

OBITUARIES

Joanne Wynande Rostowski (Zimmerman)

Joanne Wynande Rostowski (Zimmerman) (known as Anita) was born June 13, 1947 to the late Albert and Johanna (Zondag) Zimmerman, in Arnhem, The Netherlands.



She was one of five sisters, all born in the Netherlands. Elizabeth (Elly) Vanderleeden, Jantina (Ina) Kolstee, Anne-Marie Voigt of the Netherlands and Maria (Marijke) Brown of Wilbraham.

The Zimmerman family later immigrated to West Springfield, sponsored by Mr. Van Deene, who owned Book Bindery on Park Ave, West Spfld, who was a friend of the family while living in Holland (The Hague).

Joanne moved to Wilbraham in 1970, and devoted 36 years to the Wilbraham school system, including tutoring many students. A very beautiful and beloved person who was loved dearly and will be missed by her beautiful smile and caring personality. Joanne loved people and always enjoyed conversation, a very kind and special person. She touched the lives to all, with her warmth, strength, compassion, encouragement and her beautiful smile.

She enjoyed her home, goldfish pond, Dutch flowers & trips to Dover Vermont to be with her daughter.

She loved to email her sister (Anna-Marie Voigt) & family in Holland every

night also loved to talk to her daughter Gina every night. Great memories with her Grandson Matthew & wife Emily, and her three great grandchildren. Joanne was proud to always host family parties to keep the bond of family.

Joanne leaves behind her Husband, Donald Charles Rostowski Sr. as they met in the halls of West Springfield High after immigrating to America. Married 60 wonderful years; her daughter, Gina Anne Desautels and her husband Dr. Robert Desautels of Wilbraham and their son Matthew and his wife Emily and their beautiful children, Abigail, Lily and Thomas of Hatfield; her son Donald Rostowski Jr., and his wife Tracy of Wilbraham and their son's, Joshua Rostowski and Brian Rostowski.

She is predeceased by her sister's Elizabeth Vanderleeden and Jantina (Ina) Kolstee. She is survived by her sister Elizabeth's family Alfred and Ruth Vanderleeden of East Longmeadow and their children, Lisa, Lynn and Erik Vanderleeden; Dr. Marc and Joyce Vanderleeden and their children; Clara and Dean Parker and their son David of Longmeadow; her sister Jantina's family Anja and David Sweetland of Cape Cod, Linda and Haluk Ozkaynak of California and their son Paul, Ellen and Marc Majewski of California and their son Jona-

than. She is also survived by her sister Anne-Marie Voigt, from Heilo The Netherlands and her family Ingrid and Peter Beukers, Linda Beukers, Irene Voigt, Miguel and Esther Voigt of Amersterdam and their children; Arijan and Denise Beukers of Belgium and their children. She is also survived by her sister Maria (Marijke) Brown of Wilbraham and family, Vera and Tony Tosoni and their children Maria Roberts and her husband Lou and Alyssa Tosoni; Karen and Dan Fritz and their children Kara and Cody Titus and Brian and Jessica Fritz; and Maria's son Donald Brown. She also leaves her sister-in-law, Carole Anne St. Marie, belated husband Ronald St. Marie and their children, Wayne, Kim, Michelle and Rene, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Special thanks to those who stepped up to make my wife more comfortable (Anja-Ruth-Joyce-Nora-Doctor Fanti, PA. Andrea, Doctor Rodriquez) and to my daughter Gina, thank you.

Donations if you wish, best friends for animals or the Shriners in name of Joanne Wynande Rostowski.

Services will be held on Saturday, March 21 beginning with visitation from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Sampson's Family Chapels, 21 Tinkham Rd. in Springfield. Funeral Liturgy 11 a.m. at St. Cecilia's, Main St., Wilbraham. Burial will follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Springfield.

