

# OBITUARY

## Doris Goodlatte Walmsley, 84

Doris Goodlatte Walmsley, 84, passed away Jan. 30, 2024 at Natchitoches Community Care in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

She was born April 8, 1939 in Upper Montclair, New Jersey to Doris Mentzendorff Goodlatte and Robert Swan Goodlatte. Dorie graduated from Classical High School in Springfield and received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Framingham State College in Framingham.

Dorie was born a teacher. Before marriage, she taught in a boarding school in London for three years and then in the Massachusetts school system for over 30.

She met David Benjamin Walmsley at a dog show, both showing Smooth Fox Terriers and they were married on July 8, 1970. Dorie loved to read travel, and play Scrabble and Parcheesi. She was a life-long Christian Scientist.



Dorie was preceded in death by her husband, of 48 years, and her parents. She was survived by her son, William Goodlatte Walmsley; daughter, Susan Walmsley Hyams and husband Louis Collier Hyams; grandchildren, Gwyneth Walmsley Berry and husband Aaron Berry, Rowan Cassandra Walmsley, Juliet Claire Marie Hyams and Pierce McPhearson Hyams; and daughter-in-law, Gillian Heather Walmsley.

A memorial will be held at Blanchard St. Denis Funeral Home on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024, at 1 p.m. The family would like to thank everyone at Natchitoches Community Care for caring for her these last several years and to Hospice of Natchitoches for these last several months.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The American Fox Terrier Club or The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston.

## DEATH NOTICE

### WALMSLEY, DORIS GOODLATTE

Died Jan. 30, 2024  
Memorial Service Feb. 24, 2024 at 1p.m.  
Blanchard St. Denis Funeral Home

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## HEALTH & WELLNESS

# Legislation helps access to medically necessary formulas

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Representatives James P. McGovern (D-MA), Ranking Member of the House Rules Committee and co-chair of the Cystic Fibrosis Caucus, and John Rutherford (R-FL), co-chair of the Crohn's and Colitis caucus, led their colleagues in introducing legislation to remove barriers to access for all Americans who require medically necessary foods to lead healthy lives.

The Medical Nutrition Equity Act would require coverage of specialized formulas, vitamins, individual amino acids, or other medically necessary foods under Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicare, the Federal Employee Health Benefit Program, and private insurance for patients with specific gastrointestinal and inherited metabolic diseases and disorders.

It is narrowly drafted to focus on individuals for whom medically necessary nutrition is the treatment for their diseases.

"I've heard devastating stories from constituents struggling to access medically necessary foods to keep themselves or their child healthy," said McGovern in a press release. "As a dad and husband, I can't imagine not being able to access the food your child or your partner depends on to live. To me this is simple: no one should struggle getting medically necessary food, and insurance companies shouldn't be creating more barriers to receiving proper care. Our bill cuts through the red tape and ensures those with inherited metabolic diseases or gastrointestinal conditions can access the nutrition they need."

"Our health systems must be structured to support innovative treatments," said Rutherford. "As co-chair of the Crohn's and Colitis Caucus, where I advocate for those living with digestive diseases, I am excited to join Rep. McGovern to introduce this important legislation that would make medically necessary nutrition more easily accessible to patients across our nation."

Approximately 2,000 infants every year are diagnosed with an inherited metabolic disorder. When left untreated, inherited metabolic diseases or gastrointestinal conditions can cause the body to fail to absorb necessary nutrients and food can even become toxic.

An inability to access specialty formulas forces patients to go without adequate nutrition or seek hospitalization to maintain nutrition levels. Already, 40 states require coverage of medically necessary nutrition, but coverage is highly variable from state-to-state and does not apply to patients covered by private sector health plans governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

This bill builds on the precedent of the 2016 National Defense Authorization Act which improved coverage for medical nutrition for military families enrolled in TRICARE, so more Americans can access medically necessary nutrition.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Gateway Regional FY '25 School Budget Public Hearing

In accordance with Chapter 71 Section 38N of the Massachusetts General Law the public hearing for the 2024-2025 Gateway Regional School District budget will be held in the Performing Arts Center at the Gateway Regional Middle-

High School Complex located at 12 Littleville Road, Huntington, MA 01050 on **Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

Reference: Massachusetts Newspapers Publishers Association website: [masspublicnotices.org](http://masspublicnotices.org) 02/15/2024

### Town of Middlefield Conservation Commission PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40) that a Public Hearing of the Middlefield Conservation Commission will be held on **Wednesday, Feb 21, 2024 at 6:30 PM** at

the Town Hall at 188 Skyline Trail to consider the following: A Notice of Intent (NOD) submitted by Dan Hart for proposed installation of a driveway at map 40 lot 50 on skyline trail.

Per Order

David Fuller  
Chair

02/15/2024

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