

OBITUARIES

Mary Kearney Graves, 72

BECKET — Mary Kearney Graves passed away July 13, 2022 from cancer, a courageous battle indeed, with family by her side. She was 72.

She was born in Keene, New Hampshire, on Aug. 15, 1949 and was the daughter of the late Arthur and Gertrude Kearney of Keene.

Mary leaves her husband of 48 years, David H. Graves from Becket; a son, Jeff Philip Graves wife Mindy and their three children from Letts, Iowa; a daughter, Heather M. Graves from Becket, who was her mom's caregiver during these difficult times; a sister, Janet Pregeant from Keene, New Hampshire; sister Trudy Gallup from North Carolina; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Her son Shawn M. Graves and her brother David Kearney predeceased her.

Mary graduated from Keene High School in 1967. Upon graduation she worked full time at the Keene Sentinel newspaper in addition to working many part-time jobs. She learned to knit and crochet from her grandmother.

She married David in 1974 and lived in Spofford, New Hampshire briefly before moving to Lee and then, in 1975, to Becket where she resided until her passing.

In the early days the family would set up a farm stand on Route 8, Becket selling their jams, jellies honey and maple syrup from a surrey wagon that David's great grandfather built in the 1800s in Williamsburg.

Mary had a special love for animals and taking long walks with her dog Pepper. A generous and giving person, she would always travel with her famous raspberry jam and give it away.

Mary developed over 30 different kinds of jams and jellies using her own recipes that, after 30 years, are still sold at Greenmarket Farmers Market, which is operated by Grow NYC, and are also available at four markets per week year round and at their facility in Becket.

Customers from all over the world say her jams are the best they've ever tasted.

The late Jane Fitzpatrick from the Red Lion Inn, in Stockbridge, wrote in a letter to Mary: "Great Stuff." Singer-songwriter Carly Simon wrote: "I have



been a longtime customer of the Berkshire Berry products. I am virtually psychologically and physiologically addicted to the Berry Hot Garlic jelly. I put it on rice cakes and lock myself in the closet. I see no one for days. "

Tom Hanks wrote in a note to Mary's daughter Heather during the filming of "You've Got Mail" in New York City: "Can't wait to sample that rooftop honey! Thanks Tom Hanks."

Former President William Jefferson Clinton wrote in a letter to the family: "Thank you for the terrific assortment of your company's jam and honey. Berkshire Berries has a very interesting history, and you're setting a great example for small business owners and artisanal food producers with your innovative contributions to urban agriculture."

At the fifth annual Taste of Greenmarket, Mary was honored for her pioneering work in the field of agriculture and role in strengthening the Greenmarket New York City and the sustainable agriculture community.

Mary was also featured in the Food Network's "Food Finds" and on NBC's weatherman Al Roker's Food Network show, "Roker on the Road."

Berkshire Berries was also featured on CBS's "Sunday Morning" with Charles Osgood, which was reported by Martha Trichner.

Massachusetts Specialty Food Association Officer Larry Berk popped in on member Mary Graves for an impromptu tour of their quaint operation. Later, Berk wrote to the family that his visit was "very enlightening," which appeared in a MSFA newsletter, adding the products were brought to association's attention by its President Carol Coutrier.

The family is also a member of Massachusetts Maple Association and the Massachusetts Farm Bureau.

The Graves family is forever grateful for the excellent care Mary received at Berkshire Medical Center; Dalton Medical Associates; and Hospice of the Berkshires.

Rest In Peace Mary, you will not be forgotten.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Becket Fire Department 557 Main St., Becket MA 01223, in memory of Mary K. Graves.

DEATH NOTICES

Graves, Mary Kearney
Died July 13, 2022
Kelly Funeral Home
Becket MA

Country Journal OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

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

Russell's Carter Girard graduates from The University of Tampa

TAMPA, FL – Carter Girard graduated in May earning a bachelor's degree of fine arts in animation.

