OBITUARIES

Evelyn H. Riddle, 100



Evelyn H. Riddle (Harrington), age 100, of Belchertown and formerly of Wilbraham, MA, passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2026.

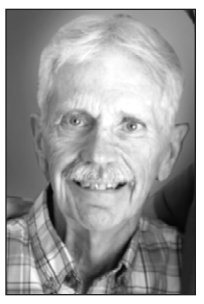
Born in Springfield to Russel and Eleanor "Frances" Harrington, she lived a fearless century on her own terms.

Evelyn graduated from the High School of Commerce in 1943, playing every sport they had to offer. From riding motorcycles and serving in the Massachusetts Women's Defense Corps during WWII, to overcoming polio while living overseas and traveling the country with her former husband, Raymond, she never slowed down. As a lifelong athlete, she was an avid competitor-winning tennis and ping-pong championships in high school, scoring a hole-in-one in golf, and earning Gold and Bronze medals in tennis at the Massachusetts Senior Games. Evelyn was also deeply involved in her community, a member of Grace Union Church since 1939, President of the American Legion Post 286 Auxiliary, and member of the Pine Valley Board of Directors, all while working for many years in accounts receivable. Evelyn will be remembered by friends and family for her humorous nature and infectious laugh.

She was predeceased by her parents and siblings, her former husband, Raymond R. Riddle Jr., and her daughter, Nancy Lewenczuk. Evelyn's legacy lives on through her surviving daughter, Lucille Riddle; three grandchildren, Tina Thorne, Anna Pac, and Jason Lewenczuk; seven great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren, to whom she was lovingly known as "G.G.".

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2026, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Christopher Heights of Belchertown located at 99 Front St. in Belchertown, MA 01007. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Grace Union Church of Wilbraham, or to the Belchertown Senior Center in her honor.

James Vincent, 77



After a long, courageous journey, James Vincent, 77 passed away peacefully on Oct. 30, 2026 in the comfort of his Belchertown home leaving behind a legacy of laughter and adventure.

After earning his degree from Western New England College, he went on to become a skilled decorating contractor, where his creativity and craftsmanship knew no bounds. His talents were many, he was equally at home blowing glass, woodworking in his shop, tinkering with a car, or tackling a complex project - he was the ultimate "Mr. Fix-It." A man of quiet strength, he took on life's challenges the same way he faced a stubborn project: with determination, a positive attitude, and zero complaints. Friends and family were the grateful recipients of Jim's talents as he selflessly helped anyone in need, never asking for anything in return. Even as Kennedy's disease threw physical obstacles his way, he never grumbled, choosing instead to focus on helping others and enjoying the beauty of the world around him.

Jim truly loved nature. He spent many trips exploring the great outdoors, hiking in National Parks, and appreciating the beauty of a roaring waterfall. Among his favorite memories were trips to the Canadian Rockies, American southwest, sunny days on St John, and the lush landscapes of Ireland.

Of all his adventures, his greatest joy was his family. He shared 51 wonderful years of marriage with his beloved wife, Denise, building a life filled with deep devotion, incredible travels, and plenty of laughter. Together they raised two sons that meant the world to him. He took immense pride in watching them grow, passing down his selfless nature, his love for the outdoors, and his legendary handy skills.

He is survived by his wife Denise, his two sons, Michael and David, their girlfriends Annie and Hank, a brother-in-law, Arthur and wife Joan, two nephews, and a lifetime of beautiful, handcrafted treasures. He was predeceased by his parents, Clifford and Arlene and his brother Clifford Jr.

At Jim's request there will be no services. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Donations can be made to Compassionate Care ALS of Falmouth, MA. The family extends a special thanks to Michael Hodgkins of Compassionate Care and also the Cooley Dickinson hospice team.

DEATH NOTICES

Evelyn H. Riddle
Died Oct. 31, 2026
Service Nov.14, 2026
Beers & Story Funeral Home

James Vincent
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Celebration of Life at a later date
Beers & Story Funeral Home

GRANBY

The Friends of the Granby Free Public Library to hold Holiday Gift Basket and Knit Sale

GRANBY—Come shop from a variety of gift baskets, beautiful knitted & crocheted items, holiday ornaments, and much more on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Do you have someone on your list who is hard to shop for? We have got you covered! The sale will continue to run through the month of December during open library hours, while supplies last.

Donations of premade gift baskets and new handcrafted items will be accepted until Dec. 3.

*Sponsored by the In Stitches Knitting Group and the Friends of the Granby Library. The Granby Free Public Library is located at 297 E State St in Granby, MA. For more information and a listing of open library hours, please visit granbylibrary.org or call 413-467-3320. All proceeds of this sale benefit the Friends of the Granby Free Public Library.

