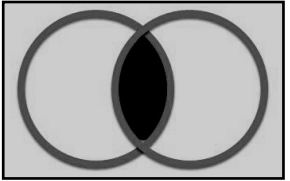


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President's Letter

Dear PRA Members,

Well, I am back home from the PRA's luncheon celebrating the 40th jubilee. It is the first luncheon I have attended, and it was a spectacular event. Thank you to all who made this possible: the members of the PRA board of directors who undertook the many tasks associated with this event, the Marriott that provided a great venue and delicious meal, and the Direct Federal Credit Union for generously sponsoring the luncheon.

The speakers were excellent. Bob Ruckstuhl invited and introduced Mac Booth, President and Chairman of Polaroid. Mac spoke to the Polaroid that we all built. Then, Chris Bonanos author of *Instant: The Story of Polaroid*, spoke to the Polaroid of the future. I hope everyone at the banquet felt pride in what we accomplished during our careers with Polaroid. I have just started to read Chris's book. I am already intrigued by learning the back story of some of the events that happened while I worked at Polaroid. I thought I knew why things happened, but he digs deeper and explains the why and how.

If you want to watch the speakers video use this link: [<https://vimeo.com/1092945251>](https://vimeo.com/1092945251)
The PRA 40th Jubilee Luncheon was so eventful that the *Newsletter* had to divide its reporting into two parts: Q3 describes Mac Booth's "Aura of Polaroid" and Q4 will describe the Chris Bonanos talk, "Polaroid after Polaroid." As a teaser, the instant and 'in your hand' picture is again becoming popular.

It was a delight to visit with friends I had not seen in years (thank you for the name tags!!). I also had a chance to make new friendships. Judging by the noise level and smiles, I think everyone had a similar experience. It is great to attend a function so joyful that no one wants the time to end.

And yes, we conducted business. We thanked the people who retired from the board this year: Arthur Aznavorian, Touie Jackson and Bill Rosen. They have made many contributions during their service helping the PRA remain vibrant and relevant. We elected the slate of board members to serve for the following year. Their names are posted on the side box of the newsletter. I asked for nominations from the floor to serve as a board member. None were offered. However, it is still possible to make a nomination.

I encourage every PRA member to come to the next get together this fall. It will be similar to last October's buffet luncheon. More information will be available in your *Newsletter* and a separate mailing (email or paper).

Ruth Scanlan, *President, Polaroid Retirees Association*

Welcome New Members!

Steve Fantone, Lynnfield
Fawwaz Habbal, Cambridge
Stephen Herchen, Plymouth
Nancy Lane, Needham

Arthur Larm, Stoughton
Harry MacDonald, Woburn
Judy Murphy, Framingham
Mary Nangeroni, Sunapee, NH

Meroe Morse and Polaroid Culture of Art and Innovation

Harvard Business School's exhibit has been extended until early December 2025
Baker Library Lobby, across from Harvard Stadium
Summer hours: Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm

Board of Directors

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Paul Lubin

Mary McCann

Phil Souza

Beau Stebbins

Drew Webb

The Business of the PRA

Board Officer and Committee Chairs Elections for 2025-2026

On June 9, the PRA Board of Directors voted to reelect the slate of officers as presented. The elected officers are **Ruth Scanlan**, President; **Don Foster**, Vice President; **Peter Clark**, Secretary; **Bob Ruckstuhl**, Treasurer and Membership Chair; and **Dan Cence**, Finance Committee Chair.

The **Annual May Luncheon** is the Polaroid Retirees Association Board of Directors' forum for sharing the fiscal year's business information with the larger membership. Below is a summary of the presentations.

2024 Secretary's Report: Peter Clark, Secretary

The PRA Board of Directors met fourteen times during 2024, once/month & special planning sessions. The Governance Commission met once to revise the PRA's Constitution and By-laws.

2024 Treasurer's Report: Bob Ruckstuhl, Treasurer

Total income for the fiscal year was \$25,814 (Dues \$8,264, Luncheon Reimbursements \$16,274, Miscellaneous Receipts \$1,279.) Total expenses were \$25,112, resulting in a surplus of \$702. The major expenses were the Spring Luncheon (\$11,753 for which the Direct Federal Credit Union reimbursed the PRA), the Fall Luncheon (\$5,183), and the Newsletter & Administration (\$5,512). It bears noting that, without the support of the Direct Federal Credit Union, our current plan of two luncheons per year would not be financially possible. Thank you DFCU!

