

OBITUARIES

Robert William Roy, 94

FISKDALE - Robert William Roy 94, husband of the late Helen (Harper) Roy, died July 21, 2021 at Webster Manor. Robert was born in Spencer, a son to the late William and Clarinda (Racine) Roy. A recipient of the Purple Heart, Robert served his country in the United States Army during two wars, World War II and the Korean Conflict. He retired from Billings Auto Supply, Worcester where he worked in sales and building engines. Following his retirement, Robert went to work at Sims



Cab Company in Rutland, where he was a welding supervisor. He was a member of the American Legion. Besides his wife and parents, Robert was predeceased by his brothers, Henry King of Warren, MA, Donald Roy of Leicester, MA and a sister Emma Robeiro of Warren, MA. He is survived by a step son Denis Miner of East Brookfield; step daughter Sandra Pratt of Brookfield; and several grandchildren. A private burial with military honors will take place. Donations can be made to Second Chance Animal Services Adoption Center, 111 Young Rd., East Brookfield. Pillsbury Funeral Home, 44 Gilbert St., North Brookfield is entrusted with arrangements. Please visit pillsburyfuneralhome.com to express a personal message for the family.

Kathleen Bond, 57

SOUTHBRIDGE- Kathleen (Pratt) Bond, 57, of Southbridge, passed away on July 9, 2021 surrounded by her family.



Kathleen leaves behind her loving husband of 19 years, David Bond; her 2 sons Travis Mondor of Southbridge, James Mondor of Wayland; her father Frederick Pratt of Southbridge; her mother Linda (Maddox) Pratt of Bullhead City, AZ; her brother John Jesky of Southbridge; 5 sisters Amber Jesky of Southbridge, Sue Jesky of FL, Karen Pelletier of Southbridge, Rebecca Pratt-Southall of Kingman, AZ, Cindy Lee Atkinson of Webster, and several nieces and nephews. Kathleen worked for Overlook

Hospice for 15 years as a certified home health aide where she truly enjoyed her job. She also worked for Harrington Homecare for several years.

Kathleen was a longtime member of the Central Baptist Church where she was a deacon, sang in the choir and helped out where she could. She was also a member and treasure of The American Baptist Women's Group. Kathleen had a love for horses, cows and chickens, and she enjoyed gardening.

She always had a smile that would light up the room.

Services for Kathleen were held on Saturday July 24th at 11AM at Central Baptist Church, 256 Main St. Southbridge, MA

Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home is directing arrangements.

An online guest book is available at www.BelangerFuneralHome.com

Date and location planned for Out of the Darkness Community Walk

CHARLTON — The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Team has joined a community of people from hundreds of cities across the country in support of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) with its mission to save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide.

This is the second year that the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Team is supporting AFSP in #TogetherToFightSuicide campaign. Academy Director Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN is encouraging everyone to join the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Team. Registration is free. Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy alumni, family members, friends, and colleagues are encouraged to get involved.

Individual participants who raise \$150 or more are eligible for an official Out of the Darkness T-shirt. Simply click on <https://supporting.afsp.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donordrive.team&teamID=271960> to get started. All donations are 100 percent tax-deductible and will help bring AFSP one step closer to achieving the goal of reducing the suicide rate by 20% by 2025. The Out of Darkness Community Walk in person, as permitted by state and local guidelines is scheduled on October 3, 2021, at the Natick Town Common, Natick. Check-in/Registration begins at 9 AM, with the event beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at noon. The date and venue are subject to change as AFSP closely monitors the CDC, state, and local guidelines. A statewide virtual option billed as "Celebration of Hope"

is scheduled, Saturday, Nov. 6, online with a start time of 10 AM for those not ready to be in-person.

Team members Loise Kamero of Worcester and Elizabeth Larson of Webster are excited to participate.

"I feel we could raise more," stated Larson, a team member who also donated. Larson is a 2021 Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy graduate, who, along with Kamero is Mental Health First Aid certified.

Larson shared the good vibes and amazement of making the team goal, however, she thinks the team could raise more! She is doing just so by sharing on her Facebook page and encouraging her co-workers to donate. Donations are accepted until Dec. 31. Visit www.afsp.org.



QCC continues to adapt to the needs students

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College has begun transitioning to more in-person services and courses as it readies for a robust in-person footprint this fall.

One of the recent additions to facilitate an easy back-to-school transition is QCC's new virtual waiting line service. Designed to offer students a unique way to make appoint-

ments at various college offices, the Easy Queue (EZQ) system enables students to join virtual waiting rooms for the offices they need to meet with such as Admissions, Advising and Financial Aid.

Through a text messaging system, students will receive reminders and wait time updates as their appointment gets close.

"Our students are often

juggling multiple responsibilities. This support service should be a game changer for many who do not have the time to stand in line and wait for their appointment," said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D.

In addition to this new support service, QCC will continue to offer remote support services and online courses, as well as in-person services and

courses beginning this fall.

"The pandemic reinforced that our students need a variety of learning modalities that align with their needs," Dr. Pedraja continued. "We have kept our extensive remote classes and support services, while bringing back in-person classes and continuing to look for ways to assist our students. Removing the barriers that prevent students from

attaining their dreams of a better future through higher education is our number one priority."

To learn more about visit www.QCC.edu/EZQ.

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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