

OBITUARIES

Ralph E. Cortis, 94

WESTFIELD – Ralph E. Cortis, 94, died Sunday, Aug 13, 2023 at Genesis, Westfield Center.

Born in Russell on Aug 31, 1928, he was the son of Robert and Hildred (Palmer) Cortis. He attended his early school years in Woronoco and graduated from Westfield High School in 1947.

Ralph was active in the Boy Scouts as a committee member, Scout leader and other roles for 20 plus years. He was a member of Mount Moriah Lodge of Masons for 60 years and Melha Shrine Temple for 40 years.

He devoted many years of research on both the Cortis and Goodwin family genealogies and their related ancestral lines. His interest in local history also included several years as an active member of the Westfield Historic Commission.

Ralph's 25 plus years of research on the history of the town of Russell culminated with the 2013 publication of "Russell Massachusetts, Establishment of a New England Town and early historical notes," which he co-authored with his son.



Ralph was pre-deceased in 2011 by his wife of 62 years, Jeanne L. (Goodwin) Cortis. He was also predeceased by three brothers: Stanley, Harold and Chester and one sister, Lois Losaw.

He leaves three sons and their wife's: James E. and Carol of Russell, Bruce W. and Carolyn of Feeding Hills, Alan F. and Gail of Westfield. He also leaves eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother, Wallace of Southwick, a sister, Pearl Patino of Agawam and his special friend, Marilyn Warchol.

Firtion Adams Funeral Home, 76 Broad St., Westfield is in charge of arrangements. Calling hours are Friday, Aug 18 from 4-7 p.m. and Saturday, Aug 19 from 10-11 a.m., followed by a funeral service and burial in Russell Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104 or First Congregational Church, Broad Street, Westfield, MA 01085.

Alyson Lynn (Prescott) Flechsig

MECHANICSBURG, PA – Alyson "Ali" Lynn (Prescott) Flechsig, age 40, of Mechanicsburg, died at UPMC Shadyside Hospital, Pittsburgh surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, July 6, 2023, after a long battle with metastatic breast cancer.

Ali was born on Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1982, in Bethlehem to Thomas Russell Prescott and Debra Ann (Litts) Prescott.

Ali's survivors include her husband, Kenneth Flechsig; her two children: Derek Flechsig; Kaitlyn Flechsig; her parents, Thomas Russell Prescott of Front Royal, Virginia and Debra Ann (Litts) Prescott of Vandling, Pennsylvania; her four siblings: Jason Prescott and his wife, Paula Prescott, of Forest City; Benjamin Prescott and his fiancé, Kimberly Niedzielski, of Westfield; Stacy Strock and her husband, Adam Strock of Stanley Virginia and Timothy Prescott and his wife, Tiffany Prescott of Duncannon.

Ali graduated from Gateway Regional High School in Huntington as part of the class of 2001 and from Westfield State College in Westfield in 2005 and in 2007 she received her Master's degree from Shippensburg University.

She worked for Select Medical as an Accounting Manager. Ali loved kids and was involved in Cub Scouts with her son Derek. She enjoyed lighthouses and the beach especially Cape May, New Jersey and Ocean City, Maryland. Ali could best be described as loving, caring, friendly, sweet and kind. She was loved



by everyone.

All were welcome to join Ali's family at her celebration of life open house on Friday, July 21 from 1-4 p.m. with a time of remembrance at 2 p.m. at Buhrig's Gathering Place, 25 East Main St., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055, (717) 766-3421 (next to Buhrig Funeral Home & Crematory) and her virtual gathering of family and friends and service via video chat or telephon; with Celebrant Patti Vogl officiating.

Over 100 parking spaces are available; just look for the "Buhrig" parking signs in all of the parking lots. Cremation was private.

Contributions in celebration of Ali's life can be made to Pink Hands of Hope, 5325 E. Trindle Road, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania 17050 and Chief Stephen Frye Memorial Scholarship, C/O Montgomery Fire Department, 159 Main Road, Montgomery, Massachusetts 01085.

Ali's family has entrusted her care to Buhrig Funeral Home & Crematory in Mechanicsburg, (717) 766-3421. Read Ali's full obituary, view her memorial video and portrait, offer condolences and sympathy, share stories and memories, upload photographs and videos, light a candle and sign her official guest book by visiting Buhrig.com.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Alyson Lynn (Prescott) Flechsig, please visit our floral store.

NORTHAMPTON

Library seeks artist exhibit proposals

NORTHAMPTON – Forbes Library, 20 West St., invites exhibit proposals for the Hosmer Gallery.

The library will be planning exhibits for February 2024 through February 2025. Applications close Friday, Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. The schedule will be finalized in October.

The Hosmer Art Gallery, which opened in 2002, is designed to provide opportunities for local artists to show their work to the public. Exhibits include a wide range of media and content reflecting the diversity of the greater Northampton community.

The Hosmer Gallery has versatile display pan-

els, cases and pedestals to accommodate a variety of two- and three-dimensional art formats. They offer an inclusive space that builds community and belonging. Artists living and working in western Massachusetts (Hampshire, Hampden, Franklin and Berkshire counties) are eligible to apply. Criteria for review include technical and artistic quality, a coherent theme, and contribution to an interesting and varied program for the year.

Artists may find the online application and information for prospective exhibitors by visiting <https://forbeslibrary.org>.

DEATH NOTICES

CORTIS, RALPH E.

Died Aug. 13, 2023
Funeral Aug. 19, 2023

FLECHSIG (PRESCOTT), ALYSON LYNN

Died July 6, 2023

Country Journal

OBITUARY POLICY

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

Goshen Conservation Commission Legal Notice

The Goshen Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting under the Provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. chapter 131 section 40) on **Monday, August 21, 2023 at 6:30 PM** at the Goshen Town Offices to review

A **Request for Determination** filed by Berkshire Trail Properties at 82 South Main Street, Goshen, MA. The work to be reviewed is Replacement of storm damaged driveway pavement. Date of notice 8-10-23
08/17/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD23C0220CA In the matter of: Jaclyn Rose Lemelin CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Jaclyn Rose Lemelin of Westfield, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing her name to:

Jaclyn Rose Sibylla
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court**

before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/28/2023.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 28, 2023

Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
08/17/2023

Town of Blandford Massachusetts PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Blandford Select Board on **Monday, September 11, 2023 following the conclusion of the 6:00 pm Select Board meeting, at Town Hall located at 1 Russell Stage Road** on the pole petition from NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY DBA EVERSOURCE ENERGY, upon the plans marked: #10359894. The petitioners are seeking to be granted permission to relocate and/or install poles, wires, cables, and fixtures, including the necessary anchors, and other such sustaining and protecting fixtures to bring electrical service to 43 Beech Hill Road. Members of the public who wish to participate in the meeting may do so remotely by visiting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82168083073> - Meeting ID: 821 6808 3073- One tap mobile: +19292056099,,82168 083073#
08/10, 08/17/2023

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