The PRA Budget for 2025 reflects modest increases in spending due to the increase in cost of our luncheons and increases in spending to upgrade our website and make it more user friendly. The \$5 increase in dues that went into effect on January 1, 2025 will help cover the increased spending.

The PRA closed their 2024 fiscal year with a reserve of \$26,890 of which \$7,750 is restricted for special use.

2024 Audit Committee Report: Dan Cence, Audit Committee Chair

In accordance with the requirements of our Constitution, the Audit Committee, comprising Arthur Aznavorian and Dan Cence, conducted an audit in April of 2024 of the financial transactions of the Treasurer during 2023. The scope of the audit covered all deposits, operating expenses, bank account and trust interest. The audit was accomplished by taking randomly chosen entries on the deposit and expense sides of the PRA checking account and comparing them to backup documentation provided by the Treasurer. All transactions were found to be in good order; the organization is solvent as was so reported at the 2024 May Annual Meeting of the Association.

2024 Membership Committee Report: Bob Ruckstuhl, Membership Chair

Since 2010 the Polaroid Retirees Association has experienced an annual average net loss of 56 members per year resulting from deaths and resignations. After loss of only 27 (3.5%) members the PRA closed 2024 with a total membership of 777 (174 Lifetime members, 70 Non-paying members, and 533 Paying members).

As stated in my 2023 Membership Committee Report, "If the Membership continues to decline in the future as it has in the past, our membership numbers in the early 2030s will signal the end of the PRA."

Drew Webb Elected to the PRA Board of Directors

In 1972, Drew Webb joined Polaroid. In 1974, Drew started Polaroid's Law Enforcement and Marketing Group and worked on Polaroid's ID and security image recording strategy. Drew was Polaroid's corporate representative to the Professional Photographers of America and taught industrial photography.

In 1999, after 26 years with Polaroid, Drew left and started a variety of identification services, and he continues to be a marketing consultant in security and forensics. (See PhotoBiometrics, LLC, based in North Salem, NH.)

Drew is active in law enforcement and photographic associations.

Save the Date - Fall Buffet Luncheon

Wednesday, October 15th 11:30 - 3:30

Chateau Restaurant, 400 Boston-Providence Turnpike, Norwood, MA

\$35 per person (Members and Guests) Limited to 100

Chicken cutlet Parmesean, Baked stuffed haddock, Baked stuffed shells,

Fresh broccoli florets, Fresh garden salad, Italian bread & butter

On August 15th, watch for registration details

Email / US Mail / PRA website

The Three Musketeers Retire from the PRA Board

Arthur, Touie and Bill combined served the PRA for more than 50 years!

After ten years of service, **Arthur Aznavorian** is retiring from the Board of Directors. Those years include the roles of First and Second Vice President, Audit Committee member, the group's Parliamentarian, and Governance Committee member. With the shrinking of the PRA membership, Arthur painstakingly adjusted the Constitution to best fit our changing needs. Arthur's commitment to creating and maintaining the best Association possible as challenges and demands soared, never lost its strength. Intelligent and unflappable, he guided us through some tough times. Arthur's historical knowledge and quietly delivered sage advice will be greatly missed. As organization members and readers, you may have been unaware of the critical role Arthur has played for us all. You have seen him greeting from the chair behind the name tag and meal ticket desk at Luncheons. Always welcoming, always cheerful, he set the tone for your successful time at our reunions.

We wish you fun free times, and we'll see you at Luncheons in the months ahead. Thank you so much, Arthur, for all you have done for the PRA.

Serving in First and Second Vice President roles, **Touie Jackson** offered valuable advice and frequently set the course for successful Board of Directors' planning and delivering programs. His most visible role was Emcee of raffles at the Luncheons. Conversations stopped and laughter started as he drew names and joyfully presented winners with wines he'd studiously curated.

For several years, Touie served as Committee Chair for New Members. He made himself visible at various retirees' group gatherings, and talked with those who either hadn't heard about the PRA or weren't sure it would be valuable for former employees. He handed out the latest *Newsletter*, explained our work and gave enticing reasons for joining.

