

Obituaries

Frank J. “Gromo” Gromelski, Jr., 81

BARRE – Frank J. “Gromo” Gromelski, Jr., 81, of Barre, passed away peacefully on Monday, Oct. 20, 2025.

He was born in Webster on Nov. 25, 1943, to his beloved parents Frank (Francis) Sr. and Emily (Mozdzierz) Gromelski. During his early childhood, the family moved to South Barre, where they operated a bar and social club fondly known to locals as Gromo’s.

Frank attended Barre High School, graduating with the Class of 1961. A standout athlete, he played center and served as co-captain of the 1961 Tri-State Champion, Barre High Hornets basketball team. He went on to attend Worcester Junior College and later transferred to the University of Cincinnati, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

After college, Frank entered public service, joining the staff of the late State Senator Robert D. Wetmore, who represented the Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin district. There he helped to champion landmark conservation initiatives and pass key environmental legislation, work Frank remained deeply proud of throughout his life.

In 1997, Frank was appointed an Administrative Judge for the Department of Industrial Accidents, where he served with fairness and compassion for many years. Before retiring in 2014, he also directed Community Transit Service in Athol, a program under the Community Transportation



Association of America. This initiative bridged two regional transit authorities to better serve the transportation needs of elderly, disabled and low-income residents.

A lifelong and devoted civil servant, Frank served his hometown of Barre faithfully for decades—holding positions on the Barre Board of Selectmen, the Quabbin Regional School District Committee, and several other local boards and planning committees, including planning for Barre’s bicentennial celebration.

Though a self-proclaimed bachelor, Frank fell for the love of his life, Nancy, and they married in 1984. Together, they welcomed a son, Adam and he lovingly embraced the role of stepfather to Marty and Hallie.

Frank’s faith in Christ guided every aspect of his life. He was a founding member of New Life Assembly of God in Barre, where he served on the church board and took part in the physical construction of the church building itself – a labor of love, devotion, and church fellowship. His faith-driven leadership, generosity and steadfast presence touched many lives both within the congregation and throughout the community.

For all his many accomplishments, Gromo may be remembered most for his larger-than-life personality and unmistakable presence. You always knew when he entered the room—his booming voice, towering

DEATH NOTICE

Gromelski, Frank J., Jr.

Died Oct. 20, 2025
Funeral held Oct. 29 at 11 a.m. at Pillsbury Funeral Home, Barre
Donations to New Life Assembly of God Church, South Barre or Tunnels to Towers Foundation

frame and shock of dark hair and beard, made him impossible to miss. He seemed to know everyone in town, always greeting people by their nickname. His family often marveled at how, no matter where they went in New England, he would inevitably bump into someone he knew and that person always remembered him, too.

Frank leaves behind his cherished wife, Nancy (Woodland); his children: Marty Anderson (Marie), Hallie Kozlowski (Matthew) and Adam Gromelski and his treasured grandchildren: Brent Leclerc (Nataasha), Brandon Leclerc (Mishayla) and Daniel Anderson (Selatheia), along with eleven beautiful great-grandchildren. Frank was pre-deceased by his brother, Bradford Gromelski.

Friends and family were invited to attend the funeral for Frank on Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2025 at 11a.m. in Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre. Burial will follow in St Joseph’s Cemetery in Barre. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to New Life Church, 60 Main Street, South Barre, MA 01074 or the Tunnels to Towers Foundation.

Church News

Local pastor offers sermon

Divine Materials Part 1

Those who regularly read realize the power of an impacting excerpt. In recent days, the following selection, penned by Scottish minister and theologian John Baillie (1886-1960), has spoken to my heart: “Teach me, O God, so to use all the circumstances of my life today that they may bring forth in me the fruits of holiness rather than the fruits of sin.”

Amazing, I find this petition to be profound. You see, Baillie came to recognize that every circumstance of life—the good, the bad and the ugly—serves as material for development or diminishment in the realm of Christian character. Ultimately, you and I have a choice regarding how we respond to the situations brought upon us, and we will use them as vehicles for either growth or regression.

Thus said, what are you doing with the material(s)

God gives? Are you maximizing or are you missing divinely-ordained opportunities? I lift my voice with that of Baillie and participate in his prayer: “Teach me, O God, so to use all the circumstances of my life today that they may bring forth in me the fruits of holiness rather than the fruits of sin.”

Of course, we do well to consider that Baillie elaborates upon his prayer. What was shared beforehand was the mere opening to a lengthier quotation—a quotation worthy of our time and attention! Let us now consider the fullness thereof:

“Teach me, O God, so to use all the circumstances of my life today that they may bring forth in me the fruits of holiness rather than the fruits of sin.

Let me use disappointment as material for patience;

Let me use success as material for thankfulness;

Let me use suspense as material for perseverance;

Let me use danger as material for courage;

Let me use reproach as material for longsuffering;

Let me use praise as material for humility;

Let me use pleasures as material for temperance;

Let me use pains as material for endurance.”

