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### Brian James Griffith

Died: Sunday, July 01, 2007  
Age: 55



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SOUTHBRIDGE — Brian James Griffith, 55, of 14 Benefit St., died Sunday, July 1, in Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge, due to cardiac arrest.

He leaves his Mother, Jacqueline C. (Richer) Griffith of Southbridge; four brothers, Don Griffith, Peter Griffith and Timothy Griffith, all of Southbridge, and Daniel Griffith of Sturbridge; three sisters, Joyce Smith and Christine Hebert, both of Southbridge and Charlene Albetski of Charlton; six nephews; five nieces; seven great-nieces; and a great-nephew.

He was predeceased by a sister, Nancy Griffith.

He was born in Southbridge, the son of the late Coy R. Griffith.

He was a U.S. Air Force Veteran of the Vietnam War.

Brian worked at Aearo Corp. in Southbridge for 34 years.

He was a devoted son to his mother.

He was a dedicated Catholic and regularly donated to various Catholic related charities.

He was an avid reader and history buff. Brian was known for his dry sense of humor.

Brian's family would like to thank the Southbridge EMTs and the emergency personnel at Harrington Memorial Hospital who worked so hard to save Brian's life.

Calling hours for Brian will be held from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday,



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July 5, in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., with a funeral service to follow at 5:30 p.m.

Burial will be private.

Visit [www.morrillfuneralhome.com](http://www.morrillfuneralhome.com).

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## Anna V. Hill

Died: Friday, June 29, 2007

Age: 81

SURPRISE, Ariz/CHARLTON — Anna V. (Thompson) Hill, 81, of W. Lisbon Lane, Surprise, Ariz., formerly of Charlton, died Friday, June 29 in the Delewebb Hospital, Sun City, Ariz.



Her husband Maurice D. Hill died in 1993.

She leaves four sons, Robert J. Hill of Phoenix, Ariz., Stephen P. Hill of Lunenburg, Timothy D. Hill of Chesapeake, Va. and Kevin M. Cibalo, Texas; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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She was born in Worcester, the daughter of John and Annie (Ferguson) Thompson. She grew up in Charlton, and lived there for 78 years, until moving to Surprise in 2004.

She was a 1944 graduate of Charlton High School.

Anna was a waitress and hostess at the Publick House Restaurant in Sturbridge for 23 years, before retiring many years ago.

She was a former member of the Charlton Recreation Committee; she was a former volunteer at St. Vincent Hospital's Oncology Department; she was a former cheerleading coach at the former Charlton High School; and she was a longtime active member of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life's "A-Team."

She enjoyed candlepin bowling and ceramics.

Anna and her family would like to thank the Oncology Staff on the eighth floor of UMass Memorial Hospital for all their help and compassion.

Her funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 7 in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial will be in Union Cemetery, Charlton.

Calling hours will be held from 4-7 p.m. Friday, July 6 in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made on behalf of the Relay for Life's "A-Team" to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701

Visit [www.morrillfuneralhome.com](http://www.morrillfuneralhome.com).

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## Sylvia Ann Kidd

Died: Thursday, June 28, 2007  
Age: 68

CHARLTON — Sylvia Ann (Robinson) Kidd, 68, of Worcester Road, died Thursday, June 28, at home after an illness.



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She leaves her husband, Bobby Kidd; four daughters, Judy White and her husband, Arthur, of Clinton, Maine, Tina Crosby and her husband, Stephen, of Clinton, Maine, Debbie Reynolds of Fairfield, Maine and Angelic Vega of Charlton; her mother, Leona P. (Peavey) Robinson, of Clinton, Maine; two step-sons, Tony Kidd and his wife, Kitty, of Alabama and Jeffrey Kidd, and his wife, Dena, of Dalton, Ill.; a step-daughter, Victoria Kidd, of Dalton, Ill.; a brother, Leon Peavey of Benton, Maine; two sisters, Inez Moody, of Fairfield, Maine and Virginia Spaulding and her husband, Clyde, of Clinton, Maine; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her father, Joseph I. Robinson, and her brother, Charles Robinson.

She was an active member of the Hope Christian Church, and Southbridge Relay for Life.

She enjoyed Bingo.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 30 at Hope Christian Church, Haggerty Road, Charlton. A graveside service will take place in Clinton, Maine.

There are no calling hours.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen Street, Framingham, Ma. 01701.

The Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy St, Southbridge, is directing arrangements.

An online guest book is available at [www.BelangerFuneralHome.com](http://www.BelangerFuneralHome.com).

## Kevin M. Tremblay

Died: Thursday, June 28, 2007  
Age: 44

SOUTHBRIDGE — Kevin M. Tremblay, 44, of Mechanic Street, died Thursday, June 28 in Harrington Memorial Hospital after being stricken ill.

He was born in Southbridge, son of the late Roger E. and Dorothy K. (Ziemeski) Tremblay and lived here all his life.

