

## Obituaries

### Richard “Dick” Bartus

Richard “Dick” Bartus, dad passed away on Sept. 3, 2026 after a brief illness and went out exactly how he wanted to—stubbornly.

If you knew him, you probably already know he would want to say a few words about this obituary. Unfortunately, he’s not here to correct us, add a few details or make the story considerably longer than necessary. So, for once, we’ll have to tell it ourselves.

He was a guy, who went by several names: Richard, Rich, Dick, Dickbob, Dad, The Old Man, Deputy, Slew Foot, Ladd, and his favorite and most proud title, Grump. He was a true family man and, without question, loved spending time with his family more than anything.

Nothing made him happier than having all of us sitting around the table, eating, drinking, laughing and talking over one another. And, of course, if Dad was there, there was a very good chance he was doing most of the talking.

Second only to being with family, hanging with the “Cocktail Club” or being anywhere he could be the center of attention, telling stories, was exactly where Dad wanted to be. During these gatherings, if Dad gave you one of his nicknames, you knew you had officially made it—you were now part of “the clique.”

Dad was a truck driver by trade, but the job he loved most was being a cop in the town of Petersham. He served on the force for more than 27 years, several of them as Deputy Chief. During his time on the force, he saw a lot of things and every single one of them seemed to come with a story.

If you ever wanted to hear those stories, all you had to do was ask—provided, of course, that you had a spare three hours.

Dad was a founding member of the Petersham Lions Club and served enthusiastically for 50 years. He was also a lifetime member of the Petersham Gun Club, where he served as President for several terms. He would bring us to the club with him on Sundays, where we had all kinds of adventures and, over the years, collected a few stories of our own.

Dad loved his three daughters with all his heart, but everyone knew that his three grandsons: Kyle, Tyler, and Joshua were the pride of his life.

Kyle gave Dad the nickname “Grump” when he was a toddler. Dad wore the name with pride. It not only stuck, but suited him so perfectly that most people eventually just defaulted to calling him Grump for the rest of his days.

Dad loved spending time with his grandsons—hunting, fishing, coaching their Little League team, talking their ears off, and, of course, bragging about them whenever he had the



opportunity. And he never seemed to run out of opportunities.

In recent years, nothing made Dad smile quite like seeing his great-grandchildren. Colton, Cooper, Walker and Lennon brought an entirely different kind of joy to his life and watching him with them was something we will always treasure.

He leaves behind his three daughters, Anne-Marie Bartus (Michael Peterson), Margaret Cooley and Jennifer Bartus (Tony Glazier); three grandsons, Kyle Cooley, Tyler Cooley (Brittney Field), and Joshua Cooley (Kim Pagnoni) and four great-grandchildren, Colton, Cooper, Walker and Lennon Cooley.

He also leaves behind his closest friends, Robert and Monika Perkins and Dickie Cooley, along with the rest of the Cocktail Club gang; the Breakfast Boy: Robert, Denis, Dana, and Dickie; sisters-in-law Carolyn Coughlin, Judy Thayer, brother-in-law John Thayer; as well as a community of friends and family who now might finally be able to get a word in edgewise.

Dad was predeceased by his beloved wife of 62 years, Michaele Bartus; his parents, Peter and Anna Bartus; his stepmother, Elaine Bartus; his sister, Patricia Wetherby; his in-laws, Bob and Louise Thayer; brother-in-law Bob Thayer and sister-in-law Patricia Kellogg.

Though Dad may no longer be here to tell those stories himself, we will carry them forward—with plenty of laughter, a few eye rolls, and probably a little exaggeration of our own.

Dad will be deeply missed, forever loved, and never forgotten. If you have a minute, please raise a glass and remember the good times. Tell a story about Dad. Laugh about something he did. And if the story seems a little too unbelievable, well... that’s probably exactly how Dad would have told it.

Rest easy, Dad. The last word is finally yours. Not above you, not beneath you, but with you.

To leave an online condolence, please visit [www.mackfamilyfh.com](http://www.mackfamilyfh.com).

