

OBITUARIES

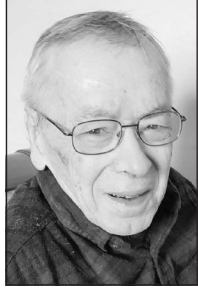
Alfred L. Caron, 88

BLANDFORD – Alfred L. Caron, 88, passed away on Tuesday, May 30, 2023. Son of the late Charles and Anne (Bousquet) Caron, Fred was born in Fall River, on July 20, 1934.

He served his country in the United States Air Force from Dec. 1, 1956 to Jan. 23, 1960. One of his most prized tours of duty in the military was his time in Japan.

After his honorable discharge, he went on to pursue higher education at the University of Massachusetts Amherst where he obtained his Bachelor's Degree in psychology in 1964 and his Master's Degree in speech in 1966.

While working at the Vermont Association for the Crippled (now Vermont Achievement Center) in Rutland, Vermont, he met his future wife and they were married July 1, 1967. In 1970, he and his bride moved to Huntington to begin work at Gateway Regional School District in Huntington. Other work history included Burbank Hospital in Fitchburg and Walter E. Fernald State School in Baldwinville. Upon retirement from Walter E. Fernald State School, he worked part time for several home health agencies



for a number of years. In his spare time, he enjoyed reading, writing, and listening to classical music.

As dementia started taking hold, Fred published three of his books that he had written several years earlier. He wrote many poems and enjoyed submitting them to the Country Journal to be published. Fred was predeceased by his wife, Elisabeth (Liz) (Weeks) Caron on April, 4, 2023.

He leaves his son, Scott of Westfield, his daughter Jennifer Caron-Theriaque and her husband Wayne of Westfield, and his granddaughter (the girl who could do no wrong in his eyes) Danielle E. Theriaque. He was also predeceased by his brother Charles, sisters Connie, Gloria (Pauline), and Shirley.

There are no services. He will be buried in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam next to his wife. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice. The family would like to thank the exceptional and compassionate care he received by the staff on the Cranberry Cove wing of Heritage Hall East in Agawam and that of New England Hospice. www.firtionadams.com.

Nan Pease, 75

Nan passed away on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at the age of 75.

She was traveling in Italy with her husband, Gary and four of their dearest friends when she died unexpectedly, but peacefully. She was having a glorious time enjoying life and putting a smile on the face of everyone she met, as was her trademark.

Nan was born in Lancaster, Ohio and always considered herself a "Buckeye." She grew up in northern Illinois where she spent summers water skiing around Fox Lake. She moved to Massachusetts while in her twenties and became a licensed practical nurse working in a hospital, a doctor's office and as a field coordinator for a home health care agency.

When her children were older, she worked in the Westfield school system, ultimately retiring from the position of secretary in the High School Guidance Office (she ran the place). She loved helping students prepare for their future as evidenced by her spending ten years, after retirement, volunteering with the Westfield Citizens Scholarship Committee.

Nan loved to travel. Growing up she traveled with her parents and her sister to various National Parks and other venues. After retirement, she and her husband Gary spent six wonderful, weeks driving cross country, exploring and experiencing. Whether on a cruise ship or traveling on a muddy, backwoods country road she always had an infectious smile on her face. She loved life and people, she saw the good in everything and everyone.

She will be remembered for her nutty sense of humor, behind which was an intelligent, strong and steadfast individual, who was always loyal to family and friends. She loved to read, but only from a book. She somehow felt closer to the subject matter with the binding in her hand.

Nan's greatest passion was in the caring for family



and friends. She lived in service to all who needed it and she did this with grace and without expectation. Her selflessness extended to everyone she met and we are all better people because of this.

She brought joy and love to everyone she met, she was a nurturer and a constant source of light. Nan was proud of the accomplishments of her three loving children and was always there to listen and to love without judgement.

Nan was pre-deceased by her parents, Roy and Kate Stallsmith; her father-in-law, Kenneth Pease and her brother-in-law, Danny Oleksak.

She leaves behind her forever grateful husband, best friend and soulmate her "Bubba" of 46 years, Gary, her loving children: her daughter, Rebecca Freeman and her husband, John; her son, Mark Pease and his wife, Marisa and her daughter, Kristen Pease and her fiancé, Natalie. Nan had four grandchildren, Nicole and her husband, Tim; Michael and his partner, Ashley; Mia and Ross and two great-grandchildren, Madeline and Keegan. She also leaves behind her beloved mother-in-law, Barbara Pease. Nan will be forever remembered by her sister, Charley Oleksak.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday June 3, 2023 from 1-3 p.m. at the Firtion Adams Funeral Home, 76 Broad St., Westfield. The Memorial Service will be held for friends and family on Sunday, June 4 at 1 p.m. at the Worthington Congregational Church, 159 Huntington Road, Worthington. All are welcome. In Nan's cheerful spirit, we encourage the wearing of brightly colored attire, animal prints are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, we are requesting donations be made in Nan's honor, to CSF Westfield dollars for Scholars, P.O. Box 382, Westfield, MA 01086-0382. Web address csfwestfield.dollarsforscholars.org and email address csfwestfieldma@gmail.com. www.firtionadams.com.

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PEASE, NAN

Died May 20, 2023
Services June 4, 2023

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