

OBITUARIES

Rosemary Salvini Caputo, 91

Feb. 19, 1935 –
Feb. 21, 2026



Rosemary “Mimi” Salvini Caputo, 91, passed away on Feb. 21, 2026, at the Life Care Center of Rhea County, Tennessee. Born in Chester, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of Alfred and Margaret (Sturgeon) Salvini. On May 12, 1956, she married Joseph Caputo and later settled in Huntington, where she spent most of her life.

From an early age, Rosemary showed determination and independence. After graduating from Chester High School, she put herself through business school and went on to work for many years in

Springfield as a proofreader and data entry typist for accounting firms. She also pursued several entrepreneurial ventures, including catering and securing a patent for snowmobile hand protectors, which she later produced, marketed and ultimately sold along with the business. She was never one to sit still for very long.

Her drive and creativity extended into her life with Joe. Together, they shared a passion for building and restoring homes. Rosemary also enjoyed a successful career in Hilltown Real Estate. After being widowed in 2009, she retired to their winter home in St. Petersburg, Florida. There,

she embraced a life surrounded by friends, sunshine, the beach and her flower filled gardens.

She loved her home and her cat and spent countless hours creating beauty through gardening, decorating and painting. Everything she touched reflected her unmistakable style. In 2024, she relocated to Tennessee to be closer to family.

Affectionately known as “Mimi,” Rosemary will be lovingly remembered by her children, Jeffrey Michael Caputo (Monica) and Leslie Anne DeCloedt (Derek DeCloedt) and her cherished grandchildren Ian and Evan DeCloedt and Kelly and Jonathan Caputo. She is also survived by her sister, Phyllis Anne Donovan of Meriden, Connecticut. She was predeceased by her

beloved husband of 53 years, Joseph.

Those who knew her will remember “Mimi” for her strength, determination, and joyful spirit. She poured her heart and soul into everything she pursued, and her vibrant personality drew people to her throughout her life. Her absence will be deeply felt by her family and the many friends she made along the way.

Rosemary will be laid to rest beside Joseph in St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery in Huntington, Massachusetts. Arrangements are being handled by the Graham Hilltown Community Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held in the spring for family and friends. Date and time to be announced.

DEATH NOTICES

CAPUTO, ROSEMARY SALVINI

Died Feb. 21, 2026
Graveside service in spring, date to be announced

GILMAN, HARRIET KELSO

Died Jan. 9, 2026
Celebration of Life June 13 at 10:30 a.m.
First Congregational Church of Chester,
334 Skyline Drive, Chester

Country Journal OBITUARY POLICY

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Harriet Kelso Gilman, 104



Harriet Kelso Gilman, Hampden County, Massachusetts’ oldest citizen, passed away on Jan. 9, 2026. She was 104 years old.

In 2015, Mrs. Gilman was preceded in death by her husband of 72 years, US Army Col. (Ret.) James Wilbur Gilman. Together, the couple lived a military life of service for 25 years. They were stationed around the United States and in post-WWII Europe, before they “retired” back to the beloved Kelso Homestead Farm in the Berkshire Mountains of Massachusetts. It was there that Harriet Phyllis Kelso had been born to Leon Joseph Kelso and Elizabeth Miller Kelso on June 3, 1921. She was the sixth generation of Kelsos to live on the farm, which had been established by Revolutionary War Captain John Kelso in 1779. Harriet’s older brother, John Higgins Kelso, died in 2002.

Young Harriet attended the one-room school in Chester Center for grades 1 through 8, and graduated from Chester High School in 1939. As a rural youth, she was active with leadership in 4-H Club work and at local fairs. She then was accepted to Massachusetts State

College, now the University of Massachusetts and graduated in 1943 with a B.S. in home economics. While at college, Harriet met fellow student Jim Gilman, an ROTC cadet and football player. Upon graduation, Jim was commissioned a 2nd Lt. Cavalry officer in the Regular Army.

They married in 1943, and his young bride followed him to various Army posts during his training. Son James was born in 1944, days before they parted when Jim sailed to England for assignment to his wartime unit.

