur Delmolino of Sheffield, James Delmolino of Housatonic, Robert Delmolino of Great Barrington and Joseph Delmolino of Lee; two sisters, Mrs. Frank Kretchmar of West Brookfield and Mrs. Margaret Giouard of Springfield, and a brother, John Connelley of Claverack, N.Y.

Calling hours at the Birches Funeral Home will be today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9. The funeral will be tomorrow morning at 8:30 from the funeral home followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 9 at St. Peter's Church.

Burial will be in St. Peter's Cemetery.

Conte will visit China with 11 other lawmakers

Congressman Silvio O. Conte, R-Pittsfield, will join 11 other senators and representatives Thursday morning to leave for a 10-day trip to China.

Conte's Washington office today confirmed a White House announcement Saturday that Conte will be part of the 12-member bipartisan congressional delegation, evenly split between Democrats and Republicans, named by the White House for the first visit to China since President Jimmy Carter took office.

None of the congressional delegation will take spouses or staff members with them, a spokesman in Conte's office said today. Staff for the trip will be Douglas H. Bennett, an assistant secretary of state for congressional relations, and Michael Oksenberg, a staff member of the National Security Council.

Although no reasons were given by the White House for Conte's selection, the Conte spokesman said that the choice could have been made because of Conte's membership on the foreign operations subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee.

Conte has been a member of that subcommittee for 17 years, the spokesman said, and has also been active in other matters of foreign affairs.

Although the trip's itinerary hasn't been announced, the delegation is expected to visit factories, agricultural cooperatives, schools and hospitals.

Transportation for the trip will be paid for by the federal government, the spokesman said, and expenses in China will be paid by the Chinese government.

Rose is hospitalized after heart attack

Former assistant city solicitor Arnold L. Rose is hospitalized, in fair condition today, as the result of a heart attack and auto accident last Thursday afternoon.

City police said Rose, 69, of 47 Sampson Pkwy. was involved in an accident on Fenn Street at 4:20 p.m. that day when his car swerved over the street's center line when he lost control upon suffering the heart attack.

The driver of a pickup truck struck by Rose's auto, Valentino Paschetta, 42, of 26 Unkameet Drive, was not injured.

Atty. Rose was assistant city solicitor from 1967 to 1973 under former Mayor Donald G. Butler.

Mrs. Varcoe dies at 100

Mrs. Beatrice Evans Varcoe, 100, died Sunday night at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mrs. and Mr. G. Fred Lincks of 867 West St.

Born in Cornwall, England, she managed her family's jewelry business there until she came to the United States at the turn of the century, after her marriage to the late Ernest A. Varcoe.

A longtime local resident, Mrs. Varcoe was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

In addition to her daughter, she is survived by two sons, John Varcoe of Barnardston and Ernest Varcoe of Windsor, Conn.; two other daughters, Mrs. William Jette of Pittsfield and Mrs. William Osterlok of Oceanside, L.I., 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Private funeral services will be held at Wellington Funeral

Home at the convenience of the family. Burial will be in Pittsfield Cemetery. There will be no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Heart Fund in Mrs. Varcoe's memory are suggested.

Mrs. Doris D. Tanner; was on school board 30 years in Richmond

RICHMOND — Mrs. Doris D. Tanner, 71, of Route 41, a 30-year member of the Richmond School Committee, died Saturday morning at Hillcrest Hospital after a long illness.

She and her husband, Clyde Tanner, who died in 1971, spent many years restoring the Silas Parmelee house, believed to be the oldest house still standing in Richmond.

Mrs. Tanner was born in North Adams, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Drake, moved to California as a young girl and graduated from high school there. She returned to Richmond 51 years ago, and was a member of the Grange, a volunteer with many Richmond organizations, and a member of the United Church of Christ.

She was associated with the Red Cross for 25 years, at first as a volunteer and later as a full-time employee.

Mrs. Tanner is survived by a sister, Mrs. Beatrice Turner of Sarasota, Fla.; two sons, Keith Tanner of Richmond and Kenneth Tanner of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a daughter, Mrs. Janice Putz of Richmond, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 at Wellington Funeral Home, with cremation and burial in Center Cemetery, Richmond, at a later date. There will be no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mrs. Tanner's memory may be made to the Memorial Fund of the United Church of Christ.

Taxpayers' group to meet

The newly formed Pittsfield Taxpayers Committee will meet Thursday, April 14, at the American Legion Hall at 7:30 p.m.

The group, initiated by Riley M. Bates, is seeking members in its efforts to become a voice in local policy considerations.

Second suspicious fire damages supply company

The second suspicious fire within a week at Western Mass. Supply, Inc., burned through a rear wall of the building at 117 Fourth St. early this morning, but was extinguished by city firemen and the building's sprinkler system before it could do further damage.

Fire officials reported that the absence of any wiring or easily-burnable supplies in the rear of the building, leads them to believe that the blaze was started by someone who may have pushed burning material through an opening in the wall.

A fire March 29 destroyed one wall of a storage shed behind the large industrial building in which the plumbing and construction supply firm is located.

The firm, owned by James O'Brien of LeROI Drive, who also owns the building, sustained water and smoke damage throughout its first-floor quarters in addition to the fire damage, according to Deputy Fire Chief Richard H. Harrison Jr.

In addition, two tenants, Pontosec Wayside Furniture Co., which has second-floor storage space there, and the Royal Plating Co. on the first floor sustained some smoke damage.

Firemen credited sprinkler heads at the rear of Western Mass. Supply, which were activated by the fire, with stopping its spread toward the front of the building.

Firemen answering the 12:10 a.m. alarm, turned in automatically when the sprinklers came on, quickly contained the blaze at the rear of the building.

Killeen collects a free cruiser from Boston

The city Police Department received a new cruiser Friday, one of 15 given out by the state Highway Safety Bureau to Massachusetts police.

Chief John J. Killeen went to Boston to accept the keys for the car, a 1977 Plymouth, at a ceremony outside the Statehouse. The auto will be equipped with radar to be acquired under a separate grant, and will be used by the traffic bureau, the chief said.

The car was also provided by federal funds, channeled through the Highway Safety Bureau. The bureau gave away 15 cruisers Friday, a total of \$80,000 worth of vehicles, to departments which had demonstrated they had traffic-safety problems which could be helped by the use of another car, and who said they could keep it on the road at least 18 hours per day.

Since the cruiser program was begun in August 1975, Massachusetts police departments have been given 125 cars.



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