

OBITUARY

Susan M. Ulrich, 79

WORTHINGTON – Susan M. Ulrich, 79, beloved wife, mother and mentor to many, died peacefully on Oct. 27, 2024 in Great Falls, Virginia.

Born in New York City on April 27, 1945 and raised in Tenafly, New Jersey, she dedicated her life to teaching others. As a graduate of Immaculata College, she started her career as a home economics teacher in Englewood, New Jersey and married the late George Ulrich in 1966.

In 1977, they moved to Worthington with their two daughters. For over 25 years, she taught vocational special education at Gateway Regional High School where she creatively blended her love for cooking with teaching. Together with her students, she opened “The Cracked Pot” restaurant to serve teachers and staff breakfast and lunch as a means of teaching life and professional interpersonal skills. She finished her career at Gateway as a middle school guidance counselor and retired in 2005. Even after retirement, you could find her walking the halls of Russell H. Conwell as she volunteered in the classrooms.

As a mother, Susan was active in her daughters’ lives and her community. She was instrumental in the



creation of the children’s reading room at the Worthington Library; a space for kids to fall in love with reading. She followed in her mother’s footsteps and served for many years as a Girl Scout Troop leader and designed the official badge for Worthington Girl Scout Troop 83.

Susan volunteered throughout her daughters’ school years as a chaperone for countless field trips and as the faculty sponsor for the Gateway Regional High School class of 1992. Susan was a strong role model for her daughters and others to follow.

Susan leaves behind her daughters, Adrienne Mikolashek and her husband James (Trip) Rice, of Clifton, Virginia and Meghan Ulrich and her husband Michael Wijdoogen, of Herndon, Virginia and her two grandchildren, Thomas and Kirsten Mikolashek.

Honoring the families’ wishes, there will be no visiting hours. Please join the family to celebrate her life at the Worthington Congregational Church, 159 Huntington Road, Worthington on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Susan’s name to The Worthington Library, P.O. Box 598, Worthington, MA 01098 or online at theworthingtonlibrary.com.

DEATH NOTICE

ULRICH, SUSAN M.

Died Oct. 27, 2024
 Celebration of Life Saturday, Nov. 16 at 11 a.m.
 Worthington Congregational Church
 159 Huntington Road, Worthington

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Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

PUBLIC HEARING
 The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Huntington will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, December 2, 2024 beginning at 6:00 pm in Stanton Hall.**

The Public Hearing is for the Special Permit Application of Pioneer Assembly of God (PVAG) for a sign for the Huntington Food Pantry at 63 Old Chester Road (Parcel # 255-17-A).

A copy of the application will be available for review (by prior appointment) by contacting the office of the Board of Selectmen in Town

Hall during regular business hours.

Zoning Board Of Appeals
 Town Of Huntington
 11/07, 11/14/2024

Town of Williamsburg Accepting Sealed Bids for Town Office Renovations

The Town of Williamsburg, Massachusetts will receive sealed Bids for Project No. 11062024_TO, Town Office renovations until **2:00pm local time on Wednesday, 11 December 2024** at the office of the Town Administrator, 141 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Haydenville, MA 01039 at which time and place said Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work consists of renovations to the Williamsburg

Town Offices at 141 Main Street, Haydenville, MA. Contract Drawings are available on request by emailing [edmSTUDIO \(twidman@edmstudiocreates.com\)](mailto:edmSTUDIO@twidman.com) beginning on 13 November 2024.

There is a non-mandatory pre-bid conference at the site, on **November 19, 2024 at 9:00AM. Bidders are encouraged to make any additional arrangements to visit the site as needed to familiarize themselves with the contract area and existing conditions.**

This Contract is being bid under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, 11/14/2024

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

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- 2 Access archives and digital tear sheets by newspaper title.
- 3 Find a quick link to the state of Massachusetts’ public notice web site to search all notices in Massachusetts newspapers.

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visit www.publicnotices.turley.com

EARLY DEADLINES FOR PUBLIC NOTICES

Thanksgiving will bring early deadlines for all public notices to run in **TURLEY PUBLICATIONS** the week of November 25-29, 2024.

Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 2 PM for November 27 issue

- Agawam Advertiser News • Sentinel • The Register • Wilbraham-Hampden Times

Thursday, November 21 at 2 PM for November 28 Issue

- Barre Gazette • Country Journal
- The Journal Register • Quaboag Current • Ware River News

Friday, November 22 at 2 PM for November 29 Issue

- Town Reminder • The Holyoke Sun • Chicopee Register

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REGION

COLD WEATHER

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oxide detectors. Making sure these essential safety tools are in proper working condition is manageable and vital to ensuring the safety of those in your home. The National Fire Protection Association offers excellent information on installing and maintaining smoke alarms. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has information on carbon monoxide detectors.

- Check your window and doors for air leakage. Adding caulk and weather stripping helps prevent cold air leakage into your home and prevents spiders and insects from entering. Also, check where pipes and wires enter your home.

- Organize your garage. You will undoubtedly use your garage a lot more in the colder months. Get rid of trash and clutter, and make sure your snow shovel and other winter-use items are easily accessible. Fill/repair any cracks or holes you see to prevent bugs and rodents from entering that will be seeking refuge from the cold. Find garage organizers near you.

- Inspect your driveway. The frequent freezing and thawing conditions in many areas, along with tree roots and ground shifting, can cause driveways to develop areas of needed repair. Fall is a great time to fill cracks and seal coats to prevent wintertime water/ice damage. Find driveway repair contractors near you.

- Schedule HVAC maintenance. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, preventive care can help save you up to 25% in energy costs. Heating contractors near you can help you professionally service your heating unit. Having your heating system serviced and filters replaced will ensure your system works efficiently.

- Tend to the outside water supply. Cover up your outdoor water fixture (s). Spigot covers are reasonably priced at your local hardware store and help keep the exterior pipes from freezing. Empty hoses of any water and move them indoors.

- Protect pipes. Insulate pipes in unheated areas, like attics, basements,

and crawl spaces. Running a slow drip of water from faucets during extremely cold weather can also help prevent pipes from freezing.

- Prepare the garden and yard. Trim trees and bushes away from your home to prevent heavy snow or ice damage. Clean up leaves and debris to prevent pests from finding shelter. Find BBB Accredited pest control if needed.

- Store patio furniture and other outdoor items. Put away or cover outdoor furniture, grills, and other summer items to protect them from winter weather.

- Stock up on winter supplies. Have salt or ice melt, shovels, and other winter supplies for snow and ice removal. Find BBB Accredited snow removal companies near you. Learn more about weatherizing your winter life.

- Sweep your chimney. If you have a fireplace, clean and inspect the chimney before using it. Ensure the damper works properly to prevent drafts when the fireplace is not used. Having the soot and possible blockages or creosote build-up helps reduce the risk of a chimney fire and can improve the efficiency of your fireplace. BBB.org is a great place to find a chimney sweep near you.

- Reverse ceiling fans. In the colder months, you want your fan to move the warm air down, which means having your blades turn clockwise.

- Test backup generators. If you have a backup generator, test it to ensure it’s in working condition in case of power outages.

- Review your emergency plan. Review your family’s emergency plan, including how to stay warm, communication, and evacuation procedures.

- Check for BBB Accreditation for any professionals you may hire. Go to BBB.org to check the trustworthiness of a business. Do a general online search on a company to see what reviews and other information may be available.

Country Companions

If you have a special animal companion in your life, send us a photo by email to countryjournal@turley.com or by mail to Country Journal, 24 Water Street, Palmer, MA 01069. We look forward to hearing about your pet.