Touie is retiring from the Board of Directors for the second time since his first election in 1999. We hope there's a third in your future, Touie, and we'll welcome you back when you come to the door. We will sorely miss your energy and humor. Best wishes and thank you very, very much.

Bill Rosen has served on the PRA board for 25 years as the man behind all Luncheons, *Newsletters*, and Website. His full story is in the Q2 2025 *Newsletter*.



"We had an excellent meal and good time at Bricco's in the North End.

A delightful end to our trip.

Thanks so much for all you did to make yesterday a wonderful PRA 40th Jubilee experience for both Mac and me."

Dianne and Mac

Photos from PRA 40th Jubilee Luncheon on May 12



Mac Booth, *Aura of Polaroid*



Ruth Scanlan



Chris Bonanos making NEW SX-70 photos



Mac & Steve Fantone



PRA Board and its Retirees



Chris gives Mac his photo



B. Zuccaro & E. Goodwin



K. Lawrence, M. Nangeroni, M. Comfort



Al Clark & Rob Young



A happy time with old and new friends



Jaap van Hel & Eelco Wolf

Spring Luncheon Attendees

Arthur Aznavorian	Steve Engler	Gordon Kinsman	Carol Pekar
Susan Aznavorian	Paul Fallavollita	Larry Kivimaki	Photios Photiou
Joyce Babcock	Steve Fantone	Amy Kivimaki	Ann Photiou
Paul Bau	Harry Fatkin	Alfredo Kniazze	Peggie Prebensen
Ray Bedard	Michael Ferreer	Larry Kunz	John Prendergast
John Bennett	Elaine Fitzpatrick	Tom Lally	Robert Reilly
Jeannie Benton	Elizabeth Foote	Dianne Law	Jamie Reilly
Stef Bernstein	Don Foster	Kay Lawrence	Jane Rollins
Steve Berry	Karen Friedman	Al Libby	William Rosen
Chris Bonanos	Andrew Gabriel	Raine Lordan	Bob Ruckstuhl
Arthur Bontempo	Ed Gaffey	Bernie Lorge	Larry Rudy
JoAnn Bontempo	Bob Gill	Paul Lubin	Neil Sanders
Joyce Booth	Ginny Gill	George Macrina	Ruth Scanlan
Mac Booth	John Gillooly	Bob Manning	Dana Schuh
Diane Boudrot	Gerald Gomes	Lucille Maregni	Gail Sera
George Bray III	Ethyl Goodwin	Peter Maregni	Rich Silva
Sam Brown	Susie Gray	Kassandra Martin	Tom Silva
Eric Brown	Harvey Greenberg	Mary McCann	Frank Silveira
Carmel Brown	Fawwaz Habbal	John McCann	Barbara Skelley
Walter Byron	Maryann Hall	Ken McCarthy	Lydia Smith
Charles Caizzi	Tony Hall	Betty McGuire	George Stebbins
Broncille Caizzi	Bruce Hanke	Theo McLelland	Lee Tanguay
Leslie Carrington	Jerry Harrington	Bette McLelland	Joe Terry
Dan Cence	Corinne Hart	Kathy McMenimen	Eric Thorgerson
Louise Cence	Wally Higgins	Mike McNeil Sr	Phil Tower
James Cirrone	Steve Holmes	Julia McPherson	Leo Van Glabbeek
Al Clark	Dick Hoyer	Doris McPherson	Jaap Van Hell
Peter Clark	Bob Ielapi	John Milani	Leroy Vargas
Marshall Cohen	Charlie Jack	Doug Miller	Gordon Wallis
Mary Comfort	Touie Jackson	Roy Miller	Joe Walsh
Brooks Corl	Edyie Johnson	George Murray	Drew Webb
Pattie Costello	Kristen Johnson	Paul Nangeroni	Jim Webber
Dick Cottrell	Richard Judy	Mary Nangeroni	Paul Whyte
Katherine Curran	Warren Kantrowitz	Bob Nowak	Eelco Wolf
Nick DiMasi	Harriett Kantrowitz	Shioban O'Flaherty	Rob Young
Mary Donahue	Eva Karger	Irene O'Leary	Tony Zagame
Steve Donnelly	Theresa Kelly	Ron Olsen	Bob Zuccaro

Jubilee Short Story Collection

What are your favorite Polaroid memories? We are collecting Jubilee stories that made you feel good. In particular, we'd like the Polaroid stories that made you and your friends laugh. We will collect them over the next year, publishing some in each Newsletter, and publishing the whole collection in 2026. Please write us with your Polaroid Proud Jubilee Short Stories.

