

OBITUARIES

Gary L. Lane, 73

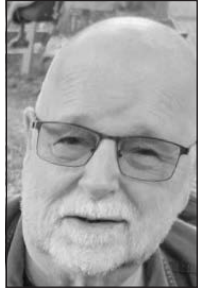
Gary L. Lane, 73, of Lee, died Saturday, Dec. 21, 2024 at BayState Medical Center.

Gary was born in Pittsfield on June 2, 1951, the son of Francis and Helen Harris Lane. He was raised in Washington and was schooled in Becket.

Gary, known to his friends as "Bear," was a regular at Joe's Diner in Lee, where he met his bride, Kay Cahalan. They married Aug. 9, 2008.

"Bear" was an outdoors man, who loved fishing and kayaking on Buckley Dunton Lake in Becket and loved working outside in his yard. He enjoyed going out on the boat, playing a round of golf, rooting on the Steelers and enjoyed relaxing on his porch. He loved hopping on his motorcycle and going for a ride. Gary found great pleasure in spending time with his kids and their families and having his dog, KiKi, always at his side.

Gary worked at the Mead Corporation for 28 years, retiring in January 2009.



Besides his wife, Kay, those left behind to cherish his memory are his children: Helen Oleksak and her husband, Josh of Chester; Betsy Braman and her husband, Bob of Blandford and Christine Biagiotti and her husband, John of Pittsfield. In addition, he leaves behind his six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Gary was predeceased by his daughter, Jennifer Williams, his parents, and his three siblings.

The family received friends on Monday, Dec. 30 from 4-6 p.m. at the Kelly Funeral Home in Lee.

In lieu of flowers those wishing may make a donation in Gary's memory to the American Heart Association or the Berkshire Humane Society. Checks made out to either may be mailed in care of the Kelly Funeral Home, 3 Main St., Lee, MA 01238.

If you would like to leave a message of condolence or share pictures with the family, please visit our web site at www.kellyfuneralhome.net.

Carl Meissner, 96

It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Carl Meissner on Dec. 20, 2024 at the age of 96. Carl was born on July 21, 1928 in Atlanta, Georgia to Carl E and Miriam (Tyler) Meissner. He was predeceased by his wife, Ruth E. (Thayer) Meissner on June 23, 1999, his brothers: Bill, Frank, Jim and Tom and sister, Norma.

He is survived by his sister, Dottie Clawson of Canton, Connecticut along with several brother and sisters-in-law. He leaves four sons, Carl 4th with wife Nancy of Canaan, New York; Dwight of Pittsfield, James and Raymond of Russell and daughter Heidi with husband Tom Witkop of Springfield, six grandchildren, Amy, Carl, Adam, Eric, Kendra and Linzi. Five great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Carl grew up in Springfield and moved to Russell in 1953 where along with his loving wife of 46 years, Ruth, raised their family in a home that he mostly built himself. He was a member of the Russell Community Church where he served on several boards. A Mason for over 65 years and a Shriner for over 25.

Carl was a lifelong truck driver, starting his career



driving large Euclids and Bellydumps in the construction of the Mass. Turnpike and Route 91, then on the road for 20 years for Westfield River Paper and 14 years for Contrans Division of Erving paper.

Two highlights of his career he was proud of were when he won Ryder leasing northeast district driver of the year and the fact he drove 2 million safe miles before retiring in 1993. Carl did some traveling, but his favorite vacation was always his yearly

trip to the family reunion in Maine, hosted by his brother, Frank.

In his retirement Carl was active in the American Truck Historical Society and owned a 1966 Brockway, which he enjoyed driving, and bringing to antique truck shows.

The family would like to thank Armbrook Village in Westfield and the Atrium in Agawam along with Baystate Hospice for their expert and compassionate care in the past year.

There will be a small graveside service at a later date. Any donations can be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital in Springfield. www.firtonadams.com.

PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON ZONING

BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Huntington will hold the Continuance of the May 14, 2024 public hearing on **Tuesday, January 21, 2025 beginning at 6:00 pm** in Stanton Hall.

