

Obituaries

Muriel Jane Conkey

1927-2026

Muriel Jane (McCarthy) Conkey, 98, passed away peacefully on May 15, 2026. She was born in Worcester, MA on November 29, 1927, to the late John J. McCarthy and Mary (Butler) McCarthy.



Throughout her life, the best present anyone could ever bring Muriel were some flowers. And, of course, some candy. Hershey's Kisses, to get the gold star. Muriel moved from Agawam to

Cape Cod 15 years ago, and there she continued to leave her mark on so many people, who all came to appreciate her warm smile and her willingness to always help, in any way she could.

But perhaps her most enduring legacy is the never-wavering love and support that she had for her family. To her children, she was a consistent, loving, guiding light: when the streetlights came on, and it was time to head home, you always knew that a warm dinner and a smile would be waiting for you. To her grandchildren, "Grammy" was someone who brought them for their first library card; who always tried to get to every game; who always had banana bread or blueberry muffins waiting for them; whose birthday card always had a \$5 bill; and, most importantly, Grammy was someone who was always there for them, doing whatever she could to make sure they knew that if something was important to them, it was important to her. And to her great-grandchildren, she was someone always ready to give that warm, special hug that only special great-grandmothers can give, the hug that makes them know that they are loved. Muriel will be remembered as someone who always - always - found a way

into people's hearts.

Muriel leaves four children: Donald Conkey and his wife Karen of Southwick, MA; Pamela Burke and her husband William of Mashpee, MA; Diana Hawkins and her husband James of Cape Coral, FL; and Craig Conkey of Westfield, MA and his soulmate, Marian Watterlond of Windsor, CT. She also leaves five grandchildren: Megan Tracy and her husband Christopher of Plymouth, MA; Kelly Chandler and her husband Jonathan of Plymouth, MA; Evan Conkey and his wife Lauren of Boxford, MA; Bryan Burke and his wife Jenna of Sandwich, MA; and Colin Conkey and his wife Maggie of Boston, MA. Muriel also leaves five great-grandchildren: Amelia and Mabel Conkey, Morgan and Oden Chandler, and Bodhi Burke. Muriel was predeceased by her former husband, Donald E. Conkey of Agawam. Muriel was also predeceased by her brothers John, Butler, Robert, William and Richard McCarthy; and her sister, Evelyn Poirier.

We are profoundly grateful to the entire staff at Cape Cod Senior Residences and The Pavilion Rehabilitation and Nursing Center for the compassionate support shown to Muriel and our family. A celebration of life will be held for Muriel on Cape Cod in September.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Ellie Fund (200 Reservoir St, Suite 300, Needham, MA 02494) to support local breast cancer patients, or the charity of your choice. For online guest book www.chapmanfuneral.com

Amber Georgianne Hoague

October 29, 1997 – May 25, 2026

Amber Georgianne Hoague passed away on May 25, 2026, at the age of 28.

A lifelong resident of Agawam, Amber attended Agawam Public Schools and spent most of her life in the community she called home.

Amber's life was filled with both joys and challenges, but those who loved her will remember her for far more than the struggles she faced. She was funny, creative, passionate, stubborn, and deeply caring. She had a quick wit, a memorable laugh, and a way of leaving an impression on everyone she met. Beneath her strength was a sensitive heart that longed for love, acceptance, and peace.

Amber was the mother of two daughters, Autumn Scott and Grace Dmitriev. Her girls were forever connected to her heart, and her love for them remained a constant part of who she was.

James Dmitriev was a central part of Amber's life for nearly 24 years. Though they were no longer together at the time of her passing, their lives remained deeply intertwined through years of friendship, shared experiences, love, and the daughter they brought into the world together, Grace. No matter where life led them, they remained part of one another's story from childhood into adulthood.

Amber was predeceased by her mother, Dayna Hoague, and her brother, Nathan

Stebbins. She carried both of them in her heart throughout her life, and her family finds comfort in believing they were there to welcome her home with love and peace.



had for Aunt Alice was so profound that she chose the name Grace for her daughter in her honor.

Those who knew Amber will remember her smile, her sense of humor, her resiliency, and the moments of kindness and love she shared with others. While her time here was far too short, the memories she created and the lives she touched will not be forgotten.

Amber's memory will live on in the stories shared by those who loved her, in the photographs that capture her spirit, and most of all in the lives of her daughters.

A celebration of life will be announced by the family at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to support Amber's daughter, Grace, through the family's GoFundMe:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-us-lay-amber-hoague-to-rest-support-baby-grace>

Rest peacefully, Amber. You were loved more than you knew.

Muriel was a woman who basked in the warm glow of a lifetime of always striving to find the good in people, and who was in turn loved by so many of the people that she met along her path. That path began in Worcester, MA, where she was raised and always held close to her heart. Muriel graduated from Worcester High School of Commerce and the Worcester School of Business Science - along the way, becoming an award-winning speedskater.

After becoming married, Muriel moved to Agawam, MA and as her family grew, created a nurturing, loving household for each of her four children. She was well-known in the community, with work that included being a teller for Shawmut Bank, a school bus driver for the DePalma Bus Company, and as a Realtor. She enjoyed many sporting activities, such as cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, bowling, and golf. All of her golfing friends knew that if you were playing with Muriel that day, a whiff counted as a stroke - and she put it on the scorecard. Muriel loved flowers. When she moved into her first house, on Doane Avenue in Agawam, she spent many hours tending to a rose garden, savoring every moment.

Public Notices

Town of Agawam Legal Notice

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 6:00pm and the Agawam City Council will hold its public hearing on Monday, July 13, 2026 at 7:00pm at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of these hearings will be to hear the petition of Council President Russo for a proposed zoning amendment for "An Ordinance Regarding Fence Height in the Town of Agawam." The City Council's public hearing will be livestreamed on the Town of Agawam's website at www.agawam.ma.us and will also be televised on Cable Access Channel 15 or Channel 1074. Copies of the proposed zoning amendment can be obtained from the Planning Department between the hours of 7:30am and 3:30pm at the Agawam DPW, 1000 Suffolk Street, Agawam, MA or by emailing the Office of the City Clerk for an electronic copy at vgioscia@agawam.ma.us.

By Order Of:

Violet Baldwin, Chairman
Agawam Planning Board
Anthony Russo
City Council President
06/04, 06/11/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No.

HD26P0991EA Estate of:

Ernest E Lagacy Jr.
Date of Death:
April 26, 2026

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Siobhan R Murphy of East Longmeadow, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Siobhan R Murphy of East Longmeadow, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 06/04/2026

Sports

WMass Pioneers fall to NEFC

LUDLOW - On a very rainy evening, the turf was not kind to the Western Mass. Pioneers as they fell at home against NEFC 4-2.

The Pioneers, which have a lot of new players

on the roster this season, fell to a disappointing 1-2 on the short regular season.

The Pioneers had another home game scheduled during the weekend,

and were in action on the road against Black Rock FC.

The Pioneers are on a lengthy road trip and are not playing at home until Friday, June 19.



Ben Alexander gets ready to clear the ball.

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Michael Gouvin sends a pass away.



Jaiden Williams makes his way up the field.

DEATH NOTICES

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