

Obituary

Richard J. Ross

South Hadley - Richard Joseph Ross, 88, passed away on January 5, 2026, at Bay-state Medical Center. Born on February 24, 1937, in Holyoke, MA, he was the son of Walter and Lydia (Marin) Ross.

Richard spent his career with National Blank Book and later Avery Dennison, retiring in 2001. He was an avid golfer who found great joy on the fairways of Wykoff Country Club and the Orchards Golf Club. Ricard and his best friend Norm were the most feared twosome at both courses for over 25 years!! A devoted sports fan, he especially loved cheering for the New York Yankees and the New England Patriots.

Richard leaves behind his wife, Kathleen Theresa (Bullough) Ross; his children, Donna M. (Ross) Courchesne and her husband Gary of Ludlow, and Richard Joseph Ross, Jr. of Hatfield, MA. He is also survived by his stepson, Jim Grandchamp and his wife Michelle of South Hadley, and his step-daughter, Sharyn Camrye of Ft. Myers, FL. Richard was a grandfather to Christopher Richard Courchesne and Sara Elizabeth Courchesne, both of Ludlow; and step-grandfather to Kristin Fredette and her husband Christopher of Ware, MA, and James Michael Grandchamp of Chicopee. He also leaves behind two great-grandchildren, Olivia Grace Reilly-Courchesne and Qwen Christopher Reilly-Courchesne. He will be deeply missed by his close friends, Norm Provost and Norm's son Jim, whose friendship meant so much to him.

A private graveside service will be held at the convenience of the family. Arrangements have been entrusted to Beers & Story South Hadley Funeral Home.

Death Notice

Richard J. Ross
Died January 5
Services private

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Road to Character. Tuesday, January 13 at 2 p.m.

Nature, Art, and Service as Medicine with Journalist Julia Hotz, *Journalist and Award-Winning Author of The Connection Cure.* Tuesday, January 20 at 2 p.m.

Secrets and Second Chances with Liz Moore, *New York Times Bestselling and Award-Winning Author of The God of the Woods and Long Bright River.* Wednesday, January 28 at 7 p.m.

Children's Programs at SHPL

It's January, and we're excited about the new batch of medal and honor books that will be announced at the end of the month! In our storytimes and displays, we'll be featuring past Caldecott medal and honor books, plus other award books. **Story time is Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., and Pajama story time is Mondays at 6:30 p.m.** Plus, **Japanese story time** with Kanae on **Saturday, January 10 at 10:30 a.m.**

Back by popular demand, **Chess with Andy** will meet once a month through April, starting on **Wednesday, January 14 at 4 p.m.** Sign up - space is limited! Come for **Lego & Games on Mondays and Wednesdays** (except 1/14) from **3 to 5 p.m.** (no sign-up required).

Attention, caregivers of babies! **Baby Lapsit Storytime** is at **10 a.m. on Friday, January 9, 16, and 23,** and special musical guest **Miss Julie** will join us on **January 30.**

Wildlife on Wheels from

the Forest Park Zoo is filling up fast - sign up or get on the waitlist to meet some animals on **Saturday, January 31 at 10:30 a.m.**

All our regular programs continue as usual: **Pride Club** (January 13 and 27), **Read to a Dog** (January 13), **CFCE Playgroup,** and **Rhyme Time.**

Questions, comments, or suggestions? Contact Jenny with any questions.

Teen Programs at SHPL

Tweens and teens (ages 11 through 19) have a lot of great choices this month.

This month's **Crafternoon** takes place on **Thursday, January 15, from 4 to 5 p.m.** We will be making origami creations. No sign-up is needed. **Night Craft** will be happening on **Tuesday, January 27, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** We will be crafting **Mini Glow Lights.** None of these programs require signing up unless you would like an email reminder.

Our monthly gaming sessions will be happening on **Tuesday, January 13, for Switch.** All gaming sessions start at 3:30 p.m. and run until 5 p.m. No sign-up is needed.

Snackternoon will be on **Thursday, January 22, from 4 to 5 p.m.** Please sign up so we can have enough supplies for all teen participants.

Our monthly **Teen Takeaways** continue, and this month features Pen Doodling. Sign up once and get a new Teen Takeaway every month.

We also have our lat-

est **Booktrovert** pick: *Shackled* by Candy J Cooper. There are no in-person meet-ups; just enjoy the book on your own time. Copies are available in the Teen Room for checkout.

We continue our new Teen Book Club: the **Read Whatever Book Club.** Talk about whatever you're reading with other teens! Light refreshments provided. This program takes place on **Monday, January 26, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.,** and no sign-up is needed unless you want an email reminder. Any questions, please email Bethany.

Gaylord Memorial Library Programs

Castle Nitor returns to Gaylord on **Thursday, January 22, at 5 p.m. for Block Printing.** Join the staff of Castle Nitor for a fun lesson on block printing. Use replica blocks of period prints and make your own blocks from potatoes. Take home a new treasure that you made on your own! Register here.

For kids, we also have our usual **Story Times (Fridays at 10:30 a.m.).** Our **special guest on Friday, January 9,** will be **Miss Mary** from Berkshire Hills Music Academy to read braille books and sing.