Tell a special short story. Aim for a max of 250 words. Then email it to <newsletterpra@gmail.com> or mail it to R. Ruckstuhl, Polaroid Retirees Assn. P.O. Box 522, Rowley, MA 01969. The Newsletter deadline for our Q4 stories is Sept 1.

Join the authors of these great Jubilee stories in the year's collection.

Mac's Aura of Polaroid

Mac Booth opened PRA's 40th Jubilee Luncheon with his thoughtful remembrances of 4 decades at Polaroid. The 156 attendees knew Mac as Polaroid's third President, and Chairman of the Board. Mac began his talk by saying, "It is a super pleasure to be with my family. It is a pleasure to be here with a family like Polaroid. It was a family for me, and it still is. I am really happy to be here. In preparation, I recalled my feelings about the Aura of Polaroid. It permeates all of us. Webster says Aura is an atmosphere surrounding a person or place. That atmosphere is what got me here."

In 1958, after Cornell Graduate School and the Air Force he looked for a job. Mac was recruited by **Bob Palmer**, Personnel. Mac read up on **Dr. Land**, and came for interviews. Mac said, "There was something special about Polaroid that was hard to describe, and I hoped to be hired"

Mac started on July 1, 1958. He was hired as a film production supervisor trainee. The next day Dr. Land had an annual all company meeting, and Mac attended. He said that Dr. Land paced up and down while speaking. Dr. Land said that "...supervisors got in the way of employees expanding their creativity". Mac took that as a challenge. "How do you manage people?" Mac's career began working with 6 people under the supervision of **Ernestine Harrington**. "She was a tough nut, but a wonderful lady, a wonderful supervisor, and I learned from her. After 7 months I was a manager."

Mac's new job put him in contact with people he recalled in his talk. As an intro, Mac said that a company has to have a product, and that product has to make money. Land invented products that were nearly impossible to make. Mac added, "You have to have a group of people that you can trust to deliver the product. Land gathered around him really remarkable people who not only gave us the technical expertise, but also they were good people. They brought that feeling of trust; they really cared about you; they were hard guys and gals; they demanded stuff; but it was in the atmosphere of family."

"**Bill McCune** was my mentor, so I have a very passionate feeling about Bill. He was a remarkable guy! I do not think Bill received the credit for everything he did. He really was a backup to Land in many ways. Land had great visions of products. Our competition with Kodak forced us to introduce the SX-70 camera to the public a little prematurely. And Bill was the backstop. He got things rolling in that very stressful time at the start of SX-70 manufacturing. Bill had not only great engineering skills, but also he had a real heart. He was a strong, strong supporter of the importance of Inner City, and the creation of Polaroid jobs in Roxbury. By the way, Bill lived to be 102, I hope that is in the genes of the job".

"There was a guy by the name of **Dick Kriebel**. A remarkable guy! Land painted the big picture of Polaroid's Second Aim, and Dick put together many different programs. He was a very gentle, but very a brilliant guy".

"**Charlie Mikulka** was the patent lawyer who defended Land's earliest patent on sheet polarizers. There were two patent appeals that disputed Land's patent. Charlie took that case, and won it. He was a brilliant patent lawyer, and he had

a heart as big as this room. He was the go-between of the Employees' Committee and Management. He took over when **Dave Skinner** retired."

"**Otto Wolf** was an early Land-Wheelwright employee. Edwin Land told me this story. In the earliest days of Polaroid Corporation, Land wanted to sell the company's first sheet polarizers to Kodak as a glare reduction filter for Kodak cameras. Land and Otto drove to Rochester, N.Y. in Land's Buick convertible. They slept in a field that night because they did not have the money for a hotel room. They got dressed up in a gas station for their meeting in Kodak Park. They sold Kodak their Polaroid filters. Otto was a character-and-a-half, and a brilliant engineer. When you scratched under that skin of his, he was absolutely a great guy. He led the design of all that film manufacturing equipment in Waltham. A wonderful guy."

