

OBITUARIES

Kenneth P. Henneman

BELCHERTOWN – Kenneth P. Henneman, 74, of Belchertown, passed away at home on December 31, 2025. Born April 2, 1951, in Northampton, MA, Ken was the son of Arthur and June (Sanford) Henneman and lived in Belchertown his entire life. He graduated from Belchertown High School in 1969 and earned an associate degree from Springfield Technical Community College in 1971. Ken worked as a Rural Carrier for the US Postal Service in Belchertown from 1971 until his retirement in 2010 and was very proud to have received the One Million Mile Award in 2005. He also ran Henneman’s Service Center in the town center for 25 years after buying the station from his father.

To say Ken was active in the community would be an understatement. He was a longtime member of the Belchertown Historical Association and Stone House Museum, as well as an active member of Belchertown United Church of Christ (BUCC) for more than 50 years, serving on multiple committees and as a Deacon throughout the 1990s. He was always ready to lend a hand to any friend or community group who had a need.

He was also a member of many recreational organizations over the years, including the Belchertown Snowmobile Club, several Bowling Leagues, Cold Spring Country Club, and for more than 50 years, was an active member of the Lake

Wickaboag Boat Club in West Brookfield, where he served as Commodore for many years. He enjoyed golf outings, motorcycle rides, and ski trips with various groups of friends.

Ken leaves behind his beloved wife of 42 years, Katherine (Dziuba), and three children, Kathryn “Katie” Henneman, Kimberly Curtin and her husband Michael of East Longmeadow, and Brian Campbell of Philadelphia, as well as two sisters, Linda Snow and her husband Kenneth, and Marnie Henneman, all of Belchertown, and many nieces and nephews and their children. The family wishes to thank Katie’s caregivers, past and present, particularly Cheryl, Deb, and Terrilyn, for doing double duty with their care of Ken over the past few years, as well as the many friends who drove him to and from treatment at Mass General Brigham Cancer Institute at Cooley Dickinson Hospital.

Visitation will be held on Friday, January 9, from 9 to 11 a.m. with a service to begin at 11 a.m., both at the Belchertown United Church of Christ, Park Street, Belchertown, MA. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to BUCC, PO Box 603, Belchertown, MA 01007, or MGB Cancer Center at Cooley Dickinson, PO Box 329, Northampton, MA 01061. Please indicate that it is in honor of Kenneth Henneman, and your donation will be directed towards cancer research.



Beverly West Marcy

Beverly West Marcy was the daughter of the late Lewis West and Pauline (Davenport) West. Beverly was also predeceased by her brothers William West and Shepherd West, and a sister Betty Philobotte. Her beloved husband, Melvin Marcy, died in 1987. Although she will be greatly missed by family and friends, we take comfort in knowing she is no longer in pain and is resting in the arms of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Beverly leaves behind a son, Randy Marcy, (Connie), and a daughter, Cathy Hammond (Karl).

She was NANA to seven grandchildren and 14

great-grandchildren, which she took great pride in.

Throughout her years, she became NANA to everyone she met. Her sewing and crocheting talents were a true gift that she shared with so many.

She had 90 wonderful years, always facing any challenges head-on and always with a smile.

Beverly resided at Christopher Heights in Belchertown for the last 7 years. Her final months were spent at Hadley Pointe in Hadley, MA. The family would like to take this time to thank everyone for their care and support throughout the years. It is greatly appreciated. A private service will be held in January.



Eric S. Corp

Eric S. Corp passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025.

Born December 2, 1944, in Phoenix, Arizona, early in his life the family moved to southern California. He came to western Massachusetts in 1997, fulfilling his pursuit to be an academic neuroscientist. He settled in the area and spent the last 28 years of his life in Amherst and then Belchertown.

Eric was many things, but “a gentle soul” is one way that people would often describe him. He was also charmingly self-deprecating in a way that led many people to open up and feel connected to him. He was witty, well read and had a keen intellect, making him an engaging and entertaining conversationalist. Eric’s laughter was contagious and endearing. He was one of those people who made the world more interesting and exciting.

Eric’s life took many twists and turns with difficult years. “Rick,” his California family’s name for him, had a childhood rich in friends, activities and experiences. From an early age, he loved the beach, body surfing and pool swimming, which strengthened his lungs weakened by chronic asthma. He thrived on hobbies with chemistry sets, microscopes and reading. He learned the trumpet and played “To the Colors” every morning for flag-raising at his elementary school. Band practice and drama class captured his interest and dedication in middle school.

Eric graduated from Pasadena High School in 1963. In his late teens, he and his friends were passionate amateur folk musicians. Eric learned to play the guitar and with his three close friends would regularly play at a fellow musician’s house literally all night long. They spent any other free time at coffee houses where they would listen to established

and rising folk artists.

In 1967, he married Jane Beaven and became stepfather to Jane’s three young children (Leif Eric, Sara Jane, and Ruth Ann). The children have fond memories of hiking the San Gabriel mountains and spending weekends beachcombing the tidepools. Eric was attending graduate school, and they recall lively conversations about psychology—what makes people tick—and the humor in some of the psychological techniques he experimented with (on the family), such as a token economy for behavioral reinforcement and various psychological tests. His passion for psychology inspired them to think deeply about personality and human nature.

Eric earned a B.A. in psychology in 1969 and an M.S. in psychology with a clinical track in 1972, both from California State University Los Angeles. While there he volunteered as a crisis intervention therapist. The family then moved to Austin, Minnesota where he practiced as a psychotherapist. He would often relate the shock this southern Californian felt by the severe cold of his first winter in Minnesota and the euphoria of his first spring there. In 1974, the family moved to Spokane, Washington where he continued his work in the field of psychology as an Involuntary Treatment Officer performing civil commitments. This frequently involved being called into homes to assess persons who were in acute psychological distress.