Harriet and 19-month old Jimmy departed for war ravaged Nuremberg, Germany in 1946. They sailed on one of the first ships of dependents able to join their husbands in the Army of Occupation. Jim became executive officer of the Army battalion headquartered inside the Nuremberg Palace of Justice, responsible for conduct of the “Nuremberg Trials” for leaders of the Nazi regime.

Because of Jim’s role, Harriet got a first-hand view of history in the making. She was able to visit the courtroom as the most notorious Nazi leaders were tried

for their crimes against humanity during WWII. After returning to the U.S. in 1947, the family relocated to northern Virginia and son Lee was born. The Army soon moved them to Ft. Knox, Kentucky and then Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas before they returned to Virginia in 1954.

Now, Harriet had the opportunity to achieve some of her goals. She earned her Elementary School Teacher’s certificate from George Washington University in 1956 and did master’s work at the University of Maryland. She taught elementary school and home economics for 15 years in Fairfax County, Virginia. The family was posted to Orleans, France in 1957.

Harriet spoke rudimentary French and enjoyed visiting wives of Americans stationed there, many of whom were homesick living in neighborhoods where few spoke English. The next year Jim was promoted to commander of a tank battalion and the family moved to an Army combat command in Gelnhausen, Germany.

Here, Harriet devoted herself to boosting morale of the officers’ wives by organizing receptions, social events, and outings. They moved back to northern Virginia in 1960, where Harriet resumed teaching home economics.

Just as in her early marriage days, Harriet was again on her own when Jim was posted to Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam in 1966 and to Huntsville, Alabama in 1968. In 1974, Harriet returned to Kelso Homestead Farm to care for her widowed mother. There, she and her husband began planting a blueberry orchard.

Harriet immersed herself in local affairs, serving as deacon of the First Congregational Church of Chester, as a member of the National and Chester Bicentennial Committees, as a library trustee, and as a Noble Hospital (Westfield) volunteer.

Perhaps most noteworthy, she also was a member of the “Hopefully Well Affected” Club in Westfield. In 2014, Jim and Harriet moved together to Armbrook

Village, a Westfield retirement community where they lived until the respective end of their days. During the Armbrook years, as always, Harriet developed a cadre of friends and admirers. Armbrook made her an ambassador to welcome new residents, drawing on the quintessential joy and caring heart that made her a natural hostess for everyone.

Shortness of breath in early January caused Harriet to be admitted to Noble Hospital on Jan. 9, 2026. Her condition declined as the day faded. As midnight approached, Harriet heard blessings and love expressed by three generations of her family, either at her side or by phone. Then she closed her eyes and was gone.

Harriet is survived by her two sons, James Gilman (Betsy), Albuquerque, New Mexico and Lee Gilman (Rebecca), Charlotte, North Carolina. She is also survived by grandchildren Chad Gilman (Laurie), Denver, Colorado; Connor Gilman, Prescott, Arizona; Adam Gilman (Luisiana), Parker, Colorado; Annie Gilman Luis (Matthew), San Antonio, TX; Seth Gilman (Megan), Albuquerque, NM; Michelle Giammarco

Cohen (Jason), Oak Park, Illinois; Jackson Gilman (Lauren), Lakeland, Tennessee. Her great-grandchildren are Grant Gilman, Denver, Colorado; William and Henry Gilman, Parker, Colorado; James and Kinsley Luis, San Antonio, Texas; Elliot and Oliver Gilman, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Jonah Cohen, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Ben Cohen, Boston; Emmett, King and Talia Gilman, Lakeland, Tennessee.

In addition to family, Pastor Miriam Howland, Harriet’s dearest friend, was with her throughout her final hours. Harriet asked family to remember how Miriam was very much like a sister, checking on her daily for over 30 years, helping her with local needs and keeping her sons informed between their visits.

The Gilman family is being served by Firtion Adam Funeral Home, Westfield. Interment will be private. A Celebration of Life will be held on June 13, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at First Congregational Church of Chester, 334 Skyline Trail, Chester, MA 01011. A reception will follow the service. Memorials can be made to the church.

PUBLIC NOTICES

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
ZONING
BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Huntington will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, March 19, 2026 beginning at 6:30 pm** in Stanton Hall.

