

OBITUARIES

Arthur Edward Curtis, 87

Edward A. Russell, 63

Charlton- Edward A. Russell, 63, passed away July 27, 2021 in the comfort of his home after a short battle with leukemia.



He leaves his wife of 40 years, Jean M. (Paine) Russell, a son, Daniel E. Russell and his wife Tricia of Charlton, a daughter Melissa M. Audet and her husband Michael of Dudley, 5 grandchildren; Olivia, Nathan, Madelyn, Isabelle and Gavin, 4 brothers; Paul, John, Kevin and Roger and sisters; Diana Coggans, and Donna Turner. Edwards was predeceased by sister Joanne Boyd.

He was co-owner with his brother John of Dolphin Pools and Construction for 44 years.

Edward was born in Millbury on December 16, 1957 son of Roland and

Doris (James) Russell and has lived in Charlton for many years.

He enjoyed all sports but was a fan of the New England Patriots and attended many Super Bowls, he also enjoyed his second home in St. Maarten for many years. He was one of the hardest workers around, a generous man, a One of a Kind man, but mainly he enjoyed his family, wife, children and grandchildren

That's what made him the person that Ed was, and accomplished.

Calling Hours were Friday, July 30, 2021 from 5-8 pm at the ROBERT J. MILLER-CHARLTON FUNERAL HOME, 175 Old Worcester Rd.

A funeral Mass was held on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at 10 am in St. Joseph's Church, 10 H-Putnam Rd., Charlton, burial follow in West Ridge Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests the donations be made to: Dana Farber Cancer Research, 450 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA, 02115. To leave an on line condolence for Ed, please visit: RJMil-lerfunerals.net

Charlton- Arthur Edward Curtis, 87, passed away peacefully at his home in Charlton, MA on July 22, 2021. Arthur had a 40-year accounting career with



Savings Bank Life Insurance, Norton Company (Saint Gobain) and Becker College. He received his accounting degrees from Bates College and Bentley College. In 1958, he joined the Masons and was a member of the Good Samaritan Lodge in Reading, MA. Throughout his life, Arthur was devoted to service and gave his time freely, holding many leadership positions. He was particularly proud of his associations with the Worcester County Shrine Club, and the 32o Masonic Learning Center for Dyslexic Children, where he served on the Board of Directors and was involved in raising an endowment of \$300 million. Arthur was a Specialist in the U.S. Army from 1954-1956, stationed in Korea. He was a member of the St

Luke's Episcopal Church in Worcester for 40 years and a founding resident of the Overlook Life Care Community in Charlton, MA. Arthur was born in Reading, MA to George and Harriet Curtis in 1933. He is survived by his two sons, and their families; Neil and Amy Curtis and grandson Colin of Shelburne, VT, Paul and Kory Curtis of Wilcox, AZ, and grandchildren Ryan, Shaundra, and Stephen, and three great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Elizabeth Adam and a large extended family of cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and brother, Richard Curtis, of Reading MA, and the mother of his children Carolyn Curtis of Marshfield, MA and Phoenix, AZ.

A Private burial will be at Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton.

A Memorial Service will be at a later date.

The ROBERT J. MILLER-CHARLTON FUNERAL HOME, 175 Old Worcester Rd. is honored to be assisting the family with arrangements.

The family request that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions be made to the charity of one's choice.

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Create your own backyard paradise



GARDEN MOMENTS
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You don't need a plane ticket, tank full of gas or train ride to enjoy a bit of paradise. Create your own in a small alcove, large patio, or deck in your own backyard.

Start by visualizing what paradise looks and feels like to you. A table and chair surrounded by beautiful plants makes a wonderful space to relax, read a book and enjoy some alone time. For some, it means a patio or deck filled with colorful planters and surrounded by ornamental grasses, vine covered trellises, flowering shrubs, and evergreens. These will help define the space, provide privacy, mask unwanted noise, and provide a great space for entertaining.

Don't let a lack of space, patio, or deck stop you from building a backyard getaway. Look for those underutilized areas. Perhaps it is a back corner of the yard, space next to the garage, side yard or a spot under a big shade tree. A vine covered arbor, piece of indoor-outdoor carpet and a few planters can turn any space into a backyard retreat.

