

OBITUARIES

Benedict A. "Dick" Leerburger, 94



1/2/32 – 3/6/26

Dick died March 6, 2026 eagerly awaiting the next day. His was the quintessential glass half-filled life. He was 94.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Julie; his daughters, Marian and Ellen Leerburger, his son-in-law Ed Durkee; his grandchildren Alec Leerburger-Mahl, Katie Leerburger, Lanie Durkee, Porter Durkee, and his devoted collie, Augie. He is predeceased by Mickey, Christopher, Timmy, Randy and Ollie.

Beginning after his stint as a Naval pilot during the Korean War, Dick worked as an accomplished writer and editor in the fields of science and technology. He moved to editorships of various encyclopedias and other editing jobs for McGraw-Hill, Look Magazine and The New York Times.

After he became a freelance writer, he authored a variety of books, including "Marketing the Library," used as a standard text for years in graduate programs in library science.

He was dedicated to his profession, but his primary

focus was always his family and community. He was devoted to his wife, Julie, and his daughters, Marian and Ellen, and later to his four grandchildren, all of whom he was immensely proud and supportive. Before it was the style, he was a hands-on father, helping with household work, eager to take his daughters along for weekend chores, and just as eager to play practical jokes with a sense of good hearted mischief. His antics with Sammy the Talking Suitcase, outlandish scripts for "General Hospital," imitations of giraffes and seabirds, and "Happy Trails" are legendary. Scores of now grown up children remember him as the ideal father, involved, funny, kind and non-judgmental.

He was a 1950 graduate of Scarsdale High School and a 1954 graduate of Colby College where he majored in geology and was the drummer in his own Dixieland jazz band. Later, when he and Julie returned to Scarsdale to raise their family, he was the drummer in a local Dixieland group called "Three Shrinks and a Fink." Dick was the Fink.

He was involved in the community with many committees including president of the Friends of the Scarsdale Library for several years and then president of the Westchester Library System for even longer. After retirement as a freelance writer, he was for years president of Purchase College Friends, a group that raised funds for Conservatory students, who had financial needs such as a cello repair or a dance costume.

Dick and Julie built a vacation house in Chester, Massachusetts in 1975 that soon became a summer retreat. Enconced on the screened porch, Dick wrote articles and books on a used computer for part of every day in the summer.

He was a wonderful host, and regular guests in the summer recall early morning chats on the porch as well as a disarming tendency to inquire about the next day's breakfast preferences while guests were still eating dinner. In later years, joined often by friends, the weekend routine consisted of Jacob's Pillow Dance in Becket every Friday matinee, a Tanglewood rehearsal

in Lenox Saturday morning and a Sevenars concert in Worthington Sunday afternoon.

An enthusiastic traveler, he and Julie visited 36 countries. As a solo traveler and the recipient of a National Science Foundation grant in 1968, Dick travelled to Antarctica, the subject of many photographs and articles. There he also met Sir Edmund Hillary, a highlight of his career. Scores of Heathcote School elementary students remember the annual Antarctica/ penguin slide presentation.

Dick was a voracious reader, highly intelligent, dryly witty, possessed of a huge general knowledge and liked by just about everyone. He loved music, dance, opera, theater and the visual arts. He was glued to the television set during the major games of football, baseball and basketball seasons.

He loved good food, took classes in Chinese cooking and mastered the art of wok preparation. He always had room for dessert.

Please consider a contribution in Dick's name to Sevenars Concerts, Inc. at www.w.Sevenars.org

Norman Wesley Tebo, 77



Norman Wesley Tebo, 77, of Worthington, passed away on Feb. 9, 2026. Born on July 1, 1948 in Westfield, Norm was the son of Harold Tebo and Ellen Carrington Tebo.

In his youth, Norm was an active member of the 4H Club, he raised vegetables and lambs on the family farm in Westfield and he took many first place prizes with his baked goods, year after year.

After enlisting in the Navy in 1966, he served in Viet Nam as a member of the SeaBees Construction Battalion until 1970. After the war, Norm and his partner Joel, as the Teton

Builders, built homes all over Western Massachusetts for over 40 years. He was known throughout his life for his integrity, reliability, loyalty, kindness and hard work, as well as his mischievous sense of humor. He loved nature, gardening, kayaking and reading. He made many close friends as a member of the Suffolk Punch Horse Association. He enjoyed working with his horses, often using them to log for firewood on his homestead. He traveled all over



the country to attend the Annual Suffolk Gatherings and loved exploring museums along the way.