Sheila Marie (Boilard) Duquette, 1947-2026

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of Sheila Marie (Boilard) Duquette, beloved wife, mom, and Nana. Sheila grew up in Indian Orchard, MA where she worked from an early age at the family business, Boilard Lumber.



Sheila and Patrick lived in the Orchard until they moved to Monson in 1976.

She leaves her husband of 59 years, Patrick Duquette, her daughters Joan Long and husband Lawrence Long Jr., Erin Thomas and husband Sebastian Thomas, and grandchildren Haley, Finn, and Nadine; and her sisters Patricia McCullough and husband William McCullough; Elizabeth Hurley and husband William Hurley; and brothers Carl Boilard and wife Susan Speyer-Boilard, and Edward Barboza; her brothers- and sisters-inlaw Jeffrey Duquette and wife Heidi Duquette, Christine Newton and husband Ralph Newton, and Charlie Duquette and wife Jackie Duquette, and many nieces and nephews.

After graduating from the High School of Commerce in 1965, Sheila attended Northampton Commercial College. She was a lightning-fast typist and worked with Turley Publications for many years where she made lasting friendships and had the chance to work with a great team. She loved to play the piano and was known for silly dances in the kitchen - back then as kids,

we probably rolled our eyes at something called "the mashed potato", a great memory of her bringing joy to dinnertime. She and Patrick loved live music at local venues, notably Bob Dylan at Symphony Hall in Springfield in the '60s, and again just a couple of years ago - same seats!

If they weren't listening to music or watching a blues concert video, you would find them watching a Bruins game, attending a Springfield Falcons game, or packing a picnic lunch to spend the day at Quabbin or explore the back roads of western MA by motorcycle until they found a treasure like a used book store, coffee shop, ice cream stand, or random llamas and donkeys. She had a strong connection with animals, adopting cats that chose our house, visiting the "grand-dogs" and making a beeline to see the horses at Silver Bell Farm after a pumpkin-picking ride. She treasured spending time with all the grandkids whether it was crafting, coloring, visiting the brook, baking cookies and muffins, attending recitals, or just hanging out and grabbing lunch.

Sheila was the most patient person you would ever meet. Even in crazy traffic, she gave strangers the benefit of the doubt, "maybe he's having a bad day," she would say. Not even a complaint during the fight with breast cancer, non-Hodgkins

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lymphoma, or dementia. We would like to thank Quaboag Rehabilitation for showing such kindness and wonderful care during her stay. The quietest, toughest warrior there could ever be. A celebration of life will be held in May. In lieu of sending flowers, please support your local animal shelter-Sheila would love that as much as she enjoyed flowers.

Artists invited to exhibit in ‘Tiny Art Show’

WILBRAHAM – The Wilbraham Public Library invites artists of all ages to participate in its upcoming Tiny Art Show, a creative community exhibit celebrating artwork on a small scale.

Community members are challenged to create an original work of art measuring no larger than 4” x 4” and return it to the library by Tuesday, March 31, 2026. All artwork will be displayed in the library from April 1 through April 30, 2026.

Important: Participants must use a library-issued 4” x 4” canvas to be included in the show. Canvases are available for pick-up and must be picked up in person at the

library. No registration is required. Supplies are limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

Artists may use any style or medium—painting, drawing, sewing, collage, or small sculpture—as long as the artwork fits within the 4” x 4” dimensions (with no more than 2” additional depth). Objects and materials may be attached (except food), but no candles or electrical or battery-operated devices are permitted. This is a family-friendly exhibit; no vulgar content will be accepted.

There is no age limit and no residency requirement to participate. Only one submis-

sion per person or group will be accepted. Each artist must complete and attach a Tiny Art ID sticker to the back of their canvas before returning it to the library by March 31.

Artwork may be picked up beginning Monday, May 4, 2026. Any pieces not claimed by Saturday, May 30, 2026 will become property of the library.

The Wilbraham Public Library is located at 25 Crane Park Drive, Wilbraham, MA 01095. For more information, call 413-596-6141.

