

Life Tributes

Arthur G. Aube



Arthur G Aube, (Pepe), 81 of Ellington Connecticut, beloved husband of Nancy (Connolly) Aube, passed away, Thursday, December 28th after a courageous battle with congestive heart failure. His loving family was by his side. He was born in Hartford on September 7th, 1942, to the late Oliver F Aube Sr, and Alice LeFebvre. He grew up in the Hartford area and was a graduate of Weaver High School, class of 1960. Arthur joined the Navy and served aboard the USS Randolph and was honorably discharged in 1962.

Pepe was a creative person which is why he chose a career as an Illustrator at Thompson Associates. He also worked for many years in advertising promotional sales before working as an agent for Sentry Real Estate. Pepe's passions for life truly came through with his love of wildlife, gardening, and the outdoors. He always had a large garden where he grew every type of vegetable. He took meticulous care of his lawn and gardens. If there was a rock or dandelion in the yard, he made sure his children removed all offending objects. Pepe loved to birdwatch and had a multitude of feeders around his yard.

Pepe had a passion for community and was a member of both Church of St. Luke in Ellington and St Bernard Church of Rockville. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and was a Boy Scout Leader for many years. Pepe was also a member of the Zoning Appeals Board in Ellington and past President of the Rockville Exchange Club. His greatest joy was his grandchildren and great-grandchild, with a second one on the way. His favorite times were family gatherings where the entire family could be together.

Arthur was predeceased by brothers Earl Aube and Oliver Aube and his sister Jean

loving wife of 62 years, Nancy (Connolly) Aube, his 3 children, Andrew (Pam) Aube of Farmington, Christine (Scott) Sanford, and Heather (David) Stavens, both of Ellington. Pepe is also survived by his grandchildren Benjamin Aut Abigail and Lucas Potash, Erin Stavens, Patrick (Macy) Stavens, Madison, Eimile and Liam Stavens, and one great-grandchild, Livia Stavens.

We would like to thank the cardiac team at Saint Francis Hospital including the 5th floor Cardiac ICU doctors and nurses. We would also like to thank Dr. Aseem Vashist whom Art had implicit trust in and helped him through his lengthy battle with congestive heart failure.

Calling hours will be at the Ladd-Turkington & Carmor Funeral Home, 551 Talcottville Road in Vernon on Tuesday January 9, 2024, from 4-7 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday January 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Bernard Church, 25 St. Bernard Terrace in Rockville. Everyone is asked to please directly to the church. Burial will be in St. Bernard Cemetery in Rockville. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org or to Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue, 100 Chapin Rd., Hudson, MA, 01749 at www.ygr.org To send a condolence, please visit www.funeralhome.com

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Cecile Cammilleri

Cecile (Bell) Cammilleri, beloved wife of Leo, passed away on December 29, 2023 at the age of 93. She was born in Caribou, Maine on July 10, 1930, the daughter of Henry and Lucie (Hebert) Bell and the third of four children. Following the death of both her parents by the time she was 15, Cecile assumed responsibility for the household and helped raise her younger sister while continuing to go to school. Following high school, she moved to Connecticut where she worked for Hartford Steam Boiler Insurance Company and met the love of her life, Leo Cammilleri. They were married April 30, 1955 and lived in Enfield, Connecticut where they were members of St. Patrick's parish.

Cecile's focus was raising her two children, Jean and Robert, which she did with energy and creativity, leading many baking, arts & crafts, and "school" activities. Later, Cecile went to work at Hallmark Cards and Wallace Manufacturing/Fiskars where she served in several administrative roles. She had a wide range of hobbies including sewing, reading,

gardening, exercising, and of course ballroom dancing which she and Leo did together for over 40 years. She also enjoyed traveling in her retirement and spending time with her five grandchildren who all lived nearby. Cecile will be fondly remembered for her sweet disposition, high energy, and enthusiasm for life and will be greatly missed!

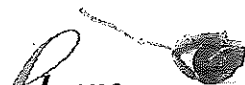
Cecile is survived by her children, Jean Rush (and her husband Rick) of Bonita Springs, FL and Robert (and his wife Lori) of Somers, CT as well as her five grandchildren (Brendan, Ryan, Bobby, Kaley, and Eric). She is predeceased by her parents, siblings (Wil Bell and Mary Michaud), as well as her husband, Leo.

Cecile's family would like to thank the staff at Brookdale, West Hartford for their great care and compassion over the last two years of her life.

A private service for family and friends will be held at the funeral home. Burial will follow in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Enfield. For online condolences, please visit leetestevens.com

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Jenifer B. Charette

Jenifer B. Charette, 61, of Somers, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her loving family, on December 23, 2023. She was the beloved wife of Keith M. Charette, and a loving mother, daughter, and nana. Born in Springfield, MA, on December 2, 1962, Jenifer was the daughter of Janet (Semanie) Bowers and the late Richard Bowers. She was a lifelong resident of Somers.