Historic trestle bridge repairs to begin early Nov. on Mass Central Rail Trail

BELCHERTOWN—The Town of Belchertown will begin rehabilitation of the pedestrian trestle bridge over Jabish Brook during the first week of November. Work is expected to take two to three weeks. The bridge is located on the Massachusetts Central Rail Trail about one mile west of Franklin Street and connects to North Washington Street.

The nineteenth-century railroad trestle bridge is a well-used connector for hiking, biking, dog walking, and snowmobiling. Repairs by contractor Warner Brothers LLC will address the deteriorated abutment and pier caps. The work also includes full replacement of the timber deck, curb, and chain link fencing, along with new cross bracing on the bridge's timber pile supports.

While work is underway, a section of trail immediately around the bridge will be closed to trail users, and a marked detour route will be available. Construction materials will be brought in via Franklin Street, but trail access at Franklin Street will remain open to the public. Signs will be posted on-site to keep trail users safe during construction.

The project is funded through a MassTrails grant secured in partnership with Friends of the Belchertown Greenway. The grant was originally awarded at $86,010. After construction bids came in higher than budgeted, the Town requested and received an amendment in June adding $48,350, bringing the total award to $134,360. The grant requires a 20 percent match, the majority of which is covered by a $25,000 state earmark designated for the Rail Trail, with the remainder met through in-kind support.

"We know this bridge is a well-loved connection along the trail, and we appreciate everyone's patience while we get it back into safe shape. We're grateful to the Friends of the Greenway for partnering with us to secure the funds to repair this special historic bridge," said Julie Meyer, Conservation Administrator.

A grand reopening will be announced once the work is complete. For questions, contact the Conservation Department at 413-323-0405 or conservation@belchertown.org.

About Belchertown

Belchertown is a welcoming community of about 15,000 residents that blends small-town character with room to grow. Located at the crossroads of Hampshire, Hampden, Franklin, and Worcester counties, it is part of both the Pioneer Valley and the Quabbin Region. Working farms, forests, and trails sit alongside access to the area's colleges and cultural life, all just 90 minutes from Boston and an hour from Hartford, Connecticut.

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dence at the station to be destroyed.

12:02 p.m. – A person came to the station to get a firearm. Arrangements were made with the person for pickup.

1:32 p.m. – An officer responded to a report of a verbal argument. A 51A was filed.

2:36 p.m. – An officer spoke with a person about a vehicle they let a relative borrow. The relative didn't return the vehicle. A "be on the lookout" alert was put out in the area.

3:45 p.m. – An officer responded to assist Belchertown Fire paramedics for a person having a mental health crisis.

5:12 p.m. – An officer responded to an accident on George Hannum Road. A vehicle on the access road from Stop and Shop attempted to enter the main parking lot when a second vehicle traveling through the lot struck it. No tows were needed, and no injuries were reported.

7:30 p.m. – An officer took a report of online fraud. The person got an alert that their package was delivered. However, they didn't receive the item. They were advised to tell the department if the package arrived.

8:38 p.m. – An officer responded to assist Belchertown Fire paramedics for a report of a person having a mental health crisis.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Belchertown
Conservation Commission
LEGAL NOTICE

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11/12/2026

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11/12/2026

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
Board of Health
Public Hearing Notice

Pursuant to MGL C. 111, sec. 31 the Board of Health will hold a Public Hearing on **November 23, 2026 at 6:05 PM** in the Select Board meeting room Lawrence Memorial Hall 2 Jabish Street Belchertown, MA 01007 and remote at https://meet.goto.com/MGrenier

To amend the regulations prohibiting the manufacturing, sale and distribution of Synthetically Derived Cannabinoids, Kratom Products **and Unregulated Novel Intoxicating Products** in the Town of Belchertown. Copies of the proposed regulations can be obtained at the Board of Health office, Room 105 Lawrence Memorial Hall 2 Jabish Street Belchertown, MA and on-line at https://www.belchertown.org/health

All interested parties are encouraged to participate. If you are unable to attend but wish to express your views to the Board of Health in writing, please feel free to do so.

Board of Health
P.O. Box 670
Belchertown, MA 01007-0670
11/12, 11/19/2026

TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF HEALTH
PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Health of the Town of Granby, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 111, Section 143 and Chapter 40A, Section 11, will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, December 1, 2026 via Zoom meeting, at 7:00 PM** to present and discuss the application for a Piggery License for Rheaumestead at 134 Batchelor Street, Granby, MA. This public hearing conforms to the Rules and Regulations Relative to Pigs and Piggeries, approved and adopted by the Board of Health, November 8, 2011.

Any person interested in or wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the time designated for public hearing. Zoom link can be found on the Town website, granby-ma.gov or by contacting the Health Department at 467-7174.

Granby Board of Health
11/12, 11/19/2026

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

The other is a **Paid Obituary,** costing $275, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice (with a word limit of up to 500 words) and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.