Stop by, pick up your canvas, and show the community how creative you can be—one tiny masterpiece at a time!

Scantic Valley YMCA Health Fair

WILBRAHAM – The Scantic Valley YMCA will be hosting their annual Interactive Health Fair on March 24 from 5 to 7 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public.

Join us for this interactive event focused on healthy eating, weight management, balance, blood pressure screening, chronic disease programming and much more.

Everyone can participate in healthy meal prep options by making and taking a mason jar home.

Must register at the Scantic Valley YMCA, 45 Post Office Park, Wilbraham, MA 01095. Limited to 75 people.

Ages 40 to 100, prizes and free food.

There will be 15 vendors this year, including STCC Dental Hygiene Program,

Wilbraham Fire Department, Springfield College Department of Exercise Science Club, Big Y Supermarket, Parkinson’s Foundation and Western New England University Pharmacy.

Sponsored by the Ludlow Elks and the YMCA.

For more information, contact Dawn Lapierre at dlapierre@springfieldyorg or 413-596-2749 X3107.

PUBLIC NOTICES

WILBRAHAM PLANNING BOARD

The Wilbraham Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 5:45 PM** in the Town Office Building, 240 Springfield Street, on the application of Little Ivy Learning Academy LLC for Site Plan Approval (SPA26-01) under Section 3.4.4.4 of the Wilbraham Zoning Bylaw to allow a licensed child care facility on property owned by Theorod LLC located at 2 Crane Park Drive as shown on plans on file in the Planning Office and posted for public viewing on the Planning Board page of the Town of Wilbraham website at www.wilbraham-ma.gov/123/Planning-Board. This meeting will be conducted in person and virtually

(see meeting agenda for details). James Rooney, Chair 03/19, 03/26/2026

SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

This ad is pursuant to MA Gen. Law Ch.255, Sec. 39A as of March 27, 2026 the following motor vehicle will be for sale to satisfy a garage keepers lien:

2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee VIN#: 1C4RJFAG7CC115586 COLOR: Red LKO: Michael Barrett 2027 High St. Three Rivers, MA 01080

2010 Jeep Liberty Vin#: 1J4PN2GK9AW178856 Color: Tan LKO: Mozanth Nazareth

323 South St. Marlborough, MA 01752-5132

Vehicle : 2015 Honda Civic VIN#: 19XFB2F53FE220400 LKO: Edward De LaCruz 260 State St. Palmer, MA 01069 Lien Holder : United Consumer Finance 150 West Grove St Suite 16A Middleboro, MA 02346 R & S Assoc. Inc PO Box 543 Wilbraham MA 01095 413-596-4374 03/12, 03/19, 03/26/2026

WILBRAHAM PLANNING BOARD

The Wilbraham Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, April 8,**

2026, at 6:00 PM in the Town Office Building, 240 Springfield Street, on the application of (1) The Towers BTS of Massachusetts d/b/a Vertical Bridge and (2) Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for a Special Permit (SP26-01) as required under Sections 3.4.3.6 and 10.5 of the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law for the construction of a new Wireless Communications Facility on property to be leased from the owner, Town of Wilbraham, located at 540 Stony Hill Road. The proposed facility consists of a single, free-standing, 120 foot tall monopole tower with antenna and associated telecommunications equipment to be located within a 50 foot by 50 foot fenced compound as shown on plans on file in the Planning Of-

fice and posted for public viewing on the Planning Board page of the Town of Wilbraham website at www.wilbraham-ma.gov/123/Planning-Board. This meeting will be conducted in person and virtually (see meeting agenda for details).

The applicant will be conducting a field test to simulate the visual impact of the proposed tower by displaying a balloon above ground to mark the height of the highest point of the proposed tower. The field test will be performed on Saturday, April 4, 2026 from 8 AM to 4 PM with a rain date of Monday, April 6, 2026 or Tuesday April 7, 2026 from 8 AM to 4 PM. 03/19, 03/26/2026

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

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