

Obituaries

Richard Frank Renes, 85

BARRE- Richard Frank Renes, 85, of Barre, passed away at home on Oct. 23, 2026 surrounded by his loving family. He was the devoted husband of Judith A. Renes, with whom he shared 63 years of marriage.

Born in Gardner on July 8, 1941, Richard was the son of Gardner Chief of Police Joseph J. Renes and Lucy Y. Renes. He was a standout basketball and baseball player at Gardner High School, where he met his high school sweetheart, Judith A. Hannula. They married on June 22, 1963, beginning a life together centered on home and family.

Richard earned a Bachelor of Arts in geology from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He began teaching science and earth science in Seymour, Connecticut, in 1963 before moving to Barre in 1967 to become one of the original teachers at the new Quabbin Regional High School. During his 21 years at Quabbin, he taught earth science, introduction to physical science and chemistry, as well as driver's education after school.

He loved teaching and touched the lives of hundreds of students, sharing his knowledge with patience and care. He later worked as a salesman and district manager for American Frozen Foods in Worcester.

A kind and gentle father, Richard was known for his big, hearty laugh, extraordinary patience and boundless generosity. He and Judy found happiness at home,

cooking dinner, grilling and welcoming family around their table.

They also enjoyed taking cruises together. An avid outdoorsman, he loved fishing, hiking and long walks in the countryside and at the Quabbin Reservoir with his daughter, Marsha. He also passed along to her his love of swing music and early rock 'n' roll.

He took great pleasure in tending his yard and planting flowers and trees. His enthusiasm for UMass Minutemen football and basketball became a lifelong bond with his son, Jonathan, with whom he shared games from Jonathan's toddler years onward.

Richard treasured time with his family, including his siblings, nieces and nephews and especially his grandson, Oliver. He delighted in fishing and target practice with Oliver, sharing his love of model rockets and airplanes and helping him build Lego sets as he grew up. On many occasions, Richard rented a lake or beach house where the whole family could gather, celebrating their love for one another and the great outdoors.

Faith was an important part of Richard's life. He served as an organist at St. Joseph's Church in Barre for over 20 years and helped with the church's upkeep. He also diligently tended the grounds of the Barre Cross,



a place meaningful to him and the local faith community. "God's Wisdom," a phrase associated with the Cross, was a guiding belief in his life.

In addition to his wife, Judith, Richard is survived by his son, Jonathan S. Renes of Swansea; his daughter, Marsha E. Mochizuki of Kaneohe, Hawaii; his beloved grandson, Oliver K. Mochizuki; his sister, Beverly A. Mosher of West Hartford, Connecticut; his brother, Anthony J. Renes of Shelburne Village, New Hampshire; his sister, Cynthia A. Barrington of Coppell, Texas and 15 nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026 with a Mass at 11 a.m. in St Joseph's Church, 29 South St., Barre. A calling hour will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m in Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre. Burial will be private for the family in the parish cemetery. All are invited to gather following the Mass for lunch in Richard's memory in the church hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Richard's memory may be made to a charity of your choice or to the National Kidney Foundation 30 East 33rd St., Suite 1100, New York, NY 10016. For an online tribute, people may visit Pillsburyfuneralhome.com.

John McNair "Jack" Kittredge, 82

BARRE – John McNair "Jack" Kittredge, co-owner of Many Hands Organic Farm in Barre and a longtime activist for social reform, passed away Oct. 25, 2026 at age 82. He is survived by his wife, Julie Rawson and their four children: Daniel Rawson Kittredge of North Brookfield, Paul Rawson Kittredge (Betsy Miller-Kittredge) of Silver Spring, Maryland, Ellen Rawson Kittredge (Daniel Leak) of Chelwood Gate, UK and Charles Rawson Kittredge (Cathleen O'Keefe) of Athol, Mass., along with eight grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. sharp on Saturday, Oct. 31 at the Jane King Burial Yard on Silver Brook Road in Barre, followed by a potluck gathering at Many Hands Organic Farm. All details are here: mhof.net/funeral. In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to the Many Hands Sustainability Center, 411 Sheldon Rd., Barre MA 01005 (<https://mhof.net/many-hands-sustainability-center>).

Born in Baltimore, Maryland and graduating from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota in 1965, Jack worked between that year and 1982 in a succession of low- or modestly paid jobs working in one way or another for social betterment.

In the mid-1970s while living in Boston he partnered with two friends to develop creative board games. One of their games, Cosmic Encounter, released in 1977 and inducted into a game

design hall of fame in 1997, remains popular to this day. More importantly he met Julie Rawson, who became his wife and with whom he had four children in a short period in 1977-1981.

The family moved to Barre in 1982, wanting a rural setting for raising their children. They began building a passive solar house and guided by Julie's midwestern farming background, grew an increasing proportion of their own food.

In 1984 Jack and Julie decided to establish a farm, with an informal division of labor between them: Julie in charge of "living stuff" (crops, animals), Jack in charge of "dead stuff" (machines, buildings, fences, water systems). "I keep the farmer farming," he said in a 2024 interview. They chose the name Many Hands Organic Farm. The farm flourished, especially after adopting the Community Supported Agriculture approach, in which members pay an initial fee at the start of the growing season and get a share of each week's farm products. The Many Hands CSA has 120 members in 2026.