The Public Hearing

Continuance is for the Special Permit Application of Hull Forestlands, LP c/o William B. Hull for an Earth Removal Operation at 61 Goss Hill Road (Parcel # 324-32-A), 0 Goss Hill Road (Parcel # 326-26-0) & 0 Worthington Road (Parcel # 326-24-0).

A copy of the application will be available for review at the Public Hearing.

The Zoning Board

of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Huntington will hold another public hearing on **Tuesday, January 28, 2025 beginning at 6:00 pm** in Stanton Hall.

This Public Hearing is for the Special Permit Application of Robert Hebert and Ingrid Evenson to operate Boulder Designs by Huntington Stone Works, LLC in their garage at 224 Worthington Road, Parcel Number 326-12-0.

A copy of this application will be available for review at the Public Hearing, or by appointment with the Town Administrator during regular office hours (Monday-Thursday 10-3).

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DEATH NOTICES

LANE, GARY L.

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Family received friends Dec. 30
Kelly Funeral Home

MEISSNER, CARL

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The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$275, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph.

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WILLIAMSTOWN

Clark Art offers program for preschoolers

WILLIAMSTOWN – On Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025 at 10 a.m. the Clark Art Institute, 225 South St. offers a free activity program for young children in the Michael Conforti Pavilion.

This free program for preschoolers gives them a creative start with themed painting talks, art-making activities and gallery guides designed for this age

group, age three to six and their caregivers. Art-making can be messy so they should dress for the mess.

For more information, people may visit clarkart.edu/events.

For accessibility questions, people may call 413 458 0524. Admission to the Clark is free January through March 2025.

Clark Art Institute holds teatime event

WILLIAMSTOWN – The Clark Art Institute, 225 South St., first Sunday free series continues on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2025 from 1-4 p.m.

This month's them is "Its Teatime." The Clark celebrates the beginning of a new year with art, community and fresh tea. At 2 p.m. an all-ages, educator-led tour explores tea-related objects in the institute's collection. Throughout the afternoon, tea tastings are provided by Heart's Pace, a North Adams based tea and healing arts lounge.

Special activities will take place in the Clark Center lower level and Museum Pavilion from 1-4 p.m. Capacity for tours is limited; pick up a ticket at the Clark Center admissions desk, available on a first-come, first-served basis. Admission to the Clark is free January through March 2025.

For more information, people may visit clarkart.edu/events. For accessibility questions, they may call 413-458-0524. Family programs are generously supported by Allen & Company.

Clark Art Institute offers gallery tours

WILLIAMSTOWN – On Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025 at 10:15 a.m., the Clark Art Institute, 225 South St., hosts the next in its series of free tours of its permanent collection galleries designed specifically to meet the interests of new parents/caregivers and their infants.

Participants should meet at the Clark's main admissions desk. The program is specially designed to provide new parents and caregivers with a stress-free experience that offers chances to socialize with others. who

are caring for young infants. The guided gallery tour offers an informal visit to the Clark's permanent collection free from any concerns about short attention spans or fussy babies. Works by a variety of artists are featured during the casual tour of the collection. This program is best suited for adults with pre-toddlers. Strollers and front-carrying baby carriers are welcome.

For more information, people may visit clarkart.edu/events. For accessibility questions, they may call 413-458-0524.

Clark Art Institute presents gallery talk Jan. 21

WILLIAMSTOWN – On Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 11 a.m., the Clark Art Institute, 225 South St., presents Reflections, a free monthly gallery experience during which visitors are invited to look contemplatively as they engage with works of art from the Clark's collection.

With a gentle tone that encourages investigation and audience participation, the group explores one or two artworks

with the help of a Clark educator, working together to explore its meaning, find understanding, and raise questions.

Advance registration is required; capacity is limited. People should meet in the Museum Pavilion. For more information and to register, people may visit clarkart.edu/events. Admission to the Clark is free January through March 2025.