He is survived by seven siblings, Roger and his wife, Linda Tremblay of Southbridge, Barry Tremblay of Southbridge, Marc and his wife Michelle, Tremblay of Warren, Cynthia Tremblay of Southbridge, Donna and her husband, William "Bill" Hibbard, Sharon and her husband, Paul Proulx, and Paula and her husband, Kevin Lavallee all of Southbridge; many nieces and nephews, and his longtime fiance Roxanne Faford with whom he lived.

Kevin formerly worked as a salesman at Radio Shack.

He was a computer enthusiast, enjoyed movies and exercising.

Calling hours will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 3 in the Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy St., followed by a funeral home service at 11 a.m. with Rev. Charles Armev officiating. Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 6 in Saint Mary's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

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## Josephine Loveren-Hamilton

Died: Thursday, June 28, 2007

Age: 90

WORCESTER — Josephine Loveren-Hamilton, 90, of Worcester, passed away, Thursday, June 28, in UMass Hospital.

Her husband, Edward Hamilton, predeceased her in 1979. She was also predeceased by her first husband, Cedric Loveren.

Josephine leaves a daughter, Jeanne Fontaine of Sturbridge; a sister, Edith Proctor of Englewood, Fla.; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Her daughter, Judith M. Cassidy, as well as four sisters, Annette Lumbert, Ruth Proctor, Alfreda Hojem, and Janet Casper, all predeceased her.

She was born in Hopkinton, the daughter, of Earl F. and Florence L (Vander Woerd) Howard, and lived in Waltham and Wrentham, before moving here several years ago.

Mrs. Hamilton worked as a seamstress for eight years at the Middlesex County Hospital.

She enjoyed sewing, painting, and was a loving caretaker to everyone.

A funeral service for Josephine will be held at 6 p.m. tonight, Monday, July 2, in Mercadante Funeral Home & Chapel, 370 Plantation St.

Calling hours will be held in the funeral home on Monday afternoon from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m., immediately prior to the funeral service.

Following cremation, interment in Mount Feake Cemetery, Waltham, will be held at the convenience of the family.

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## Hermina M. Madura

Died: Thursday, June 28, 2007

Age: 101

WEBSTER — Hermina M. (Mroczek) Madura, 101, of 17 Brodeur Ave., died Thursday, June 28, in Webster Manor.

Her husband, John P. Madura, died in 1939.

She leaves a daughter, Charlotte Skarbek of San Antonio, Texas; her son-in-law, Paul R. Wajer, with whom she lived for many years; five sisters, Adele Pakulski, Monica Gogolinski, Tessie Surozenski and Theresa Makowski, all of Webster, and Josephine Kaczmarek of Dudley; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Alice Fitzback in 1989 and Sally Wajer in 2005. Her brother, Edmund Mroczek, and two sisters, Valencia Plasse and Charlotte Klekotka, also died before her.

She was born and raised in Webster, the oldest child of Joseph and Leokadya (Bonczek) Mroczek, and was a lifelong resident.

Mrs. Madura was a stitcher at the American Optical Co. in Southbridge for more than 30 years before retiring in 1970.

She was a member of Saint Joseph Basilica and its Saint Anne Society.

The funeral will be held Friday, July 6, from the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School St., with a Mass at 10 a.m. in Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb St. Burial will be in St. Joseph Garden of Peace.

Calling hours are from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, July 5, in the funeral home.

Donations in her memory may be made to either the Friends of St. Joseph School Fund, 53 Whitcomb St., or to Webster Manor Patient Activities Fund, 745 School St., both Webster, MA 01570.

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## Irene Guilbault

Died: Thursday, June 28, 2007

Age: 99

SOUTHBRIDGE — Mrs. Irene (Brunell) Guilbault, 99, of Tarpon Springs, Fla., formerly of Southbridge, died at Manor Care in Palm Harbor, Fla., Thursday, June 28.

Her husband, Edmond Guilbault, died in 1989.

She leaves her daughter, Pauline Martin and her son-in-law, Richard Martin, of Florida; a son, Bruce Guilbault of New Jersey; five grandchildren, Neil Martin, Jane Martin, Renee Schoener, Christopher Guilbault and Jonathan Guilbault, and six great-grandchildren, Kyle Robinson, Joelle Barr, Matthew Martin, Kelsey Martin, Paige Martin and Samantha Schoener.

She is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Flora Arpin of Southbridge, Mrs. Leona Berry of Fiskdale and Mrs. Lillian Kusek of Sturbridge, and two brothers, Arthur Brunell of Southbridge and Norman Brunell of Sturbridge.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Louis and Romeo Brunell, and three sisters Mrs. Laura Caplette, Mrs. Yvonne Frenier and Anna Brunell.

She was born in Southbridge, the daughter of Louis and Rosanna (Rochon) Brunell.

Mrs. Guilbault was a member of Notre Dame Church prior to moving to Florida

The funeral will be held Thursday, July 5, from the Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy St., with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in Notre Dame Church, 446 Main St. Burial will follow in New Notre Dame Cemetery, North Woodstock Road.

A calling hour will be held from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Thursday morning at the funeral home.