Once you identify the space and desired function, think about the ambience you want to create. For a tropical escape, include leafy plants like elephant ears and bananas in pots, wicker furniture, a water feature and colorful flowers like begonias, hibiscus, and mandevilla. Don't overlook hardy

perennials. Plants like big leaf hostas, variegated Solomon's seal, crocosmia, cassia and others help create the look and feel of the tropics. Continue this theme by using bamboo, wicker, and wood for any needed screening.

If it is a visit to the Mediterranean you prefer, include stonework, planters with silver foliage plants like dusty miller, and sage and a few evergreens. Use upright junipers and grapevines trained on arbors for screening. An urn or topiary make an attractive focal point. Fill the garden space with herbs, blue oat grass, calendula, salvia, and alliums.

For a casual visit to England, craft yourself a cottage garden. Construct a narrow path leading through an archway at the entrance to your secret garden. Create an informal collection of flowers, herbs, and medicinal plants. Use a birdbath, piece of garden art or water feature as your focal point.

If it's the north woods you prefer, make a firepit the focal point, add some rustic furnishings and complete the scene with native plants. Or let your personality shine with a colorful bistro set, garden art, and flowers of orange, red, and yellow.

As your vision comes into focus, it is time to start putting your ideas on paper. A simple sketch will help you define the space, arrange the plants, and identify the appropriate furnishings and building materials. It is much easier to move items on paper than once they are set into the ground.

Always contact your local underground utility locating service at least three business days in advance. It's free and as easy as calling 811 or filing an online request. They will contact all the appropriate companies who will



Photo Melinda Myers

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mark the location of their underground utilities in the designated work area. This reduces the risk of injury and inconvenience of accidentally knocking out power, cable, or other utilities as you enhance your landscape.

Because this important step is often overlooked, August 11th has become National 811 Day. It's a reminder to include this important step when undertaking any landscape project, large or small. And remind others to do the same.

Once complete, you'll simply be able to step out your back door and enjoy

your slice of paradise.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *The Midwest Gardener's Handbook* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series* and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

ENTERTAINMENT AND EVENTS

DON'T MISS A THING!

David Anthony Powell

*Angel date
4-3-70 to 8-7-10*

Sweet Child of Mine
*In Loving Memory of our loving son
Of all of the special gifts in life
However great or small*

*To have you as our son
Was the greatest gift of all
A special time
A special face
A special son
We can't replace
With an aching heart
We whisper low
We miss you son
And love you so*

We love and miss you forever
Mom, Dad, Chloe, Ty, Emme,
Michael & Chris
1-4-3

QCC's Early Childhood Education Lab School to reopen this fall

WORCESTER — The Children's School: Quinsigamond Community College's Early Childhood Education Lab School will reopen its doors in Fall 2021. The school is currently enrolling children for the 2021- 2022 academic year, under the leadership of new Director Kristen Fuller.

"After careful review by our Administration and the QCC Board of Trustees, we made the decision to renew our commitment to the Children's School: Early Childhood Education Lab School and the opportunities it affords our students and the young children in our community," said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D.

The Children's School: Early Childhood Education Lab School serves

as a lab/training site for students majoring in Early Childhood Education and is an integral part of the program. It provides supervised student participation and field placement experience for Early Childhood Education Associate Degree students.

"I am very excited to have joined a team of dedicated professionals and to have children return to the QCC campus," Ms. Fuller said.

"The School was established as a resource for QCC students, but has become a true model of collaboration and commitment to top-notch, high-quality education and care of children between the ages of two years, nine months to five years," Ms. Fuller said, adding that the School will have a

daily capacity of 28 children.

The Children's School: Early Childhood Education Lab School was the first center granted the highest level on the Massachusetts Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS). The QRIS is a method used to assess, improve, and communicate the level of quality in early child care, early child care education, and after-school settings.

For more information visit www.QCC.edu/childrenschool.

For more information on QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass.edu.

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course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there

to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.