In the editions to come we will consider this petition one portion at a time. There is much to be gleaned from his plea. Until next time, thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact me using the information below. Also, check us out online at www.NewLifeBarre.org or visit us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

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Public Notices

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
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Docket No.
WO23P0753EA
Estate of:
Denis P Long
Also known as:
Dennis P Long
Date of Death: 06/25/2022
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
A Petition for Order of**

Complete Settlement has been filed by **Christine M Maio of New Braintree, MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, the allowance of a proposed distribution, 1st and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/11/2025.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. **Leilah A Keamy**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 10, 2025

Stephanie Fattman
Register of Probate

10/30/2025

Public Safety

New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Sept. 29-Oct. 6, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 18 building/property checks, 18 directed/area patrols, seven radar assignments, three emergency 911 calls, one safety hazard, three citizen assists, one illegal dumping, one scam, two complaints, one animal call and six motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, Sept. 29

5:28 p.m. Safety Hazard, West Brookfield Road, Removed Hazard

Tuesday, Sept. 30

7:44 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
4:50 p.m. 911 Misdialed, Barre Road, No Action Required

Thursday, Oct. 2

4:26 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Road, Transported to Hospital

Friday, Oct. 3

2:43 a.m. Illegal Dumping, West Brookfield Road, Services Rendered
10:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Arrest(s) Made
11:09 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
11:20 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Saturday, Oct. 4

9:40 a.m. Scam, Barre Road, Report Taken
10 p.m. 911 Welfare Check, Moore Road, Dispatch Handled
11:02 a.m. Complaint, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled

Sunday, Oct. 5

12:19 a.m. Complaint, Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled
9:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning

During the week of Oct. 13-20, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 19 building/property checks, 26 directed/area patrols, nine radar assignments, two emergency 911 calls, two

safety hazards, three citizen assists, one threat, 10 animal calls and seven motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Tuesday, Oct. 14

9:15 a.m. Safety Hazard, Dennis Whitney Road, Dispatch Handled
12:29 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

Wednesday, Oct. 15

9:40 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
5:01 p.m. Safety Hazard, Barre Road, Officer Handled

Thursday, Oct. 16

7:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Citation Issued

Friday, Oct. 17

11:27 a.m. 911 Animal Call, Gilbertville Road, Referred to Other Agency

Saturday, Oct. 18

4 a.m. Threat, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
2:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Hardwick Road, Written Warning
4:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gilbertville Road, Citation Issued

Sunday, Oct. 19

2:29 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled

During the week of Oct. 20-27, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 14 building/property checks, 16 directed/area

patrols, eight radar assignments, two emergency 911 calls, two property damages, two citizen assists, one complaint, two investigations, three animal calls and eight motor vehicle stops in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, Oct. 20

9:54 a.m. Property Damage, Barre Road, Services Rendered
10:43 a.m. Property Damage, Barre Road, Officer Handled

Tuesday, Oct. 21

3:24 p.m. 911 Animal Call, West Road, Officer Handled
5:15 p.m. Investigation, Memorial Drive, Investigated

Wednesday, Oct. 22

9:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued
12:27 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled
5:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
7:07 p.m. Assist Citizen, Gilbertville Road, Voice Message Left

Thursday, Oct. 23

12:21 p.m. Complaint, Barre Road, Spoken To

Friday, Oct. 24

7:21 a.m. Investigation, Hardwick Road, Spoken To

Sunday, Oct. 26

5:09 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Barr Road, Transported to Hospital
10:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning

Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Oct. 20-27, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 57 building/property checks, 16 directed/area patrols, 14 radar assignments, three traffic controls, 12 emergency 911 calls, one citizen assist, three complaints, one missing person, one motor vehicle investigation, two safety hazards, one motor vehicle accident, one burglary, five animal calls and 10 motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, Oct. 20

4:11 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Old Petersham Road, Transported to Hospital
5:29 p.m. Safety Hazard, Lower Road, Services Rendered
5:35 p.m. Safety Hazard, Petersham Road, Services Rendered
8:33 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Shunpike Road, Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Oct. 21

3:18 p.m. Burglary, Bridge Street, Services Rendered

Wednesday, Oct. 22

10:05 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, School House Drive, Spoken To
5:04 p.m. Complaint, North Street, Officer Handled

Thursday, Oct. 23

4:11 p.m. Assist Citizen, Hardwick Road, Officer Handled
4:50 p.m. 911 Missing Person, Highland Terrace, Officer Handled

Friday, Oct. 24

4:49 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital
7:13 a.m. Complaint, Lower Road, Spoken To
9:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Main Street, Citation Issued
11:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Upper Church Street, Spoken To

Saturday, Oct. 25

5:05 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Thresher Road, Patient Refusal
9:40 a.m. Medical Emergency, Patrill Hollow Road, Patient Refusal

9:52 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Thresher Road, Transported to Hospital
10:03 a.m. Complaint, Sullivan Avenue, Officer Handled
2:37 p.m. Assist Citizen, Thresher Road, Officer Handled
4:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, High Street, Criminal Complaint
11:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Crash, Hardwick Road, Transported by Helicopter

Sunday, Oct. 26

5:34 a.m. Medical Emergency, Pine Street, Transported to Hospital
10:40 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Turkey Street, Transported to Hospital
11:51 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Old Greenwich Plains Road, Transported to Hospital
4:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Written Warning
4:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Lower Road, Criminal Complaint
6:50 p.m. Disturbance, Bridge Street, Peace Restored

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