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## Roger L. Demers

Died: Wednesday, June 27, 2007

Age: 75

SOUTHBRIDGE – Roger "Red" L. Demers, 75 of Crestwood Drive, died Wednesday, June 27 in Radius Healthcare Center after a brief illness.

His wife of 49 years, was the late Helen W. (Lagranada) Demers who died in 2001.

He leaves seven children, Roger Demers, David Demers, Steven and his wife, Cheryl Demers, all of Southbridge, Michael Demers of Connecticut, and Allen Demers and his fiancée, Lynn Duval, of Dudley, Deborah and her husband, Clifford Szczypien of Dudley, and Brenda Demers of Southbridge. He also leaves a brother, Robert H. and his wife, Nancy Demers of Webster; 18 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; wo longtime family friends, Juanita Normandin and Anne Melendez; and many nieces and nephews.

He was pre-deceased by a grandson, Shane R. Demers, who died Aug. 13, 2001.

He was born Nov. 23, 1931 in Southbridge, son of Henry and Irene (LeClair) Demers.

Roger was a member of Notre Dame Church, an associate member of the Polish Club, a member of the former Franco American Veterans, an avid Red Sox and Patriot fan and a CB enthusiast known as "Grouch."

He also was an avid fan of Southbridge High athletics, and once played minor league baseball for the Cincinnati Reds baseball team.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

Roger was a custodian at Southbridge High School more than 37 years, and he later worked delivering auto parts for CAP (Consumer Auto Parts).

The funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 30 in Notre Dame Church, 446 Main St.

Burial will be private for the family. Calling hours will be held from 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 29 in the Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy St.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Shane R. Demers Scholarship Fund, c/o Savers Bank, 270 Main St., Southbridge, MA 01550.

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## George S. Proulx

Died: Monday, June 25, 2007

Age: 91

SOUTHBRIDGE – George S. Proulx, 91, of South Street, died Monday, June 25 at Radius Healthcare Center of Southbridge.

He leaves his devoted wife of nearly 60 years, Marjorie (McGrath) Proulx. They were married Oct.25, 1947. He is also survived by a nephew, Richard and his wife, Joan McGrath, of Sturbridge and a niece, Janet Jenkins of Southbridge. He also leaves many cousins, including Mrs. Marie Tully of Fairhaven, and her son, Philip, and his wife, Barbara Tully, of Mattapoisett, and several cousins in Canada.

He was born in Southbridge, June 24, 1916 son of Olivier and Marie (Cournoyer) Proulx.

He graduated from the former Mary E. Wells High School in Southbridge, Class of 1935.

He was a member of Notre Dame Church, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and was a volunteer for many years at the parish Fall Festival.

Mr. Proulx was a well known insurance agent/broker for A.N. McGrath Insurance Agency (formerly of Southbridge), where he worked for many years. It is now owned by Richard McGrath of McGrath Insurance Group, Inc. of Sturbridge.

After retirement, he was a volunteer driver taking cancer patients to Worcester for treatment, he was a member of the Southbridge Literacy Group serving as a volunteer tutor for many years, and he also was a frequent blood donor for the American Red Cross and was recognized with a Red Cross donor pin.

He was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran serving aboard USS Destroyer De Haven as a radioman.

Mrs. Marjorie Proulx would like to thank Mrs. Gladys Proper and her staff from Private Family Home Care of Spencer for the excellent care provided to Mr. Proulx for the past several years prior to his admission to the nursing home.

The funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 27 in Notre Dame Church, 446 Main St. Burial will follow in New Notre Dame Cemetery.

There are no calling hours.

Donations may be made to Notre Dame Restoration Fund, 61 Marcy St., Southbridge.

The Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy St., is directing the arrangements.

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## Edith L. Piehl

Died: Monday, June 25, 2007

Age: 84

CHARLTON — Edith L. (Moir) Piehl, 84, of Meadow View Drive, passed away Monday, June 25 in UMass/Memorial Hospital, University Campus, Worcester.

Her husband of 42 years, Paul E. Piehl, died in 1990.

She leaves two sons, Douglas A. Piehl and his wife, Theresa, and Michael P. Piehl and his wife, Debra, of Charlton; a daughter, Susan D. Prunier and her husband, Henry, of Brimfield; seven grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and many nieces and nephews.

Edith was born in Dudley, daughter of Peter and Ada (Fitts) Moir, and lived in Charlton most of her life.

She worked at the former Dresser Hill Dairy for many years in the office and also worked in the dairy stand.

Edith was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Sturbridge.

She was a past member of the Charlton School Committee and was a member of the Charlton Senior Center.

Her interests were reading, playing cards and being a Red Sox fan. She was also very civic minded.

The funeral was held today, Thursday, June 28 in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 345 Main St., Sturbridge. Burial was in West Ridge Cemetery, Charlton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, New England Chapter, Bay State Branch, 20 Walnut St., Suite 318, Wellesley, MA 02481.

The Robert J. Miller Charlton Funeral Home, 175 Old Worcester Road, Charlton, directed the arrangements.

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