

OBITUARY

Frederick D. Wellspeak, 87

CHESTER – Frederick Donald Wellspeak, age 87, formerly of 59 Middlefield Road in Chester, died on Friday, Oct. 27, 2023 in Pittsfield at Springside Rehab & Skilled Care Center with his stepchildren, Marvin Friend of Middlefield and Melodie Mazzaferro of Chester by his side.

Fred was born on June 30, 1936 at Hazelhurst Hospital in Westfield and was the son of the late Mary A. (Fox) Wellspeak and Noel F. Wellspeak. He was educated in local public schools and graduated from Trade High School.

He went to work shortly after graduation as a Millwright Journey Man at the Strathmore Paper Company and worked there for his entire 44 year career, retiring on July 31, 1997. He was an avid hunter with an astonishing 116 deer in his lifetime, he also spent much of his time fishing with his wife Patricia and his friend Carl Bednarsky.

Fred was predeceased by his parents and the love of his life, his wife Patricia A. (Exware) Wellspeak on May 18, 2019, along with his uncle, “Bud” Francis



Fox and brothers; James and Bernard.

He leaves behind his best friend, Carl Bednarsky; stepchildren: Derek Friend of Chester, April Schulz of Dalton, Holly Whitaker of Westfield, Stacy Friend of North Adams and also, Marvin Friend of Middlefield and Melodie Mazzaferro of Chester; nieces; Darlene Buikus and Donna Montiero, both of Montgomery, nephew; James Wellspeak Jr. of Russell and many step-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren.

Funeral services and calling hours for Fred are scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 7 from 10 a.m.-noon followed by a funeral home service at noon, at the Graham Hilltown Community Funeral Home, 27 Russell Road in Huntington with burial at Saint Thomas Cemetery in Huntington.

Donations are requested in Fred’s Memory, to the Chester Fire Department, 300 US-20, Chester, MA 01011 or the Hilltown Community Ambulance, 1 Bromley Road, Huntington, MA 01050

For online condolences please visit, grahamhilltowncommunityfuneralhome.com.

DEATH NOTICE

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Died Oct. 27, 2023

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Graham Hilltown Community Funeral Home, Huntington

Country Journal

OBITUARY POLICY

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STAFF WRITER

Turley Publications, based in Palmer, is seeking a storyteller who is curious about everything, and who understands how town government works to join our team of weekly reporters.

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If you're a self-starter who enjoys community journalism and who can envision themselves connecting with our communities, we encourage you to apply for this position. Not a remote position.

Qualifications should include:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience
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- Equally comfortable writing hard news, features and event coverage
- Ability to write clean copy in a fast-paced, deadline-driven environment
- Proficiency in Associated Press style

Please tell us in a cover letter why you would be a good fit for this position and send it along with a resume and three writing samples to

Eileen Kennedy, Executive Editor
24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069
or email directly to ekennedy@turley.com



PUBLIC NOTICES

TOWN OF WORTHINGTON PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town of Worthington will hold a public hearing at Town Hall **November 14, 2023, at 6:30 PM**, to discuss the discontinuance of winter maintenance on the following roads from **November 15, 2023, to May 1, 2024**:

Almon Johnson Road: Feakes' Driveway to West Street

Dingle Road: Samarov & Bell's Driveway to Hall's Driveway

Goss Hill Road: Augustin's Driveway to Chester Line

Kinne Brook Road: Mason's Drive-way to Chester Line

Patterson Road: Justamere Farm Driveway to Chester Line

Prentice Road: Upton's Driveway to Fairman Road

South Worthington Road: Beyond Barry's Driveway

Starkweather Road: River Road End will not be plowed

Thayer Hill Road: Sweeney's Drive-way to John Ryan's Drive

West Street: #829's Driveway to Chester Line

11/02/2023

Community Newspaper EDITOR WANTED

Turley Publications is looking for a “hands on” energetic candidate who loves telling stories to be the editor for two weekly publications. This position will include managing and coaching a small news staff that will provide the community with a great local newspaper.

The editor will need to cover local government and events while representing the newspaper at public venues.

The successful candidate will have strong community journalism skills and is also expected to gather news and write stories for the two papers as well as for other occasional companywide publications.

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This full-time position with flexible schedule is based in our Palmer office at 24 Water St., this is not a remote position.

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- Proficiency in Associated Press style
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