By 1977, his marriage to Jane ended and he moved to central Washington where he continued his work as a mental health professional. While in Washington, he met Shelley Smith, whom

he married in 1979 and later that same year their daughter Jessica Lillian Louise was born.

His time as an Involuntary Treatment Officer led him to believe that the prevailing view of the causes of severe psychiatric disorders was overlooking a biological root. This spurred him to pursue a doctorate in the field of neuroscience which he completed in 1986, earning a Ph.D. from the University of Washington in Seattle.

In 1986, after his marriage to Shelley ended, Eric moved east to pursue a fellowship at the E. W. Bourne Behavioral Research Laboratory of Weill Cornell Medicine in White Plains, New York. His research there explored receptors in the brain that were involved with insulin and appetite mechanisms. He eventually was promoted to Assistant Professor of Psychology in Psychiatry.

In 1990, he met Elaine Fronhofer whom he married in 1993. In White Plains, Eric and Elaine enjoyed spending free time attending club concerts of folk and blues musicians, exploring hiking trails in the Hudson Valley, long bike rides and other sports, often with Eric’s Bourne Lab colleagues.

In the summer of 1997, they settled in Amherst after Eric was hired as a Research Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. In 1998, their son, Nathaniel Carlock, was born, and in 2001, their son Leif Socrates was born. His sons have fond early memories of him singing them to sleep with folk songs that he would sometimes perform to them on guitar, weekly trips to the library selecting large volumes of books, and bicycle



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forming a diverse committee, stating, “The committee’s main goals... is really after the prioritization plan is formed and we’re looking at projects that we then can apply for construction funds and then to implement the policy as we go forward.”

She emphasized the importance of the committee’s involvement from day one.

Recommended members are the town manager, department of public works director, town planner, director of public health, a public safety official, council on aging director, superintendent of schools, conservation director, and recreational director, and “whoever they might appoint as a respective designee,” added Leduc.

Board members sought

further clarification on the project’s scope and funding.

Leduc specified that the policy would focus on pedestrian and bicycle accessibility along public roads: “It’s not Rail Trail... We’re really looking at the roads and how to make the roads complete, so making sure that they have pedestrians and bikes and... ADA accessibility.”

Regarding prioritization plans and construction grants, Leduc told the board: “We are allowed up to \$500,000 over three years. You can do \$500,000 at one shot, or you can mix smaller projects, and then in three years you’re up, and you can apply for the round.”

Select Board members discussed the benefits and constraints of committee formation, including potential overlap with other town groups.

“I don’t want to start creating more committees right now for me anyway, so I was glad to see that it was strictly included,” Selectboard member Nicole Miner said.

The board ultimately voted to create the committee, with appointees to be named by the town manager. Public engagement remains a priority. Leduc said she hopes to host one meeting in January and another at some point later this year.

Sports Haven mobile home project advances

Town Manager Steve Williams provided an update on the restoration and infrastructure work at the Sports Haven mobile home park.

“There’s been a lot of progress construction season; the water and sewer pipes are in the ground, under the roadway. The

rides.

In his professional career at UMass Amherst, aside from teaching courses in psychology, Eric ran a successful research lab investigating how the brain controls feeding behavior, identifying brain regions and peptides that control food intake. He was also a dedicated and patient mentor who inspired those that trained with him.

In 2012, Eric’s marriage to Elaine ended however he and Elaine remained lifelong friends.

In later life, Eric struggled with mental and physical health challenges. He could no longer be a scientist, but his core personality traits of kindness, unwavering courteousness, and wit remained to the end.

Eric was predeceased by his parents, Charles Ives and May Louise (Crook) Corp, his stepdaughter Ruth Swanson in 1981, and stepson, Leif Swanson in 2021. Eric is survived by his sisters Beverly (Dennis) Johnson, of San Clemente, CA, and Mary Corp of Azusa, CA, his stepdaughter Sara Swanson (Mark) Mone, of Milwaukee, WI, and their children, Eric and Emily, his daughter Jessica (Joel Jones) Corp, of Lake Oswego, OR, and their son Gus, his sons Nathaniel Corp and Leif Corp, both of Belchertown, MA, his nephew Nick (Kelly) Johnson, of San Diego, CA, nieces Holly (Otong) Durahim, of Vashon, WA, and Joanne Werthwein of Bridgeport, CA, great-nephews Charlie, Wally, and Sani, and great-nieces Utisah, Hazel, and Willa.

The family would like to thank the staff at Christopher Heights of Belchertown for the remarkable care he received.

There will be a private memorial. Donations in Eric’s memory can be made to The Jones Library of Amherst or the environmental conservation charity of your choosing.

water is connected to all the units. There are 38 units. Currently, there are five vacant lots, but it’s stubbed out for those. The foundation is in for the water tank. The foundation is in for the generator.”

He outlined the remaining steps and financial outlook: “Those are under order. There’s money available for the road restoration, paving. We are paying for some additional funding we’ve been doing about \$1.6 million to complete the septic system and make the connections to the units on that end of things.”

He said the hope is to have additional funding in the spring, but said the work done so far is also a good sign.

Board members examined the board of directors’ structure and anticipated a transition to resident control.

DEATH NOTICES

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Services and Visitation
Jan. 9 at Belchertown
United Church of Christ

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