"Land was a genius. We all know that! He had the ideas, but, he needed a team to implement that thing. Land brought in Dave Skinner from GE. He ran manufacturing, and finance. Land knew he needed someone to bring all the manufacturing people together, and get things done. Dave was the glue that did that. He was the General Manager (Number 2), when I joined the company. Again, he was a guy with high morals and high values."

"**Howie Rogers**, I cannot forget Howie. It's hard to describe Howie! He was kind, quiet, solid, brilliant guy. Like Land, he was a Harvard dropout. He worked to help his parents at a South Boston gas station for \$25/week. Land-Wheelwright hired him for \$10/week. He was a genius in the Instant Color field. His patents were the ones that defeated Kodak. Again, a lovable guy, with high standards of values."

Mac said, "I feel very blessed that I was a part of Polaroid. It is hard to describe. I feel good: I feel very good today about this. A practical way of describing this Polaroid Aura is to recall the historic 1978 snow storm. That was a corker! We had a lot of employees, on their own, bring shovels in, to shovel out the sidewalks and parking lots in Waltham. That is something special! No one asked them to come; they just came. That is part of the Aura that I am trying to describe; that Aura is quite unique and wonderful."

During the takeover attempt by Gold and Disney, one of Polaroid's Board of Directors, a really good thoughtful guy, came up to Mac and said, "Why are you getting so excited, and caring so much. It is just a business deal." Mac replied "Well, it's more than that! The takeover was going to tear the company apart. The only people benefiting from the takeover were the new owners. So for me, this was our attempt to hold the family together. We were successful, with the good work of a lot of people."

"I see that same Aura today, here. I saw it up here with the PRA Directors. I think today is something special. It is something we can all feel proud about."

"So, I am going to wind it up. Thank you! Bob, thank you, and thank all of the folks who have put so much effort into all that the PRA has done over these 40 years. I read all the *Newsletters*. I read all the *In Memoriam* biographies."

"It is a pleasure to be here. Thank you for coming."

Where Did The Time Go? by Edyie Johnson, New Bedford

Most of the people reading this PRA newsletter worked for Polaroid Corp. The building location and number of years would be different for each of them but they probably all have memories of their time spent working there.

Do you remember your clock number? Do you remember your telephone extension number? Do you remember the date you started working at Polaroid?

I spent all my 26 years of Polaroid working life in the New Bedford Negative Manufacturing Plant. It was a beautiful building with beautiful grounds. Today, most of the building is gone; as are the beautiful grounds but that is another story for another day.

Why do we remember certain events? I remember a **Malik Ali** started the same day as I did. I remember spelling Polaroid wrong on my application and just knowing that I wouldn't get hired if I couldn't even spell the name of the company correctly. I remember being really scared the day I started working in NB-1. There were just so many people working there that I didn't know and I was overwhelmed.

Who was your first supervisor? Who was the Plant Manager when you started at Polaroid? There were so many things to deal with but one thing helped in easing the nerves. Friends. Co-workers were the best. It wasn't long before **Sue Cusick** and **Judy Ellis** became my friends. During the gas crisis in the 1970s, we carpooled to save gas. It was a great time. I learned that some people made up their weekly dinner and lunch menus a week ahead of time so they could make up their grocery shopping list. Who knows what they want to eat 7 days from now? Judy and Sue did and it worked for them. Car-pooling was educational.

Having a cafeteria at your disposal was new to me. Hot breakfast and lunch available was the best but it was also educational. One day they had something called mulligatawny soup. Never in my life had I heard of that. Who knew of a soup with apples? So many things to learn.

As mentioned, co-workers were the best. During one of our Administrative Secretarial meetings, **Patty Page** announced to us that she had just become the Speed Limit. It was her 55th birthday (the speed limit at that time). Of course, now the speed limit has changed but I never forgot Patty's birthday after that day.

Working with the Finance Group was memorable. Life long friends were made there. The year all of us were waiting for **Jim Mitcheson's** beeper to go off signaling he had to leave as his daughter was about to be born. The number of Team Building sessions we had on someone's boat. At one point, I had a speaker by my computer and could play my CDs. Not sure now how that happened but listening to music during the day was great. It wasn't until I left that a co-worker informed me that that she enjoyed my singing to songs from Les Miserable, my all-time favorite play. I had no clue anyone could hear me but who cared now as I had retired.