Jenifer was a woman of many passions and talents, with an infectious smile and spirit. As an accomplished artist, she expressed herself through her creative works that touched the hearts of those around her. She found joy in cultivating beautiful gardens, capturing life's moments through photography, and exploring the world through her love of travel.

Jenifer had a deep love for music and sports, with a special soft spot for track and field. She was a passionate, lifelong Celtics and Red Sox fan, through the good and the bad seasons. Her love for track and field was on full display, coaching the town's youth track and field program, as well as competing in the senior circuit.

Jen also loved to attend her children's sporting events, sitting on the sidelines in the freezing cold to watch a soccer match or catching a weekend football game. The winter found her in the school gym, attending and coaching countless basketball games. Spring brought baseball, track and bags of peanuts. No matter the sport or distance, Jen was there



to cheer on her children all the way through college.

She shared her love of music with family and friends, whether singing and playing guitar or attending countless concerts and music festivals with good friends. Never forgetting to share her experiences seeing the Eagles at the Yale Bowl or The Rolling Stones in Philly.

Jen will be deeply missed by her devoted husband, Keith, and their two children, Aaron Charette and wife Mia of Monson, MA, and Kelsey Charette of Somers. Jenifer also leaves behind her two grandchildren, William and Ava; and her mother, Janet Bowers, of Cape Cod. Jenifer was predeceased by her father, Richard Bowers, and her brother, Paul Bowers.

Friends and family are invited to pay their respects during the visitation on Friday, January 5, from 4-7 p.m. at Somers Funeral Home, 354 Main St., Somers.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the Jimmy V Foundation, in memory of Jenifer.

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Create an enduring memorial for a loved one

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Martha Ellen (Smithwick) Frizzell

Martha Ellen (Smithwick) Frizzell, 91, of Manchester, beloved wife of the late Edward J. Frizzell Sr., entered eternal peace on Friday, December 29, 2023. She was born in Damariscotta, ME, on April 8, 1932, to the late Paul and Marion (Kennedy) Smithwick. Martha was an elementary school teacher for the Town of Ellington for over 30 years before her retirement. Her most cherished time was spent with her children and grandchildren. Martha also loved knitting, crafts, traveling and playing her organ.

She leaves behind her children, Paul Curtis and his wife Sue of Nashua, NH, Jacqueline (Lynn) Redler and her husband Franz of Ellington, Thomas Curtis and his wife Diane of Nobleboro, ME, and Scott Curtis and his wife Laurie of Cheshire, 8 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and many extended family members and friends.

In addition to her late hus-



band, she was predeceased by her brother, Francis Smithwick. There are no calling hours.

A private service will be held at the convenience of the family. Donations in Martha's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, or the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Holy Family Church in Enfield, CT. For online condolences, please visit www.leetestevens.com.

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Create an enduring memorial for a loved one

Memorials come in many different shapes and sizes. Here is just one way to create an enduring memorial.

Establish an online memorial website. If you want to share stories, photos and anecdotes about your loved one with the world, a memorial website is a great way to do so. Create the site and share your own feelings before soliciting others to share their thoughts and

MEMORIALS

Patricia DiDonato
10/21/1934 - 12/2/2023



It has been a month since I lost my amazing wife and very best friend, she always treasured her family above all. We so dearly miss you.

Your loving husband,
children, grandchildren and
great-grandchildren.

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Harvard president

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Harvard University President Larry Green, amid plagues and criticism, a congressional hearing she was unacceptably that caused the genocide late the school.

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melia (Palacko) Gavine

(Palacko) Gavine, 98, of Somers, CT, wife of the late Sam D. Gavine, died peacefully at home on December 3, 2023, the ninth of the late George, (Palacko) Palacko. She was married to Cyril Johnson for 40 years as a devoted wife. She enjoyed trips to the beach watching birds, fishing, and the outdoors. After retirement, she spent time in the United States. She was always a specially caring, mother and had a special place for her children and grandchildren. She was always a party girl! She was always a devoted mother. Millie was her daughter and her son, Thomas. She was always a devoted mother-in-law, Jean was her daughter, and her husband was Sam Palacko, Emma was her daughter, and her son, Thomas. She was always a devoted mother-in-law, Jean was her daughter, and her husband was Sam Palacko, Emma was her daughter, and her son, Thomas.



She was survived by many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son, Richard Palacko; and her nine siblings.