As the farm grew, so did Jack and Julie's involvement with the burgeoning organic farming movement, in Massachusetts and regionally. Julie served as director of the Massachusetts affiliate of the Natural Organic Farming Association for 36 years and

Jack played a leading role as well.

Among other duties he directed the organization's Social Action Program, leading it in battle over such issues as Genetically Modified Organisms, Malathion spraying and the state's marketing of compacted sewage as organic. In addition, for 33 years he edited the quarterly newspaper The Natural Farmer, sent to all members of NOFA's seven state affiliates.

Throughout his time in Barre, Jack along with other family members kept an active interest in the arts. He was a longtime board member and treasurer of the Barre Players, played in the Quabbin Community Band and sang in the community chorus Circle of Song.



DEATH NOTICES

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Renes, Richard Frank
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Funeral Mass on Nov. 3 at 11 in St. Joseph's Church, 29 South St., Barre

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showed a tremendous amount of courage by staying on the field for the rest of the game.

"Silas was stepped on in the first half," Crowther said. "He was checked out by the Clinton trainer and was able to return to the field. It was a courageous effort by him. He made a couple of outstanding saves."

With less than two minutes remaining before halftime, Quabbin junior Matt Labrousse, who's a starting defender, delivered a long pass to Dilling, who fired a low shot past Clinton senior goalie Noah Gates into the left corner of the net, which made the score 4-2 at intermission.

The other members of the Panthers defensive unit are senior captain Logan Bruley, junior Abe Brown, eighth grader Cameron Bruley.

It marked the first time the Bruley brothers appeared in a varsity soccer match together.

"My brother and I were teammates on the j.v. baseball team last spring," Logan Bruley said. "I'm very proud of his performance in tonight's game. The whole team played with a lot of

energy and we never gave up."

After the Gaels built a 5-2 lead following a rebound goal from freshmen Deivid Kelton Oliveira, Cruz took over the spotlight for the visiting team in the second half.

Cruz scored his first goal of the match, which was assisted by Dilling, during the 53rd minute.

Three minutes later, Cruz scored another goal on a shot from just inside the top of the box, which closed the gap to 5-4. Sophomore Nate Gingras was credited with the assist.

"Nate Cruz played an outstanding second half with a pair of goals," Crowther said. "Then Jacoby scored the tying goal late in the second half. It was great."

With 7:56 remaining in regulation, Labrousse took a free kick from about 40 yards out and Dilling put a volley shot into the left corner tying the score for the first time at 5-5.

The Panthers had a chance to take the lead on another corner kick during the final minute of regulation, but the Gaels defense managed to clear the ball away before the referee blew his whistle for the final time.

St. Carlo Acutis Parish hosts Christmas Fair Nov. 7

N O R T H B R O O K F I E L D – St. Carlo Acutis hosts a Christmas Fair on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in St. Joseph's Church Hall, 296 North Main St.

There will be baked goods, crafts, jewelry and raffles.

A lunch of soups, sandwiches and apple pie is served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Postcard show will be held on Nov. 7

BARRE – The Central Mass. Postcard Club and St. Joseph's Catholic Church are co-sponsoring the 42nd annual postcard and ephemera show on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the church at 29 South St.

For more information, people may email show manager J.R. Greene at jrg01331@webtv.ne

Public Notices

BARRE PLANNING BOARD DISCUSSION & PUBLIC HEARING

UPDATED: The Barre Planning Board will hold a general discussion meeting on **Tuesday, November 3, 2026 followed by a formal public hearing on Tuesday, November 17, 2026 both at 7:00 p.m.** in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, Boards' Office, 3rd Floor, 40 West Street, Barre, MA requested by New England Power Company for the expansion of the pre-existing nonconforming substation pursuant to Section 140-16 of the Barre Zoning Bylaws for property located at 659 South Barre Road, Assessors Map H, Parcels 131,132, 511, 512 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 2378, Page 135 (Lot H-131; Book 3184, Page 385 (Lot H-132); Book 26257, Page 281 (Lots H-511 and H-510).

Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the discussion or public hearing or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board.

Floyd Kelley, Chairman
10/22,10/29/2026

(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket 26 SM 003324 ORDER OF NOTICE

To: **Edwin C. Wadleigh; Judith Kelley AKA Judith A. Kelly**

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (*et seq*):

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for MASTR Asset Backed Securities Trust 2005-OPT1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-OPT1, claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Barre, numbered 930 Hubbardston Road,** given by **Edwin C. Wadleigh and Judith Kelley to Option One Mortgage Corporation,** dated **December 20, 2004, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 35361, Page 106,** and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/

Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **November 23, 2026** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on October 15, 2026.

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
26-009835

10/29/2026





In Loving Memory of

Randi Lee Swistak-Stelmokas

21st Anniversary
August 17th, 1981- October 21st, 2005

Twenty one years have passed since we lost you
but not a day has passed
that you haven't been loved, missed and remembered.

You were taken from us far too soon, leaving behind a young daughter,
a family that adored you, and so many people whose lives were brighter
simply because you were in them.

The love you gave us was immeasurable. You left memories that time cannot erase
and a place in our hearts that no one could ever fill.

Twenty one years later, people still speak your name. They still remember your smile,
your kindness, your laughter and the way you made them feel.

Your story continues through the people that loved you.
We are grateful for every moment we were given.
A piece of our heart lives in heaven, and always will.

Forever loved, until we meet again.

*Mom & Mark
Blair & Andy
Morgan, Beckett & Delaney
And all of your friends*



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