Of course, we had to take the Left Brain, Right Brain course to see why we were different from each other. I clearly remember sitting in a semi-circle in the 6th floor Learning Center conference room getting our results. We were shown a cartoon movie. Very quickly, the right side of the group is laughing and enjoying the cartoon. Myself and **John Lopes** (a Finance co-worker and friend) were on the far Left, just sitting there wondering what they were laughing at. I was an ISTJ.

Twenty six years at Polaroid flew by. I got my B.S. degree from U Mass Dartmouth during those 26 years; to this day, still have lunch with my friends Judy and Susan, and have contact with many other Polaroid friends. I also still have my Polaroid 25th anniversary rocking chair. It's hard to believe that 2025 marks 26 years since I retired from Polaroid. Yikes !! Time does fly.

Answers to questions: my clock #: **13944R**; my extension number **421**; Starting date: **April 1, 1973**; Plant Manager, **Mac Booth**;
First Supervisor, **Abe Kronberger**.



Finance (1983)

Tom Massad, Tom Lowney, Edyie Johnson,
Jeanette Beaulieu, Jim Mitcheson

Finance (1998)

Sue Denison, Chris Apostolakos, Gabe Souza,
Edyie Johnson, Jim Mitcheson, Bernie Lorge

In Memoriam

Find more complete obituaries at www.polaroidretirees.org



Apostolakos, Christos P. "Chris", 84, E. Falmouth, MA, 4/10/25 was the husband of Carole, father of Tanya and Phillip and grandfather of four. He was

a Financial Analyst (NB1). He kept busy working in the yard, embarking on DIY tasks around the house, tinkering on his cars, playing basketball, playing tennis and taking annual ski trips. Chris launched a charter fishing business.



Arguopoulos, George, 93, Marblehead, MA, 5/8/25 was the husband of Jennifer, father of Elene and Diane and grandfather of Audrey. He worked closely with

engineers as a Model Maker, helping to develop prototype camera systems and contributing to patented innovations. He found joy in the simple pleasures of living, sharing time with friends, preparing homemade Tzatziki, and relaxing with scratch tickets and puzzle books.



Bee, Richard D. "Dick", 90, Marblehead, MA, 6/8/25 was the husband of late Marcia and ex-wife Noeline, father of David and Laurel, grandfather of five and

great-grandfather of three. He served in the U.S. Navy. Dick was an Engineering Manager. He enjoyed traveling, buying, selling and collecting antiques and weekend family gatherings by the pool.



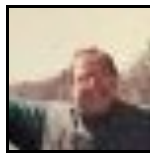
Beltzer, Stephen L., 88, Winchendon, MA, 5/18/25 was the husband of Cheryl and the late Sylvia, father of Matthew, Stephen Jr., Debbie and Karen and

grandfather and great-grandfather of many. He was a Quality Engineer (Waltham). Stephen was an avid fan of the Red Sox.



Boynton, Diane, 74, Stratham, NH, 6/4/25 was the wife of Richard, mother of Greg and Sarah and grandmother of three. She

loved to shop and was quite the fashionista. Her vibrant spirit made her a natural social butterfly, happiest when hosting gatherings or traveling and discovering new places.



Bretschneider, Edward, "Ed", 80, Littleton, MA, 6/12/25 was the husband of Joanne. He was a Senior Manager. Ed was known for his spirit of adventure and

was often found mountain biking through the rugged trails or hiking through the verdant woods with his loyal canine companion. Ed was a member of the PRA.

Bunker, Edward A., 87, Billerica, MA, 4/23/25 was the husband of Maybelle,



father of Sharon, Jerry, Scott, Hope, Michael, Sylvie, Steven, Yvonne, Paul, Dianne, Chuck, Susan and Warren, grandfather of

ten. He was passionate about Billerica wetlands protection. Edward was an Engineer.

Cafer, Richard E., 78, Naples, FL,



5/15/25 was the brother of Carol, brother-in-law of James, uncle of Kerri and grandfather of four. He was an Engineer. Richard had a

passion for golfing and all sports.



