

Obituaries



John Leo Deveau

John Leo Deveau passed away on 11/5/2021 at Rucki Hospice Care Center in Zephyrhills, FL surrounded by his beloved wife Susan and several family members after a brief illness. "Leo" was 92 years old. He was born in Newport, RI and spent most of his life there before traveling and living in Texas, California and Florida.

"Leo" was a nurseryman and an advertising man. He owned and operated Spruce Acre's Christmas Tree Farm and retired after 40 years in 1988 as Advertising Director of The Newport Daily News. He was the Past President of both The New England Advertising Executives and The Middletown Kiwanis Club. He was an avid marathon runner and participated in the Boston Marathon and the Ocean State Marathon. He graduated from Rogers High School in 1948.

"Leo" loved lobstering, clamming, and quahogging; wood working, building and remodeling; gardening, RVing, and boating. He loved hosting Deveau Family Reunions at Spruce Acres Tree Farm. One of his favorite sayings was "I love you more than all the houses in the world". One of life's simplest pleasures for "Leo" was spending time with family holding a glass of bourbon.

Aside from being survived by his wife Susan Deveau of Lutz, FL, "Leo" is also survived by his 3 children:

Kathleen Deveau of Rhode Island, John Deveau of Rhode Island, and James Deveau of New Jersey. His grandchildren:

Morgan Menard of FL, Benjamin Langley IV of RI, Matthew Langley of FL, Danae Deveau of ME, Ian Deveau of RI, Michael Deveau of CA, Brian Deveau of NJ (deceased) and LauriAnne of CA. His great-granddaughters:

Grace Menard of FL, Nova Langley of FL and Loren Center Deveau of ME.

"Leo" is preceded in death by his parents: John A. Deveau and Adeline Huppee and his siblings: Charles Deveau, Robert Deveau, Phillip Deveau, Olive Schmidt, Mary Pinheiro, Elizabeth Perry, Patricia Holmes and survived by Joan Bruce of PA

He was "Uncle Leo" to many nieces and nephews.

"A Celebration of Life" Service will be determined at a later date and be held at Memorial Funeral Home in Newport, RI.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Salvation Army <https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/>.

Additional information at memorialfuneralhome.com



Joan E. (Evans) Tucker

Age 84 of Middletown RI passed away peacefully surrounded by her Loving family, on Monday November 8, 2021.

She was the wife of the late Carl H. Evans and James Tucker

Joan was born September 23, 1937, in Fall River MA to the late John Rowe and Mary (Lima) Rowe.

Joan attended Durfee High School, in Fall River, MA.

She worked many positions through the years but her most rewarding position was to do God's work at Saint Mary's Church Rectory in Newport, RI.

Joan is survived by four children: Mary Defusco (Thomas Defusco), Donna M. Leatham (Glen Leatham), Robin E. Holbrook (Frank Holbrook), and James C. Evans (Kim Evans).

She also was the mother of the late Harley D. Evans of Middletown RI

She is also survived by eleven grandchildren: Karla Simmons, Kenneth Potts, Joan Brow, Mark Leatham, Eric Leatham, Ryan Leatham, Kasey Mackie, Konnor Smith, Harley Evans, Emily Evans and Isabella Evans; as well as fifteen great grandchildren.

She is survived by her brother Herbert Rowe of Verna Florida.

Joan's true happiness in life was being with her loving family and friends. Her warm and welcoming home was the perfect setting for her many home cooked meals and laughter filled conversations about your day.

Additionally, Joan loved to shop. Always visiting her favorite stores with her daughters and friends, Joan was never without a coupon and always found a little something for others if even not for herself.

Joan's beautiful smile touched many people's lives, and her caring spirit will carry on in those she loved.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be on November 19th at 10:30 am Mass in St. Lucy's Church on West Main Rd. Middletown.

Burial will be private.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hope Hospice,

1085 N Main St. Providence, RI 02904.



Beulah Pettey

Beulah Ann (Souza) Pettey, 85, of Portsmouth, RI, passed away on November 8, 2021 at Village House Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Newport, RI after a long courageous battle with lung cancer and dementia.

Beulah was born, October 6, 1936, in Portsmouth RI to Ernest and Annie (Gomes) Borden. She grew up in Portsmouth RI and was a graduate of Rogers High School.

