

## OBITUARIES

### Ruth M. (Brown) Boucher

Ruth M. (Brown) Boucher, 91, passed away at home on Jan. 3. She was born in Hartford to the late Frank and Eletto (Press) Brown. Ruth was the Granville Emergency Dispatcher for more than 35 years, for the police, fire and ambulance. She was predeceased by her beloved husband William H. Boucher, her daughter Jane Zellner and a brother Robert Brown. Ruth is survived by her children, David W. Boucher of Westfield, Robert F. Boucher and his



wife Suzanne and Diane S. Boucher, her brother Francis Brown of Ellington, Conn., eight grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and four great, great grandchildren. A Celebration of Life will be celebrated at the convenience of the family in Granville. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ruth's name may be directed to the Granville Ambulance Fund, 707 Main Road, Granville, MA 01034. [www.firtionadams.com](http://www.firtionadams.com)

### Nellie M. Dugas

Nellie M. Dugas, a long-time resident of Huntington, passed away Thursday Jan. 4 at Noble Hospital. Nellie was born in April 1923 in Rowlesburg, W.Va. She later lived in both Alabama and Massachusetts. She is predeceased by her parents Larry and Daisy Mazza, her husband Henry Dugas Jr, her brothers James, Joseph, Larry and Franklin and her sisters Josephine, Dora, Barbra, Rose and Mary. Nellie spent much of her working life at the Gateway Regional School District as a baker which she retired from in 1985. During her summer vacations, she enjoyed spending time camping with her grandchildren at the beach. She also appreciated her Saturdays spent with her mother and siblings which involved delicious food and coffee. In her later years, she



enjoyed the holidays with her great-grandchildren. In recent years, her life revolved around spending time with her great-great grandchildren, which always put a beaming smile on her face. Nellie's memory will be forever carried forward by her children Gerald Dugas, Donald Dugas Sr and his wife Grace, her grandchildren Donald Dugas Jr and Pamela Bartlett, her great-grandchildren Nathan, Kayla, Cassie, and Kyle, her great-great grandchildren Mia, Kaylee, Garrett, Matthew and Abigail, as well as other family. Calling hours were Wednesday Jan. 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Firtion-Adams, 76 Broad St. Westfield with services to follow. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Shriners Children's Hospital or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

## DEATH NOTICES

### BOUCHER, RUTH M. (BROWN)

Died Jan. 3  
Celebration of Life at the convenience of the family

### DUGAS, NELIE M.

Died Jan. 4  
Funeral Services Jan. 10  
Firtion-Adams Funeral Services

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and  
Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield MA, 01103  
Docket No. HD18P0010PM  
In the Matter of:  
Alan L Smith  
Of: Blandford, MA  
RESPONDENT  
(Person to be Protected/  
Minor)

CITATION GIVING NOTICE  
OF PETITION FOR  
APPOINTMENT OF  
CONSERVATOR OR  
OTHER PROTECTIVE  
ORDER PURSUANT  
TO G. L. c. 190B,  
§ 5-304 & § 5-405

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Diane L Smith of Blandford, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Alan L Smith is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Diane L Smith of Blandford, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the

return date of 01/31/2018. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection Within 30 days after the return date.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 03, 2018

Suzanne T. Seguin  
Register of Probate  
1/11/18

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CITATION GIVING  
NOTICE OF PETITION  
FOR APPOINTMENT  
OF GUARDIAN FOR  
INCAPACITATED PERSON  
PURSUANT TO  
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Diane L Smith of Blandford, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Alan L Smith is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Diane L Smith of Blandford, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 01/31/2018. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your

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#### TOWN OF OTIS MASSACHUSETTS

#### Notice of Public Hearing

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 82, Section 32A, the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Otis will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, January 23, 2017 at 7:00 pm** at the Town Offices, 1 North Main Road, Otis, MA. The public hearing is to determine whether to formally discontinue maintenance of the following roads:

Miller Swamp Road from Blandford Road to edge of town map

Miner Road  
Stebbins Road from Dimmock Road to #881  
Dotted Line Road from Stebbins Road to Giles  
Tolland Road from #864 to edge of town map  
Whittier Road

In order to discontinue maintenance of a road, the Board must determine that the road has become "abandoned and unused for ordinary travel and that the common convenience and necessity no longer requires said town way...to be maintained in a condition reasonably safe and convenient for travel".

Please note that if the Board votes to discontinue maintenance of a road, the road still remains a public way with a public right of passage.

All interested parties are invited to attend.  
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#### Town of Becket Notice of Public Hearing

The Becket Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing on **February 7, 2018 at 7:15 PM** in Town Hall, 557 Main Street, Becket, MA on proposed amendments to the General Bylaws by inserting a new bylaw to establish revolving funds in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws c. 44, S53E1/2. Any person interested or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated. If unable to attend please submit comments in writing to the Becket Board of Selectmen for receipt before the date of the scheduled hearing. Copies of the proposed bylaw are available at Town Hall and on the town's website at [www.town-of-becket.org](http://www.town-of-becket.org), under "Town News".

Town of Becket  
Board of Selectmen  
1/11/18

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