Carbone, William M. "Bill", Wakefield, MA, 5/12/2025 was the husband of Marilyn, father of Maureen, Anthony and James, grandfather of eight and great-grandfather of two.

Bill worked in Shipping and Receiving (Cambridge). Bill loved all Boston sports teams, especially the Boston Red Sox. His favorite player was Ted Williams.



Casella, Rosalie, 87, New Hartford, NY, 12/20/24 partner of the late Paul, mother of Denys, Cheryl and Gary, grandmother of seven and great-grandmother of 9.

She was an Accountant (Norwood).

Cavaliere, Ross J., 71, Raynham, MA,



5/22/25 was the husband of Joan, father of Jennifer and grandfather of Colby, Connor and Colin. Ross had a passion for horse racing and was an avid traveler and

a devoted fan of all Boston sports teams.



Chequer, Nan B., 87, Riverside, CT, 3/27/25 was the wife of the late Herbert and ex-husband John, mother to Elizabeth, Anne, Laura, Wendy, Karen and

Peter and grandmother of eight. She worked in Photographic Science as a Chemist alongside Dr. Land and participated in the litigation of Polaroid Corp v Eastman Kodak Co. She served in leadership roles on PTA and parents' councils and led school and church theater productions.



Cianchi, Loretta A., 97, Woburn, 5/23/25 was the mother of Linda, Jeanne and John and grandmother of two. She was a Secretary.



Civittolo, Leonard J. "Len", 85, Wells, ME, 3/10/25 was the husband of Jean, father of Marc and Mathew and grandfather of three. He worked in

Systems and then in Human Resources (Main Street, Waltham and the Reservoir). He volunteered at a soup kitchen and Our Mother's Attic resale shop through St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Florida.



Concordia, Joseph J., 91, Bonnet Shores, RI, 4/17/25 was the husband of Theresa, father of Maria and David and grandfather of three. He was a Professional Engineer

and a Land Surveyor. Joe is remembered for his quiet wisdom, his deep loyalty to family and his thoughtful nature.

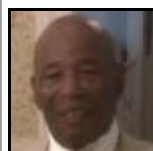
Costa, Sylvia D., 90, Roxbury, MA, 6/25/25 was the wife of the late James Mendes Sr and the late Glen., mother of Anthony, the late David and the late Jimmy, grandmother of James III and great-grandmother of five. She was the Manager of Mail Services. She became the first woman in the country assigned to a committee to streamline and establish a uniform system of zip codes for the entire country. She loved to travel, was a spectacular cook, enjoyed jazz and was the life of the party.

In Memoriam cont.



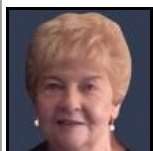
Davis, Billy Joe, 77, Newnan, GA, 6/5/25 was the husband of Diane, father of Brett and grandfather of one. He was a Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. Billy was a

Technician. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and woodworking activities.



Davis, Joseph L. Sr., "Joe", 88, Mattapan, MA, 3/6/25 was the husband of Louise, father of Keith, Pamela, Joseph, Carolyn, Marlena and the late

Patricia, grandfather of thirteen and great-grandfather of thirteen. He was a Technical Engineer. He took pride in his home, and he loved Cadillacs and having his friends over in the open garage to watch cricket. He cherished his Bajan roots and returned to Barbados whenever he could. He enjoyed travel to Canada and New York, baking and shopping with his grandkids.



Demers, Eileen M., 94, Marshfield, MA, 4/29/25 was the wife of the late Albert and the late Gerard, mother of Albert, Judy and the late Robert and Gary,

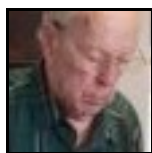
grandmother of ten and great-grandmother of several. She worked in the Camera Division (Norwood). Eileen was an avid reader, enjoyed her weekly hair appointments, her Alfred Dunner outfits with coordinating jewelry, cheering on New England sports teams, and watching old Western TV shows.



Dougherty, Thomas M., 83, Hanson, MA, 6/1/25 was the husband of the late Phyllis and father of Mark and Michelle. He was a

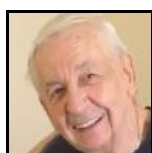
Chemical Engineer. Tom and Phyllis did many things together including traveling to many countries while meeting many great people who became friends. He was a member of the PRA.

