

# Hampden Senior Center Tag Sale

HAMPDEN - The Friends of The Hampden Senior Center will hold a HUGE indoor Tag Sale from Tuesday, Aug. 26 through Sept. 12.

The Hampden Senior Center is located at 104 Allen Street in Hampden. Please consider cleaning out your closets and donate

gently used or new items for donation.

These items can be dropped off starting the week of July 28. What we are looking for are shoes, household items, clothes, etc.

We cannot take, however, large items such as furniture

pieces. Thank you as always for your generous contributions and support.

All proceeds will be used to benefit the programs and activities at The Hampden Senior Center. For more information, please feel free to contact Joan Shea at 413-566-8224.

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side of church as well," Lee said. "Being a pastor, I don't think I can make it without my church members, so I have been really grateful to have my church members."

On what led her to become a pastor, Lee said as a teenager, she wanted to be a writer and write novels, which led to being interested in people's stories. She also loved being at church.

"Share who Jesus is, how Jesus loves you. It was kind of like an integral part to share who Jesus is to others, my friends, my teachers. But, when I went to seminary, at that time still I wasn't sure should I be a pastor because I wanted to be a pastoral counselor," Lee said. "So at that time, I just enjoyed being a student."

Seminary also led to many questions she pondered about God and her faith along with her time in youth group. A friend serving as a missionary sharing his joy with God gave her newfound perspective and to check out a mission organization in Sa-

lem, Oregon.

"I just want to know who God is. Like I just want to experience God's love. It was six months training, so it was really a turning point in my life to get to know God in my life," Lee said.

When she later went to the airport to head to Portland, plans changed. Later writing down what she felt, suddenly, she felt God tell her, "I'm really pleased you're here."

"I think the moment changed my life and changed my understanding of God," Lee said. "I think that moment led me here."

Now that she's in Hampden, her biggest goals are helping more engage with their spiritual side, build more community, bring more diversity to the church and help the next generation of worshippers.

Also, the possibilities are endless and open wide, open to anything.

"We are Christian, we have many different perspectives and understandings of God. I just want to cultivate to respect others' ways to un-

derstand God," Lee said. "I think my church is ready to have more people to serve."

Lee looks forward to also meeting more of the community at Celebration Sunday.

"I'm really honored to be a part of this community, so I'm looking forward to seeing and sensing and experiencing community in Hampden, to be together," Lee said. "What I've heard from many people—not from church members—but other people have really shared how great Hampden is because they have been here. I can see their love being here. It made this area more beautiful."

Lee's message to the community is this, also expressing appreciation for the town's genuine heart and welcomes.

"I still feel like I'm dreaming being here, so I'm just excited to see and meet new people," Lee said. "I'm honored to be a part of this community. I just want to see what God's plan for me to be a part of this community so I can serve more. I just want to find my part of being in this community as well."

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you, right? And I think you lived that and I want to thank you for what you've done."

Flynn said Budynkiewicz also grew up in Hampden and has been "a good friend of mine from the get-go."

"So many hats she wore in town," Flynn said. "I can't thank you enough for all you've done. You've been a friend. One thing we always knew when somebody came into the Town Hall, Jane was first and she pretty much knew everybody that walked in. Like my grandmother used to be chairman of the Board of Registrars; knew everybody that voted...But again, Jane, we all miss you already."

Ashe shared how "these are the fun parts of the job when you get to recognize people for the work they've done."

"For everything they put back into the town, the community that they lived in. So, it's an honor for myself and for Senator Oliveira to be here to support you three. I also know the chief could not make it tonight, he's also retiring," Ashe said. "But, on behalf of the House of Representatives—I know the

senator also too on behalf of the Senate—but we wanted to present you citations from the House of Representatives thanking you, congratulating you for your works, for your years of service, for everything you've given back to the community and, more importantly, wish you all the best for whatever you do in the next 53 years—whatever you're going to be doing, Cliff—but these are the really the special moments. You put your heart and soul into jobs, especially when you work in a community or you live in a community, you get to know everybody here. Sometimes it's easy to leave jobs, sometimes it's a little tougher when your heart's there and you have the passion."

Oliveira noted that amongst the group—not including the police chief—there was a combined total of over 100 years of service to the town.

"So, that's pretty impressive for a town like this that has dedicated people working for it to ensure that essential functions of government operate. Now, Brian and I both served in local government before we got to the legislature. We know

how hard it is in local government because you're the first line of defense, the closest to the people," Oliveira said. "And so when there is an issue in town, you're probably going to hear about it. It's not going to take long, and since you came from this town, you grew up in this town, you know how important it is, that personal touch."

