

## OBITUARIES

### Joyce Damaris Fernandez-Sierra

WORTHINGTON — Joyce Damaris Fernandez-Sierra passed away in the early hours of Aug. 14, 2017. She was 92 years old.

Damaris, as she was known to most folks, was born on March 1, 1925 in Porthcawl, South Wales to Illyd Henry Stockwood and Katherine Forbes Taylor Stockwood.

Damaris, one of five siblings, went to the Queen Anne's School in Caversham, England. Like the rest of her family, when she came of age she did her part to serve her country during the war and enlisted in the Royal Navy as a W.R.N.S. (Women's Royal Navy Service known as Wrens). There she was trained to be an aircraft radio mechanic. However, due to the needs of the Royal Navy at that time, she was assigned to serve on Motor Gun Boats (M.G.B.) and Motor Torpedo Boats (M.T.B.) at the port of Ramsgate. She received her order of release from the Royal Navy on May 8, 1946, one year after V-E Day (the end of the WW2 in Europe).

Damaris remained at her family home in Bridgend from 1946 to 1951, occasionally traveling to visit relatives and friends in Britain and on the continent. In December of 1951 she left South Wales for Canada, arriving in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada on Dec. 12, 1951.

She worked at a Ranch in the Canadian Rockies for a while and then moved on to the Canadian West Coast to Vancouver, British Columbia pursuing a career in secretarial work. It was while she was practicing her shorthand on a nearby beach that she met her future husband, Jorge Fernandez-Sierra. They were married on Feb. 9, 1953. Their first son, Emilio Tudor Mark was born there in Vancouver in November of that year.

In June of 1956 Damaris and Jorge left Canada for Argentina where they hoped to find a better living for themselves in the midst of a large contingent of Jorge's family. Their second son, Jorge Illyd, was born in Rio Cuarto in October of that year. Unfortunately, deposed president Peron had depressed Argentina's economy to such an extent Jorge was unable to find that living. In December of 1956 they return to North America where Jorge found engaging work with a large engineering firm in New York City.



In 1960, Damaris and her family moved to Worthington after Jorge secured a position with E. D. Jones, a firm in Dalton MA that specialized in designing, manufacturing and support of paper making machinery.

Here Damaris raised her family. She was active in the town and volunteered with the Worthington Public Library and the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System. She was involved with the creation of the Worthington Swim Club and enjoyed playing golf with Jorge and friends up at the Golf Club. She was a member of the St. John's Episcopal Church in Ashfield. Damaris could often be seen walking, skiing or bicycling to the Worthington Post Office.

Gardening was her passion. From her days in Britain to her final days in Worthington she was always on the look-out for interesting and innovative gardening techniques. Their former property on Old North Road is a testament to this. She planted fruit trees, grapes and berries. Her vegetable garden was strictly organic, and she was constantly looking for ways to improve its produce. She had a small pond choked with lilies and water iris, not to mention scores of frogs and goldfish. She was an active member of the local spinner's group, often participating in the Cummington Wool Fair.

In her later years, she and Jorge enjoyed traveling, often visiting relatives in Argentina and Britain. However, by 2011 time had caught up with Damaris, and with the kind help and support that can often be found in the small hill towns, she was able to remain in their home until 2012, when she and Jorge were forced to move into assisted care, where their remaining days were spent together.

Damaris is predeceased by her husband, Jorge Fernandez-Sierra, and survived by her two sons, Emilio and his wife Kathy in the Seattle area, Illyd and his wife Mary in Russell, two grandchildren: Ramsey Fernandez Sierra of Bellingham Wash., and Damaris Fernandez-Sierra of Russell, as well as her sister in law, Maria Fernandez-Cofone of Mendoza, Argentina and her brother, Mark Stockwood of Cornwall, Britain.

There will be a private ceremony in Damaris' honor to be announced. Donations can be made in her name to BrightFocus Foundation.org.

### Nancy Louise (Stenico) Hathaway

CHESTER — Nancy Louise (Stenico) Hathaway, 64, died Monday, September 4, 2017 at home, surrounded by her family. She was born in Westfield on Jan. 10, 1953. She grew up in Chester and attended local schools. She enjoyed spending time with her family. She was pre-deceased by her husband William H. Hathaway in 2011. She leaves her children Daniel Fisher and his wife Sarah of Westfield, Wayne Fisher of Otis, Paul Hathaway and Sandy, and John Hathaway and Brandi of Chester, Amy Fisher and David of Pittsfield, Jean Hathaway Robitaille of Pittsfield, Jenna Hathaway and Shawn of Indian Orchard, her mother Louetta Jean Stenico of Westfield, her step-children Marriane Patriquin of Pittsfield, Christopher Hathaway of Pittsfield, Lori Hathaway of Pittsfield and William Hathaway III of Huntington. She also leaves

her grandchildren Tyler, Caleb, Kendal and Chloe and a great-grandchildren, her siblings Richard Stenico and his wife Carol of Westfield, Charles Stenico and his wife Barbara of Easthampton, Edward Stenico and his wife Barbara of Westfield, Donald Stenico and his wife Victoria of Chester, Carol Stenico of Chester, Linda Carroll and her husband Jerry of Westfield, Marcella Stenico of Chester and many nieces and nephews. The funeral will be held on Saturday Sept. 9 at 4:30 pm at the Firtion-Adams Funeral Service, 76 Broad Street, Westfield. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Calling hours will be held at the funeral home on Saturday before the funeral from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Lupus foundation of America Inc. 2121 K Street, NW Suite 200, Washington DC 20037-1830.

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## DEATH NOTICES

### FERNANDEZ-SIERRA, JOYCE D.

Died August 14, 2017  
Private ceremony at a later date  
Ahearn Funeral Home

### HATHAWAY, NANCY L. (STENICO)

Died September 4, 2017  
Funeral services September 9, 2017  
Firtion-Adams Funeral Service

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### Celebration for the life of

## RICHARD BOISSEAU

Sunday, September 17, 2017

12:00 pm

VFW, Route 20, Russell, MA

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### TOWN OF RUSSELL Zoning Board SPECIAL PERMIT HEARING

The Russell Zoning Board, in accordance with MGL Chapter 40A Section 9 Special Permits, will hold a public meeting **Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 6 p.m.** at the Russell Town Hall, 65 Main St., Russell MA for proposed renovaton of existing detached structure for in-law residence located at 101 Old Westfield Road, Russell, MA.  
09/07, 09/14/17

Hyde Hill Rd., Williamsburg, MA, Assessors Map C, Lot 170 for a Special Permit to construct a mixed-use accessory building exceeding 1500 sq. ft. for a garage and workshop as required by Sections 3.0, 9.2b and 12.0e of the Zoning Bylaws of Williamsburg  
**Charles Dudek, Chairman**  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
09/07, 09/14/17

### TOWN OF CHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Town of Chester Conservation Commission will hold a meeting on **September 18, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.** at Chester Town Hall to act on the **Notice of Intent** for an Ecological Restoration Project for Trout Unlimited, Inc. at Kinnebrook Rd., Chester, MA for the purpose of a Restoration Order of Conditions.  
09/07/17

### TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG Zoning Board of Appeals LEGAL NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held at **6:00 PM on Thursday, September 21, 2017** in the Williamsburg Town Offices, 141 Main St., Haydenville, MA to consider the following: The application of Alex Kassell of 46

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