Drop-In Crafts Thursday, January 22, from 3 to 6 p.m., and **LEGO Club meets Thursdays, January 15 and 29, from 3 to 6 p.m.**

Families can also join us on **Saturday, January 3, at 10:15 a.m.** for a **Weekend Craft,** and **Saturday, January 17, at 10:15 a.m.** for **Trains-n-Tracks.**

Residents: Take the Budget Task Force Survey

SOUTH HADLEY – You are invited to participate in a research study for the Town of South Hadley. This project is being conducted under the direction of Dr. Melinda Tarsi-Goldfien, Department of Political Science, Bridgewater State University, in collaboration with the South Hadley Budget Task Force. The purpose of this study is to collect feedback from residents on the town's finances.

The study is voluntary and confidential. The survey responses are collected and compiled by Bridgewater State University under the direction of Dr. Tarsi-Goldfien. The survey results will be reported to the Budget Task Force and residents upon completion. Take the survey at https://bridgew.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3UleV5odmoqmw4K.

Legal Notices

Town of South Hadley Notice of Public Hearing

The Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and the Local Wetlands Bylaw to consider an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) filed Marion Excavating Co. Inc to determine whether the boundaries of resource areas are accurately delineated at New Ludlow Rd, Map 9, Parcel 5. The property is located behind 785 New Ludlow Rd (Map 9, Parcel 10).

The hearing will be held on **Wednesday, January 21 at 6pm virtually.** Login information will be provided with the posted agenda on the Town website.

A copy of the request is on file in the Conservation Commission office, Room U6, in the Town Hall, and is available to the public for inspection between the hours of 8:30 - 4:00 Mon - Thurs. Plans are also available online at www.southhadley.org/603/Project-Plans.

Any person interested or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated.

April Doroski
Conservation Chair
01/09/2026

Town of Granby CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Granby Conservation Commission will hold Public Hearings pursuant to the Wetland Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40) on Tuesday February 10, 2026 *1 Library Lane- Carnegie Building-Top Floor to consider the following:

1. 7:30 pm "ANRAD" filed by Marion Excavating Co., Inc., applicant, Tan Realty Corp., Property Owner to determine the delineation of the wetland resource areas with regards to approxi-

mately 33.2+/- acres located on New Ludlow Road and known as Map 5-Block E-1 in the Town of Granby

2. Members of the public can attend virtually by phone at +1 (312) 757-3121 using Access Code: 282-289-421 or by visiting <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/282289421>.

Anyone wishing information and/or to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated. The complete materials (including text and maps) relative to this "ANR-DA" are available for inspection during regular business hours at the Conservation Office located 1 Library Lane, Granby MA, Tuesday-Thursday, 8 am-12 pm. Additionally, copies of the application may be inspected on the Conservation Commission's web page at www.granby-ma.gov.

William Shaheen, Chair
Granby Conservation Commission
01/09/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampshire Probate and Family Court
15 Atwood Drive
Northampton, MA 01060
(413) 586-8500
Docket No. HS49414
Estate of:
Edward Francis Mannix
Also known as:
Edward F. Mannix
Date of Death: 07/25/1980

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for S/A - Formal Adjudication of Intestacy has been filed by **Edward F. Mannix of Stratham, MA** request-

ing that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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 01/21/2026. 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 CODE
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 administration 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. **Diana S Velez Harris**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 17, 2025

Mark S Ames,
Register of Probate

01/09/2026



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Ad deadline: January 28, 2026

Quarter page ad (4.75x8) \$275
Half page ad (9.75x8) \$460
Full page ad (9.75x15.75) \$650

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413-297-5886 or dflynn@turley.com

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Former CIA

4. Language

7. Constrictor snake

8. Demand

10. Rich man

12. Short-tailed marten

13. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire

14. Superconducting super collider

16. International group of countries within the Americas

17. Sacred state for Muslims

19. Shock therapy

20. Engrave

21. Localities

25. Paddle

26. Periodical

27. Dishonestly gained money

29. Gain possession of

30. Actor DiCaprio

31. High schoolers' test

32. Mr. October

39. Sign of healing

41. One's grandmother

42. Entrap

43. One who simultaneously buys and sells

44. __ Francisco

45. Web-based data provider of marine life

46. Type of snake

48. Dark mark or stain

49. Member of the Salii

50. Former measure of length

51. CNN's founder

52. Witness

CLUES DOWN

1. Acquire

2. Console

3. Hunting expedition

4. Pie __ mode

5. Simple shoes for peasants

6. Eurasian shrub

8. Reciprocal of a sine

9. Work together in harmony

11. Grenade

14. File extension

15. Minute pores in a plant

18. Medal of Honor

19. Make a mistake

20. Advance slowly, as

if by inches

22. Sandwich meat

23. An awkward stupid person

24. Strong tree

27. Commoner

28. Electro-encephalograph

29. __ Mahal

31. Congressman

32. Disorderly crowd

33. 007's creator Fleming

34. Atomic #55

35. Part of a door

36. Short-tail martens

37. Baltimore ballplayer

38. Cuddle

39. Gang in "The Outsiders"

40. Of Croatia

44. Body cavity

47. Get free of