Oliveira then wished everyone a happy retirement and noted his father, also, just retired this summer.

"The commitment that people have to their community is unmatched and we see that in full display in all of the communities that we represent," Oliveira said. "Congratulations to all three of you."

Flynn then acknowledged Trombly.

"He's on a well-deserved vacation today, good for him. He'll be back. He's serving as our interim chief right now, but this was the opportunity to have Jake and Brian here and we certainly do acknowledge the service Scott gave the town as well," Flynn said.

After the citations were given out, everyone enjoyed some cake to celebrate.

# Terry L. Nelson

WILBRAHAM - It is with the deepest sadness that we announce the passing of Terry L. Nelson, ("Brick" to his Maine family and friends), on August 16, 2025. Terry passed at his home at the age of 81 holding the hand of Poppy, his high school sweetheart and wife of 59 years. He had waged a fierce battle with cancer for over 5 years.



Terry was born in Newport, Maine on May 22, 1944, to Zelda Metevier Nelson Peirce and Gerald Stanley Nelson. His stepfather was Lloyd W. Peirce and stepmother was Mary Nelson. Terry graduated from Newport High School in 1962 and the University of Maine Orono in 1966 with a BS in Chemical Engineering. In 1998 he received a MS in Industrial Organizational Psychology from Springfield College.

On June 18, 1966 he married Loralee (Poppy) Perkins. They moved to Springfield, MA where he began a 31 year career with Monsanto, retiring as Manufacturing Training and Development Director. Three years were spent at the plant in Trenton, MI. After retiring he started Terry Nelson Consulting Services, an independent human resource management company. He was active in the community as an Indian Guide leader, Boy Scout Troop 177 Leader, Springfield Youth Symphony Parents Council, Children's Protective Services Board, Wilbraham United Church Governing Board

Chair and Board of Deacons. He served two terms on the Wilbraham Select Board, Chair of the Peach Festival, President of the Wilbraham Community Association and Fountain Park Founder and Board of Directors. He loved being with his family, playing golf, fly fishing and spending time with Poppy on the coast of Maine.

Terry was pre-deceased by his parents, stepparents, brother Mark and very special daughter-in-law, Denise. He is survived by Poppy, his sons; John of Ayer, MA and Matthew (Melissa) of Scituate, MA, amazing grandchildren; Jack of Sarasota, FL, Laura and Mark of Ayer, MA, Evan of Scituate, MA, sisters; Bobbie Bryson of Clearwater, FL, Karen Nelson of NM, Kristin Izes (Bob) of WV and brother Lyle Peirce (Dianne) of Newport, ME. He also leaves cherished aunts, uncle, nephews, nieces and great nephew/niece. Three incredible women have also entered his life: Lorraine, Jean and Carol, thanks to John, Evan and Jack. Special thanks to Dr. Iyer and the "infusion angels" especially Lyndsay, of Sister Caritas Cancer Center at Mercy Hospital.

Visiting hours will be Wednesday, August 20, 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Wilbraham Funeral Home, 2551 Boston Rd, Wilbraham. Family and friends may meet for Terry's Celebration of Life Service on Thursday, August 21st at 11:00 a.m. at Wilbraham United Church.

In lieu of flowers, please

# OBITUARY

## DEATH NOTICES

**Terry L. Nelson**  
Died Aug. 16, 2025  
Wilbraham Funeral Home

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The Town of Wilbraham Department of Public Works requests internet bids through a municipal auction website on behalf of the Select Board of "Various Surplus Supplies, Property and Other Items". The auction bids will begin Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 8:00 AM with a closing date of Tuesday, September 16, 2025 with closing times staggered throughout the morning. At the end of the specific item listing time, the auction shall be closed. **Cash will not be accept-**

ed, verified bank check or money order only.

The municipal auction website address is:  
[www.municipalbid.com](http://www.municipalbid.com)  
08/28/2025

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Department HAMPDEN, Division Docket No. HD25P0330PM

To all persons interested in the estate of Diane Fales of Hampden, in said County,

A petition has been presented to said Court for license to sell

at private sale - public auction certain real estate of said Diane Fales for her maintenance.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at 50 State Street, Springfield, MA before 10:00 in the forenoon on the **22nd day of September, 2025**, the return day of this citation.

Witness, BARBARA M. HYLAND, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this 18th day of August, 2025.

**Rosemary A. Saccomani,**  
Register

08/28/2025

**Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.**

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