The commencement ceremony included 1,713 undergraduate and graduate candidates.

The ceremony included remarks by alumni and brothers, Javier Baldor '89, CEO of BST Global, and Carlos Baldor '87, president and chief technology officer of BST Global and the student challenge speaker.

The University of Tampa is a private, comprehensive university located on 110 acres on the riverfront in downtown Tampa.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Chester Conservation Commission Legal Notice Public Hearing

The Chester Conservation Commission will be holding a public hearing on Monday August 15, 2022 at 5 PM at Chester Town Hall, 15 Middlefield Rd Chester MA to review an RDA submitted by Hill Engineers, Architects, Planners, Inc. (Fred Sears) on behalf of the Richard Raymond, (property owner) for proposed new home construction on property located at 139 Ingell Road, Chester MA.
07/28/2022

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF DESTRUCTION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS

Notice is hereby given that Gateway Regional School District Office of Pupil Services will be destroying the special education records of students who graduated or left school in 2015. If you or your child received special education services and you wish to obtain the special education file, please call 413-685-1017. Records will be destroyed on August 10, 2022.
07/21, 07/28/2022

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT DOCKET NO. 22 SM 001949 ORDER OF NOTICE TO: Mark R. Scott a/k/a Mark Richard Scott and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. C. 50 §3901 (et seq):
North American Savings Bank F.S.B. claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage

covering real property in Huntington, numbered 69 Bromley Road, given by Mark R. Scott to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for North American Savings Bank, FSB, dated September 4, 2015, and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 12060, Page 302, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before 09/05/2022 or you may lose

the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, **GORDON H. PIPER** Chief Justice of this Court on 07/20/2022

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson Recorder
07/28/2022

LEGAL NOTICE of PUBLIC MEETING WILLIAMSBURG CONSERVATION COMMISSION, Williamsburg, MA 0109
The Williamsburg Conservation Commission, in accordance with MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, the Wetlands Protection Act, will hold a public meeting on **August 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Williamsburg town offices, 141 Main St., Haydenville, MA to review a **Request for Determination of Applicability** submitted by: Courtney Morehouse.
The subject area or activity is located at 18 Williams St., Williamsburg, MA 01096.
07/28/2022

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SCHOOLS & YOUTH

American International College announces area graduates

SPRINGFIELD -- American International College has awarded degrees to 216 undergraduate students representing five countries, 12 states, and Puerto Rico. AIC congratulates these recent graduates.

Cummington
Vincent Orlandi
Westfield
Jennifer Burkott, Camarin Cook, Madeleine Fortier, Samantha Giordano, Grayce Juan, Anita Mosijchuk, Harrison

Paige, Cierra Paskins, Cheyenne Slack, Mason St.Pierre, and Liliya Stepanchuk.

Founded in 1885, American International College (AIC) is a private, co-educational, doctoral granting institution located in Springfield, Massachusetts, comprising the School of Business, Arts and Sciences, the School of Education, and the School of Health Sciences. AIC supports and advances education, diversity, and opportunity for its students and the community.

Local students graduate from Emerson College

BOSTON -- Emerson College, the nation's premier institution for the arts, communication, and the liberal arts, awarded more than 1,000 undergraduate degrees during its 142nd Commencement at Agganis Arena in late May.

Ann Matica from Worthington earned a bachelor's degree in journalism.

Rory Tettermer of Westfield earned a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies.

About Emerson College

Based in Boston, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning.

For more information, visit emerson.edu.

Angela Wright named to Dean's List at Ithaca College

ITHACA, NY -- Ithaca College student Angela Wright of Montgomery was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2022 semester.

Founded in 1892, Ithaca College is a residential college dedicated to building knowledge and confidence through a continuous cycle of theory, practice

and performance. Home to some 5,200 students, the college offers more than 90 degree programs in its schools of Business; Communications; Humanities and Sciences; Health Sciences and Human Performance; and Music, Theatre, and Dance.