Norm is survived by his partner Deborah Crossman, his children and their spouses Ray Tebo (Melissa), Seth Tebo, and Jennifer Hofmeister (Ed), his sisters Martha Kunst and Mary Johnson-Reed (Ray), Deb's children Robert Crossman (Mallory) and Kathryn Crossman (Jonah), his beloved grandchildren Skylar Hofmeister and

Owen, Miles, and Lydia Crossman, his sister-in-law Carol Tebo, brothers-in-law Timothy Sena (Catherine), and Paul Sena (Judith), and innumerable loved ones. He was preceded in death by his wife Cynthia Sena Tebo, his brother Warren "Butch" Tebo, sister-in-law Sondra Huntley (Bud) and brothers-in-law Robert Johnson, and Richard Kunst.

A Celebration of Life will be planned for warmer weather. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Norm's name to The Hilltown Ambulance Fund, The Suffolk Punch Horse Association or a charity of choice.

DEATH NOTICES

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Country Journal

OBITUARY POLICY

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One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

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As a community newspaper our focus has always been local news. While we try very hard to run upcoming events as a public service whenever space allows, space does not allow us to run an upcoming event repeatedly. Our policy is to limit publication of upcoming events to one article in advance of the event and, space permitting, a second brief reminder article the week prior to an event, and to run those articles in only one section of the paper, and not in multiple sections simultaneously.

All such public service announcements and photos are subject to space limitations and deadlines, therefore publication cannot be guaranteed. Whenever copy for the week exceeds allotted space, news copy will take priority, and public service copy is the first area to be cut. We also reserve the right to edit for style and space, and are under no obligation to print lists of sponsorships, or articles that arrive after deadline, unless time and space allows.

Deadline is Friday at NOON.



PUBLIC NOTICES

Town of Worthington Conservation Commission Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, the Worthington Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing in response to a **Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)** regarding proposed work associated with the upgrade to an existing septic system at 58 Paterson Road

The Hearing will be held Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Selectboard meeting room at Town Hall, 160 Huntington Road.
04/02/2026

Town of Worthington Conservation Commission Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, the Worthington Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing in response to a **Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)** regarding the following work associated with a proposed ground-mounted solar photovoltaic facility at 105 Old Post Road:

- Improvement of existing perimeter fencing
- Management of existing field edges – brush cutting and tree removal
- Replacement of existing access road

The Hearing will be held Thursday, April 16th, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the big meeting room at Town Hall, 160 Huntington Road.
04/02/2026

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT HAMPDEN, Div. Probate and Family Court HD26E0007PP

To Deborah A. Davignon, Hampden County, Brian J Murphy, Gallatin County (MT), Dennis G. Murphy, Hampden County, Yolanda Murphy, Hampden County, and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Paul D. Murphy, of Hampden County, representing that they hold as tenants-in-common in an undivided part or share of land lying in Chester, in the County of Hamp-

den, setting forth that they desire that all of said land may be sold at private sale or public auction for not less than Two Hundred and Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$280,000.00), 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 after full adjudication of the equitable claims contained in said petition and supplemental memorandum filed with the Court.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection in said Court at **Springfield** on or before **10:00 A.M.** on the return date of **April 27th, 2026.**

Witness, **Claudine T. Stou-demire**, First Justice of said Court, this 2nd day of March 2026.

Rosemary A. Saccomani, Register

03/26, 04/02, 04/09/2026

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the "**Town of Huntington, MA SCADA System Upgrades Project**" will be received by the Town of Huntington, Water and Sewer Commission, Town Hall, 24 Russell Road **until 2:00 p.m. local time on April 23, 2026** at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. Sealed Bids must have outer envelope marked as "**Town of Huntington, MA SCADA System Upgrades Project**".

The work consists of the installation of a new SCADA system including new equipment, panels, and enclosures at the water treatment building. Bids shall be on a lump sum basis as indicated in the Bid Form.

All Bids for this project are subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 149, Section 44A - 44J inclu-

sive as amended.

In accordance with Section 44D of Chapter 149 of the General Laws of Massachusetts as amended, the prospective General Bidders must submit with their Bid, a certificate of eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM), showing that the Bidder has been approved to bid on projects of the size and nature as advertised herein. Prospective General Bidders must also submit an updated statement summarizing their record for the period between the latest DCAMM certificate and the date of the Bid submittal. The DCAMM certificate of eligibility to be submitted by the General Bidder shall be for the category of work defined as "**Electrical**".

Bidding Documents may be obtained electronically from the Tighe & Bond website at: http://www.tighebond.com/Projects_Out_to_Bid.php

Prospective bidders must complete a one-time registration process on the web site in order to receive log-in credentials. Bidders must log in to the web site to download bidding docu-

ments for the project. Bidders will be added to the "planholders" or prospective bidders list upon downloading the bidding documents for the project.

All general bidders shall furnish with their bid a bid deposit in the form of a bid bond in the amount of 5% of the total amount for the Bid and made payable to the Town of Huntington.

Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Workforce Development under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before Bid opening, to request, if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed Work under this Contract.

Consulting Engineer:
Tighe & Bond, Inc.
53 Southampton Road
Westfield, MA 01085
413-562-1600

Jennifer Peloquin
Town Administrator
04/02/2026

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