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to: Petersham Police Association c/o Petersham Police P.O. Box 486 Petersham, MA 01366.

Please join us for a celebration of life to share stories and a cocktail on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2026 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Athol Legion 325 Pequigo Avenue, Athol, MA.

#### DEATH NOTICE

**Bartus, Richard “Dick”**  
Died Sept. 3, 2026  
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## Public Notices

#### Town of Barre NOTICE OF CABLE TELEVISION PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that the Select Board of the Town of Barre, Massachusetts, as Issuing Authority for a cable television license under M.G.L. c.166A, will hold a public hearing on **Monday, September 21, 2026 at 5:15PM.** The public hearing will be held in the Select Board meeting room of the Henry Woods Building, 40 West St., Barre, MA 01005. The purpose of the public hearing will be to determine whether to issue a cable television license to Charter Communications. All applications, reports, statements and license drafts to be considered at the hearing that constitute public records under state law are available for public inspection during regular business hours and for reproduction at a reasonable fee. Members of the public are invited to attend and be heard on the topic: (a) whether the current cable operator is in full compliance with its currently existing cable license; and (b) what are the Town’s future community cable-related needs.  
09/03, 09/10/2026

#### PUBLIC AUCTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF M.L.C. 225 SEC.39A THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD ON September 19, 2026 AT A SALE TO SATISFY OUR GARAGE LIEN THEREON FOR TOWING & STORAGE CHARGES AND EXPENSES OF SALE AND NOTICE:  
2015 GMC Terrain  
VIN 2GKFLZE39F6299940  
2008 Mazda Mazda6  
VIN 1YVHP80C785M35307  
2007 Honda CR-V  
VIN 5J6RE48397L016179  
2005 Nissan Xterra VIN 5N1A-N08U25C618063  
2006 BMW 3 Series  
VIN WBAVD135X6KV04069  
2013 Mercedes-Benz E-Class  
VIN WDDHF8JB9DA734433  
1998 Toyota Corolla  
VIN 2T1BR12E7WC087035  
2012 Honda Accord  
VIN 1HGCP2F66CA193545  
2011 Ford Fusion  
VIN 3FAHPOHA2BR321073  
2018 Kia Sorento  
VIN 5XYPHDA54JG423037  
2006 Pontiac Vibe  
VIN 5Y2SM65806Z419520  
2005 Honda Accord  
VIN 1HGCM56435A013546  
2017 Jeep Grand Cherokee  
VIN 1C4RJFAG3HC720387  
2001 Mercedes-Benz CLK  
VIN WDBLK65G41T073841  
2005 Ford F-150  
VIN 1FTPW14525FB73323  
2017 Ram 1500

VIN 1C6RR7YT3HS538543  
**The sale will be held at  
Early’s on Park Ave.  
536 Park Ave.  
Worcester, MA 01603  
09/03, 09/10, 09/17/2026**

#### LEGAL NOTICE INVITATION TO BID TOWN OF NEW BRAintree

The **Town of New Braintree** invites sealed bids for the purchase of the following vehicle: One (1) New 2026-2027 1-ton regular cab gasoline-powered 4X4 dump truck Bid # FY27 1-Ton  
**Submission Deadline:** Sealed bids will be received until **Thursday, October 1, 2026 at 9:00 AM EST.** Bids must be delivered to New Braintree Highway Department, located at **110 West Brookfield Road, New Braintree, MA 01531.** Bids received after this specified time and date will not be accepted. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at **9:15 AM EST** on the deadline date in the Board of Selectmen’s office located at 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree MA 01531.  
**Bid Specifications:** Specifications, instructions, and bidding documents may be obtained at no cost from the **New Braintree Highway Department, 110 West Brookfield Road, New Braintree MA** or on the town website: [WWW.NEW-BRAINTREEMA.US](http://WWW.NEW-BRAINTREEMA.US).  
09/10, 09/17/2026