A calling hour will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2024, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., 51 East Main St., Stafford Springs, CT, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. at St. Edward Church, 55 High St., Stafford Springs, CT. Burial will follow in Stafford Springs Cemetery, Stafford Springs, CT. Memorial donations may be made to the donor's choice. To leave a condolence online for the family, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com

ADVERTORIAL

Memorial gifts honor loved ones

Memorial gifts that assist medical associations or groups and cures or offer treatments for diseases are common. If a loved one passed away due to a specific illness, it is common to ask for donations to a specific organization that specializes in information and services for that illness. Many such groups have a "donate" option on their websites. Oftentimes families are unsure regarding who made memorial donations in their loved ones' names, but the amount of the donation is often revealed. If a friend or loved one is seldom easy, a memorial gift for a person had been suffering from an illness. Families and friends honor the memories of their loved ones in different ways. Charitable giving is a great way to honor a loved one's memory while they are still alive. Often find comfort in the knowledge that they are remembered in the name of a loved one. Tributes or memorial gifts can be approached in different ways and often serve as a ongoing reminder of a deceased loved one.

Eleanor Lipton
December 3, 1924 - December 30, 2023

Eleanor Lipton (Epstein) age 99 of Somers, died peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family. Born on December 3, 1924, in Hartford, CT, she was the daughter of the late Ida and Max Epstein. Eleanor is survived by her children, William Lipton and his wife Jeanne of Somers, Donald Lipton of Somers, Judith (Lipton) Goldberg and her husband Edward of Waterford, Jeffrey Lipton and his wife Joanne of Somers; 10 grandchildren, Daniel Lipton, Sarah (Jason) Luipold, David Lipton; Mark (Liz) Goldberg, Matthew (Lindsey) Goldberg, and Marissa Goldberg; Louis (Debbie) Lipton, Alicia (Bryan) Lheureux, Joseph Lipton, Jacob (Katie) Lipton, and 12 great-grandchildren, Eliza, Evelyn, Arianna, Simon, Elliann, Carter, Xander, Aiden, Ruby, Mila, Memphis, and Simon; by her sister-in-law Anita Kaplowitz, and by many nieces and nephews and their families.



She was predeceased by her first husband Aaron Silverman, her second husband, Simon Lipton, by her sister Gladys Lichtenbaum, by her daughter, Beth Lipton, and by her granddaughter, Amy Chase McMahon.

Eleanor attended school in Hartford and graduated from Weaver High School in 1942. She worked at Arrow Hart and Hegeman as an office secretary after high school for many years. Eleanor loved her family, and they meant the world to her. During her life she was an expert piano player, a talented quilter, a fabulous cook, and a UCONN Husky basketball fan. She loved her house overlooking the farm and was the perfect farm wife and mother.

In her later years, Eleanor became very proficient at using her iPad, and around the time of her 95th birthday needed a new one. When asked what

color she preferred, it didn't matter. Her only concern was how many gigabytes it had! She followed family and friends on Facebook, thoroughly enjoying the pictures and updates we all posted. We'd like to thank the staff at Johnson Memorial Hospital and Trinity Hospice for their wonderful care of our mother. We'd also like to extend our greatest gratitude to Caroline with AMP home services for her extremely compassionate and loving care of our mother/grandmother/great-grandmother.

Eleanor was a lifetime member of Temple Beth Shalom B'nai Israel.

Services will be held graveside on Tuesday January 2nd at 1 p.m. at the Somers Center Cemetery, 81 Battle Street, Somers, CT with Rabbi Earl Kideckel officiating. Weinstein Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. A period of mourning will be observed at the home of Eleanor Lipton, 435 South Road in Somers Tuesday through Thursday 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. and at the home of Judith and Edward Goldberg, 91 Braman Road, Waterford, Saturday evening and Sunday. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Simon Lipton Scholarship Fund c/o Rockville High School, 70 Loveland Hill Road, Vernon, CT 06066, or to a charity of your choice.

How well do you remember 2023 in Connecticut?

Test your knowledge with our news quiz

STAFF REPORTS

How well do you remember what happened in the past year? From movie stars to presidents to roaming hogs, a lot happened in Connecticut.

Test your knowledge on some of the biggest, quirkiest and most memorable moments from 2023.

1. A former Greenwich resident won an Oscar in 2023. Who was it and for which movie?

- A. Angela Bassett, "Blac Panther: Wakanda Forever"
- B. Adam Sandler, "Hustle"
- C. Ron Howard, "Thirteen Lives"
- D. Brendan Fraser, "The Whale"

2. In what round of the NCAA Tournament was the UConn women's basketball team eliminated this year?

- A. Final Four
- B. Elite 8
- C. Sweet 16
- D. Championship game

3. The Connecticut Department of Transportation replaced two bridges in two weekends on Interstate 95 in Westport. What method was used for this quick construction project?

- A. Drop and run
- B. Lateral slide
- C. Cha cha slide
- D. Pre-cast bridge construction

4. Which of these Connecticut restaurants did Guy Fieri NOT visit in 2023 for "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives"?

- A. Gabriele's of Westport
- B. Stamford Diner
- C. Grigg Street Pizza Greenwich
- D. Kouzina in Stamford

5. Enfield town officials

Quiz continues on