Beulah is survived by her children; Patricia Alsheimer and her husband William, of Portsmouth, RI, John Souza III and his wife Lisa, of Portsmouth, RI, Lisa Brown and her husband Glenn, of Exeter, RI, Susan Rodrigues and her husband Thomas, of Portsmouth, RI. She is also survived by her siblings, Ernest Borden, of Attleboro, MA, Edward Borden, of Portsmouth, RI, and her grandchildren; Lauren and Ryan Souza, TJ and Lily Rodrigues, Justin Collins and Nathan Neves, and her great grandchildren; Parker, Jaxson and Paislee Souza.

Beulah is preceded in death by her sisters Barbara Robbins and Dorothy Milton.

A lifelong Yankees fan, she also loved watching her children and grandchildren play baseball, football & motocross racing. She loved her family and friends as well as country music and dancing.

On behalf of the family, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to Village House Nursing & Rehabilitation Center for the wonderful care given to our mother. And a special Thank You to Carolyn and Jane at Hope Hospice for their kindness and compassion.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to the charity of your choice.

A private Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at 12:00 PM at Connors Funeral Home.

Burial will be private.

Additional information at www.memorialfuneralhome.com



Ann Marie (O'Connell) Nicoletti

Age 84 of Tiverton RI passed away peacefully on November 8, 2021. She was the beloved wife of the late Paul J. Nicoletti. Born in Fall River, Ann Marie resided most of her life in Tiverton RI, where she and her husband raised their 4 children. Ann Marie was a graduate of Sacred Hearts Academy and Stonehill College. She worked as an Elementary teacher for over 30 years, most recently at St. Philomena's School in Portsmouth RI, before her retirement. She was an active congregant at Holy Ghost Parish for many years, where she was a C.C.D. instructor. She was also a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Holy Ghost Women's Guild. She is survived by her sister, Maureen St. Laurent (Husband Victor); 3 sons Joseph (Wife Louise), Peter and Jude (Wife Jody). She was predeceased by her daughter Paula Nicoletti. Her true joy was spending time with her 7 grandchildren; Gina, Jon, Noah, Ethan, Owen, Lucas and Andrew. Calling hours will be at the Pocasset Funeral Home in Tiverton RI, on Saturday November 13, 2021 from 8:30 - 10:30AM. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at St Theresa's Church in Tiverton RI at 11:00 AM.



Robert J. Weaver

Robert Joseph Weaver, 77, of Newport, RI passed away on November 7, 2021, at Newport Hospital. Robert was born and raised in Newport, graduated from Rogers High School, and was a lifelong resident of the city. Robert wore many hats throughout his time with us, but surely his biggest passion was his photography. He was fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to shoot multiple America's Cup races and music festivals but is best known for his incredible nature and wildlife images. An avid birder and nature enthusiast, Bobby had a true knack for capturing the essence of his subjects with his camera. His images have been a part of publications across the world.

Robert is survived by his daughters Tamsyn Weaver (Robert Jewett) and Kimberly Rios; his grandchildren Joseph, Aiden, Lily and Jasmyne; his sister Diane Reeve; his brother James Weaver; his companion Pam Dugan and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Vasco DaGama Fenner Hall, 15 Fenner Ave, Newport, RI on Sunday, November 14 from 2-6.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bobby's name to the Sachuest Point Wildlife Refuge, 50 Bend Road Charlestown, RI 02813 or to the Norman Bird Sanctuary 583 3rd Beach Road Middletown, RI 02842

MUSEUM OF NEWPORT

Next up in Irish History series: Political life of Howard McGrath

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NEWPORT — The Museum of Newport Irish History will hold the third talk in its 20th Annual Michael F. Crowley Lecture Series on Monday, Nov. 15, at 6 p.m., via Zoom and in person at the Wayfinder Hotel in Newport.

The talk, entitled "Cheers to Eire: The Political Life of J. Howard McGrath," will be presented by Dr. Debra A. Mulligan, Roger Williams University professor and author of Democratic Repairman: The Political Life of James Howard McGrath (McFarland Press, 2019).

The lecture has been made possible through a gift from Francis "Frank" Furtado, given in memory of his wife Barbara Carr Furtado.

The child of Irish immigrants, Rhode Island's 60th governor, J. Howard McGrath (1903-1966), was a pivotal fig-



J. Howard McGrath

ure in the state's 20th-century history. Dr. Mulligan will address his life and political career, which was cut short by scandal, in the context of his Irish roots.

A complete talk overview and speaker bio may be found on the "Lectures" page of newportirishhistory.org.

The virtual lecture is free, but reservations are required to receive the Zoom login information. You may register on the "Lectures" page of newportirishhistory.org. Seats to attend this lecture and the reception to follow at the Wayfinder Hotel, 151 Admiral Kalbfus Road, Newport, are limited and prioritized for Museum of Newport Irish History members.