The Public Hearing is scheduled for 6:30 pm for the one year evaluation of the Special Permit Application of Jonathan Groff of 38 Russell Road to operate a new trailer sales, repair, parts and rental business (including U-Haul franchise) at 38 Russell Road (former Smith’s Sled Shop), Huntington, Parcel # H3-28-0.

The Special Permit Application will be available to view by appointment in the office of the Selectboard during regular business hours, as well as at the Public Hearing.

**ZONING BOARD
OF APPEALS
TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
03/05, 03/12/2026**

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate
and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No.
HD26P0447EA
Estate of:
David B Alward
Date of Death: 02/09/2026
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment**

of Personal Representative has been filed by **James R Alward of Easton, CT** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **James R Alward of Easton, CT** 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 04/08/2026. 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

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 ad-**

ministration 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. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 03, 2026

Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate

03/12/2026

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The Planning Board of the Town of Huntington will hold 2 public hearings on **Monday, March 23, 2026 beginning at 6:00 pm** in Stanton Hall for changes to the Huntington Zoning Bylaw, according to MGL Chapter 40A, Section 5.

The first Public Hearing will include 1) Adding a definition for Large Scale Ground Mounted Commercial Solar installations to Section I.F. Abbreviations & Definitions, 2) Adding language to Section IV.T. ...Solar Bylaw... Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations to clarify the power source allowed for such commercial installations, 3) Changing Section V. Special Permits to specify most “Use” Special Permits to expire (and require renewal) in five (5) years, rather than the currently specified four (4) years.

The second Public Hearing will begin at 6:15 pm and will cover changes voted in favor of at the 2025 ATM, but which may need to be voted again at the

2026 ATM because of potential procedural deficiencies in 2025 required by MGL Chapter 40A, Section 5. These changes are: 1) Removing page numbers from the Header of the Zoning Bylaw, leaving page numbers in the Footer, 2) Numerous revisions and additions, including a new Section I.V.S: Accessory Dwelling Unit Bylaw (ADU) to replace the now obsolete Section I.V.S: Accessory Family Dwelling Unit Bylaw (AFDU) required by the Affordable Homes Act, Chapter 150, Sections 7 and 8 of the Acts of 2024 by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Replacing that bylaw also requires changing Section I.F. Definitions and Sections IV.B.1b. and IV.B.1e. under “Residential Uses”, 3) Minor revisions to Section IV.I. Signs, to clarify original intent of former changes and 4) Minor revisions to Section V. Special Permits, to clarify original intent of former changes. All text changes will be available for review at the Public Hearing and at Town Hall **by appointment only** during regular business hours (Monday-Thursday 10-3).

**PLANNING BOARD
TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
03/05, 03/12/2026**

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
Public Hearing
Wednesday, March 25, 2026
5:00 PM
Town Hall
24 Russell Road, Huntington
Proposed FY26 CDBG
Application**

The Town of Huntington, in association with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, will conduct a public hearing regard-

ing the FY26 Community Development Block Grant Program. The hearing will take place at **5:00 PM on Wednesday, March 25th, 2026, in person at the Town Hall, 24 Russell Road, Huntington, MA 01050**. If the meeting is cancelled due to inclement weather, the hearing will take place during the rescheduled Selectboard meeting.

The public is encouraged to attend this hearing to discuss the town’s FY26 application to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities for up to \$950,000 in available Community Development Block Grant Funds. All persons with questions or comments regarding the grant application will have an opportunity to be heard. Those unable to attend can send written comments to the Huntington Selectboard, 24 Russell Road, PO Box 430, Huntington, MA 01050, Attn: Jennifer Pelquin.

The Town is encouraging input on community needs and projects which would benefit from grant funding. Projects currently being considered include the phase I construction of the Blandford Hill Infrastructure Improvement Project. Additional projects may be discussed and may be included in the grant application.

Persons who require special accommodation for the hearing should contact the town at least one week prior to the hearing date at (413) 512-5200. For further information contact Sarah Maroney at PVPC at (413) 781-6045 or smaroney@pvpc.org. 03/05, 03/12/2026

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