#### Docket Number: WO26E0063 Petition to Partition Citation (A.C.92A)

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Worcester Probate  
& Family Court**  
To: **Constance M Mahan** and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Stephanie M Mahan of Orange in the County of Franklin representing that he/she hold as tenant in common, undivided, part or share of, certain land lying in Barre in said County Worcester and briefly as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated on the northwesterly side of Barre Plains Park, so-called, in Barre Plains, in said Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the westerly side of Maple Lane, so-called, at the northeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Camilla Puchalsky, said point being thirty-three (33) feet southerly from a line projected from the southerly foundation wall of the house now on the premises here-

in conveyed; thence

Westerly along land now or formerly of Camilla Puchalsky, one hundred fifty (150) feet, more or less, to land formerly of one Adams and now or formerly of one Dubinick; thence

Northerly one hundred sixty (160) feet, more or less, to the south side of the canal form the former T.E. Rich Company Sash and Blind Factory, so-called; thence

Easterly by the southerly side of said canal one hundred fifty (150) feet, more or less, to the westerly side of Maple Lane Extension; thence

Southerly by the westerly side of Maple Lane Extension and Maple Lane to the place of beginning.

Said premises are conveyed subject to sewer tile privileges reserved to Nellie A. Tilden, her heirs, or assigns, in a deed from Austin F. Adams, dated April 28, 1905, if the same are applicable hereto.

Grantee, (sic), his heirs and assigns are to keep and maintain a suitable fence on the canal side, so-called, of said tract.

Being the same premises described in a deed from Robert T. Mahan, Sr. and Constance M. Mahan to Robert T. Mahan, Sr., Constance M. Mahan, and Stephanie M. Mahan, as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, dated October 6, 2016, and recorded at the Worcester South Registry of Deeds in Book 56096 Page 300. The said Robert T. Mahan, Sr., now deceased.

setting forth that he/she desire that all the aforesaid described part of said land may be sold at private sale not less than Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000.00) dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before ten o’clock in the forenoon on the 29th day of September 2026 the return day of this citation.

Witness, **Kathryn M. Bailey**, Esq., First Judge of said Court, this 26th day of August 2026.

Stephanie K. Fattman  
Register of Probate  
09/03, 09/10, 09/17/2026

**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court**

**Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Probate  
and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508)831-2200  
Docket No.  
WO26P2839EA**

**Estate of:  
Wendy Patricia Joy Roberts  
Also known as:  
Wendy PJ Roberts  
Date of Death: 06/03/2026  
CITATION ON PETITION  
FOR FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Sheryl A. Silas of Barre, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Sheryl A. Silas of Barre, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**  
**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 10/06/2026. 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.**

**UNSUPERVISED  
ADMINISTRATION UNDER  
THE MASSACHUSETTS  
UNIFORM PROBATE CODE  
(MUPC)**

**A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.**

WITNESS, Hon. **Kathryn M. Bailey**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 01, 2026  
**Stephanie K. Fattman**,  
Register of Probate  
09/10/2026

### Corrine Lorenzet to speak at St. Joseph Church Sept. 28

BARRE – Corrine Lorenzet will give a talk on Monday, Sept. 28 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Joseph Church, 29 South Street in the hall (use side door).

St. Francis of Assisi Parish began a celebration of the Jubilee Year of St. Francis, with a talk by Corinne Lorenzet on the “Life of St. Francis.” As the Feast of St. Francis approaches on Oct. 4, the parish welcomes the return of Corinne for the last presen-

tation “Rebuilding the Church by Rebuilding Ourselves: Lessons from the San Damiano Crucifix.”

She is a member of the Secular Franciscan Order. She serves the Secular Franciscan Order of the US as a national counselor and as a spiritual assistant to several local fra-



Corrine Lorenzet

ternities.

The message St. Francis received from the Crucifix at San Damiano, “Francis Rebuild My Church” was a transformative moment in his conversion. During this presentation, she will delve into the symbolism of the San Damiano Crucifix and discuss what message it has today.

**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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