Attendees must be fully vaccinated. To Inquire about seat availability to attend in person, please contact Ann Arnold at newportirishhistory@gmail.com or 401-841-5493.

School

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constraints of the square footage as well as the budget."

How big will the new Rogers High School be under the latest plan?

Under a 2019 memorandum of agreement with the Rhode Island Department of Education, the building can have 165,783 gross square footage, and that is the target for the new schematic plan, he said.

"The new plan is much more compact, much more cost effective," DeSanti said. "It's going to be a nice looking building."

The plan unveiled in August showed a four-story building block parallel to Wickham Road that would house the academic classrooms. That section of the building is now three stories.

Among the other changes, the size of the classrooms was reduced from 800 square feet per classroom to 770 square feet. The cafeteria capacity seating was reduced from 252 to 189, meaning the students will have to eat in four waves instead of three. The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) labs were reduced in size from 1,300 square feet to 1,200 square feet.

There were other cost-saving measures as well, including the elimination of a second athletic field. That field will now be an "add alternative," meaning if the city can raise additional funding outside of the approved RIDE total budget of \$98.8 million, it can be built.

"We could not fit it financially into the project as it stands now," said Rebecca Bolan, co-chair of the School Building Committee. "We have every intention of making it happen though. We're working on outside contributions, whether it's from the state, the city, charitable foundations or any of our partners. We feel confident we'll be able to get the funding. There's no way we are going to open up the school without the field."

"We have to go forward with what we have right now in order to keep the project on track," she said.

"They have to design to the dollar amount in our budget, so they are also looking at materials and systems," said Louise Boatwright, the other co-chair of the community's 22-member School Building Committee. Boatwright and Bolan are also members of the School Committee.

What will be cut from the plan to save money?

To save money, SLAM moved away from its plan to have a metal exterior, replacing it with brick or some other type of masonry.

"They wanted to apologize for having to put brick in," Bolan said. "I said, 'This is Newport. You don't have to apologize for brick.' It will make Mr. Leary very happy."

School Committee member Robert Leary was a strong advocate for having a brick exterior to the Pell Elementary School when it was constructed in 2012-2013. His plea was successful.

SLAM had planned to put a full air conditioning system in the new high school. Instead, it will put in the same dehumidification system the Pell Elementary School has to save on costs.

If the School Building Committee can raise additional funding, some of those wished-for elements can be added to the plan in the coming months. "It's not a complete done-deal yet,"

"We challenged the SLAM design team (to come up with a modified design). The design team has come back and presented us with a plan they believe can be built within the constraints of the square footage as well as the budget."

Joseph DeSanti

Downes Construction Co. project manager

Bolan said. "Our priority was to get the main programmatic requirements inside the building. It does not include automotive, cosmetology or a central office for the administration now. We are doing our due diligence to make sure this all happens."

Space for the automotive and cosmetology programs, as well as an office for School Superintendent Colleen Burns Jermain and her top administrative staff, will be "add alternates" and only included in the plan if the additional funding can be raised.

How will the funds for the new high school be broken down?

The voters approved a \$106.33 million school bond to finance two school projects on Nov. 3, 2020. The School Building Authority, which is part of RIDE, approved plans for a new high school that would cost \$98,862,667 and a Pell Elementary School addition that would cost \$7,472,300. The city is hoping to meet all the state requirements in order to qualify for 55% reimbursement of those costs.

Of the \$98.86 million for the high school, the targeted construction budget is \$80.5 million, which includes \$5.98 million for demolition of the current high school buildings and mitigation measures.

The rest of the high school project's total budget includes \$8.8 million for all architectural, engineering, owner's management and other oversight fees. All furnishings, equipment and technology will cost another \$3.78 million. Remaining costs are \$786,000 for items such as insurance.

Finally, the city is holding onto a \$5 million contingency fee to meet any unexpected cost increases or other unforeseen project costs.

When are students expected move in?

The schematic design for the new high school is expected to take until the beginning of January 2022. Meanwhile, the School Building Committee will be under pressure to come up with funding for the add alternates.

"The schematic design is the most important part of any project when you are constructing a new building," DeSanti told the School Committee. "It's the time to make corrections. You don't want to get too far down the road when final drawings are being developed."

Final design development is now scheduled to take place between January and the end of April 2022. Construction documents and specifications would be drawn up by mid-September 2022, so construction could then begin.

The construction of the new high school is expected to take 2½ months, until the end of June 2024. After the move-in during the summer of 2024, students will enter the new school in September 2024.

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In my soul
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