

# OBITUARIES

## Barbara (Palmer) Pease, 97

Barbara (Palmer) Pease, 97, peacefully passed away on Jan. 25, 2025 surrounded by her loving family.

Barbara was born on March 20, 1927, daughter of Kenneth and Mildred (Peebles) Palmer. She grew up in Blandford and graduated from Westfield High School in 1945. She was active in several sports and starred in tennis.

After high school, she worked as a receptionist and switchboard operator before becoming a homemaker. Barb was well known for her baking and cake decorating skills. She made many treasured multilayered wedding cakes for family and friends. After her children grew-up she enjoyed working in the cafeteria of Gateway Regional School District for several years.

Barbara was a woman of strong Christian faith. She was a member of the Worthington Congregational Church, a Sunday School Teacher, a member of the Friendship Guild and a member of the Women's Benevolent Society. She participated in Bible Study Groups and played in the Handbell Choir.

Barb was a Girl Scout Leader, served on the Worthington COA Board for 19 years and participated in the COA Knitting Group. She was a program leader for Retired Senior Volunteer Program Healthy Bones and Balance exercise program.

Barb was an avid UConn Women's Basketball Team fan and enjoyed watching the Red Sox play. Her favorite pastime was attending the athletic games of her grandchildren. After retirement, she enjoyed traveling throughout the United States including visiting her



grandchildren. One of her regular destinations was their camp in Windham, Vermont. The camp, better known as the Snuggle Inn, was where she would go to escape the "hustle and bustle" of Worthington.

Barbara is survived by her children, Gary Pease of Westfield, Gail Lucey and her husband Michael of Chesterfield and Marcia Estelle and her husband Stephen of Worthington. She leaves seven proud and admiring grandchildren, Mark Pease and his wife Marisa of Feeding Hills, Rebecca Freeman and husband John of Chicopee, Kristen Cuddy-Pease and her wife Natalie of Leeds, Stephen Estelle and wife Kristen of Goshen, Erin Borsari and husband Josh of Plympton, David Lucey and wife Carol of Cambridge and Thomas Lucey and wife Kate of Chicago, Illinois. Barbara also leaves 12 great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. Admiration and love for Aunt Barb extends to nieces, nephews and beyond.

Barbara was predeceased by her beloved husband, Kenneth Pease Jr. and her cherished daughter-in-law Nan Pease. She was also predeceased by her brothers, Leon and Herbert Palmer; her sisters, Bernice Cooley, Ellen Tatro and Leah Mollison.

A celebration of her life will be held at the Worthington Congregational Church on Saturday, March 22 at 11 a.m. with a reception at the Worthington Town Hall to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Worthington Congregational Church, P.O. Box 536, Worthington, MA 01098. Williamsburg Funeral Home in Haydenville assisted the family with her cremation.

## Thomas R. Stone, 76

1948-2025

Thomas R. Stone, 76, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2025. Tom was a successful, hard working, self-made business owner, T. R. Stone Trucking, Inc. Tom Stone was a legend in the trucking industry. He will be best remembered for his "shiny" trucks and excellent service in the transportation industry.

Tom was a contractor with the United States Postal Service for many decades. The United States Postal Service awarded Tom the Eagle Spirit Award for Excellence. Tom and his drivers participated in truck shows, Make-A-Wish Convoys for Kids and Ronald McDonald Convoys for Kids. Nothing could touch his passion for trucking and "nice trucks."

Tom leaves his life partner of 40 years, Beth E. Smith of Palmer; daughters, Jennifer DeLorge of Pittsfield, Tina Laviolette of Peru (Massachusetts), Carol-Anne Ellinger of Holyoke and Michelle Dingmond of Chicopee and seven grandchildren. He also leaves his sisters, Shirley Stone, Francesca LaPierre and Marian Stone and brother, Michael Stone. He was predeceased by parents, Henry D. Stone and Frances Stone; brother, Donald and sister, Ellen.

All services are private and have been entrusted to Lombard Funeral Home of Monson. For online condolences please visit [www.lombardfuneralhome.com](http://www.lombardfuneralhome.com).

## DEATH NOTICES

### PEASE, BARBARA (PALMER)

Died Jan. 25, 2025  
Saturday, March 22 at 11 a.m. Celebration of Life  
Worthington Congregational Church  
Sunday, March 22 Reception to follow  
in Worthington Town Hall

### STONE, THOMAS R.

Died Jan. 28, 2025  
All services are private.  
Lombard Funeral Home, Munson

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

**Public Notice**  
**The Chester Water Commission**  
will hold a **Public Hearing on March 11, 2025** at **Chester Town Hall, 15 Middlefield St., Chester, MA** at **6:30 p.m.**, for discussion of a proposed **FY'26 Water Rate increase** 02/06/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampshire Probate and Family Court**  
15 Atwood Drive  
Northampton, MA 01060  
(413)586-8500  
Docket No. HS25P0041EA  
Estate of:  
Patricia Mae Drewitz  
Date of Death: 10/27/2024  
CITATION ON PETITION

**FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Keith Drewitz of Converse, TX** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Keith Drewitz of Converse, TX** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right

to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/05/2025**. This is **NOT** a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
A Personal Represent-

tative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration

WITNESS, Hon. Diana S. Velez Harris, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 28, 2025

**Mark S Ames,**  
Register of Probate  
02/06/2025

**Senior Center Crawlspace Structural Repairs and Renovations**  
Invitation to Bid

The Town of Middlefield is accepting Bids from state certified general contractors to make repairs and renovations to the crawlspace area in the Town Senior Center located at 169 Skyline Trail in Middlefield, MA 01243. Work will include selective removal of existing debris, stones, rocks and insulation in the building crawlspace, repairs to beams, floor joists, and related work. Bid documents may be requested online at [middlefield.assistant@gmail.com](http://middlefield.assistant@gmail.com). Bids can also be picked up at the Select Board Office from the Middlefield Administrative Assistant on Mondays from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. and Fridays from 9:00A.M. to 11:00AM. The Select Board Office is located in the Town Hall 188 Skyline

Trail Middlefield MA 01243. There is no cost for Bid Documents. A Pre-bid Site Visit will be held for all interested parties on February 12, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. at the front entrance to the Senior Center, 169 Skyline Trail Middlefield, MA 01243. **The Bid deadline is March 3, 2025, at 2:00P.M.** The project will start immediately after award (approximately March 17, 2025) and shall be completed no later than November 21, 2025. Note: Massachusetts Prevailing Rates are required to be paid on this project. Questions can be directed to Curt Robie, Member, Select Board by calling 413-623-2079, 413-374-2082, or by email: [middlefield.CDR@gmail.com](mailto:middlefield.CDR@gmail.com) 02/06, 02/13/2025



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