Durrah, Charles "Charlie", Cambridge, MA, worked in Project-60 in W3 Pack Film in the mid-60s. He was a Supervisor and Machine Operator. An avid motorcycle rider, he was a good friend and brother. Charlie was a member of the PRA.



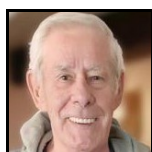
Eburn, William H. Jr., 95, Yarmouth Port, MA, 4/4/25 was the husband of the late Dorothy, father of Lee Ann, Dayle, Willam, Kathleen, Jane, Ellen, Sharon and

Michael and grandfather and great-grandfather of many. He served in the U.S. Air Force (Korean War) specializing in aerial reconnaissance photography. William was a Senior Principal Design Engineer. He invented and designed the world's first automatic shutter, earning over 40 patents. He was an avid model rocketeer, a skilled photographer and filmmaker, a lifelong magician and a pilot who loved flying his 1959 Piper Commanche 180. He was a member of the PRA.



Fairweather, Ronald K. "Ron", 86, Billerica, MA, 3/8/25 was the husband of Joan, father of Linda, Dawn, Paula, Philip, Sharon and Daniel and grandfather of

fifteen. He worked in Waltham. Ron enjoyed camping in Maine, cruises, trips to Foxwoods Casino and to the west coast to visit with his sisters.



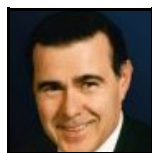
Fitzgerald, Thomas P., 81, Derry, NH, 4/6/25 was the husband of Joanne, father of Sherry, Dawn and Shannon, grandfather of seven and great-grandfather of two. He

served in the U.S. Army National Guard. Thomas was a Master Electrician. He enjoyed working side jobs, fixing and renovating homes, fishing, baseball games, Bruins games, ice skating and sledding.



Fitzgerald, Walter (Wally) F., 80, Methuen, MA, 5/8/25, husband of Dianne, father of the late Scott, Jack, Paul and Tim and grandfather and great-

grandfather of fifteen. He was a Director of Logistics and Transportation. Wally had a gift for making people laugh and always knew how to brighten a room. He was a member of the PRA.



Gould, Leroy "Lee", 80, Needham, MA, 5/27/25 was the husband of Ann and father of Peter and Maria. He served in the U.S. Air Force as an Aircraft Radio and

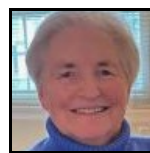
Radar Technician and serviced transport planes that carried wounded and dead

servicemen in Vietnam. He worked in various capacities, first as a Production Line Technician on the SX-70 Camera and later as a Reliability, Failure Analyst and Corrosion Engineer. Lee also had musical talent, servicing as a drummer with the "Rockin' Roulettes."



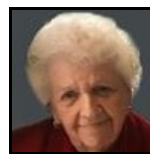
Graham, Mable L., 97, Mattapan, MA, 5/19/25 was the mother of late Ardis, sister of Myrtle Blue, grandmother of two, great-grandmother of four

and great-great-grandmother of four. She was a Mail Clerk. She would always make sure that you had food for yourself and would tell you to go into the kitchen fix what you want but say, "Make sure you wash your hands." She truly had a heart of gold.



Hanrahan, Barbara A., 73, New Seabury, MA, 4/27/25 was the spouse and life partner of Lisa, sister of Linda, Susan, Jean, Loran and Mark and had many

nieces and nephews. She was a Marketing Program Manager. She loved adventure and music, and she enjoyed sailing, boating, fishing and golf.



Harney, Pauline R., 93, Burlington, MA, 4/4/24 was the wife of the late Robert, mother of Jean and the late Robert Jr., grandmother of three and great-grandmother

of two. Pauline loved to dance. She & Robert enjoyed spending Saturday nights dancing at the Old Band Box in Billerica, and she loved to travel.



Jas, Catharina "Tina", 95, Bedford, MA, 7/11/24, was the wife of Francois, mother of Marianne, Frank and Elisabeth, grandmother of five and great-grandmother

of two. She worked in Organizational Development, (Cambridge, MA). She enjoyed traveling and camping trips across the U.S. and Europe.



Joseph, Marie L., 91, 3/30/25 Waltham, MA was the wife of the late Jean, mother of six and grandmother of seven. Marie liked to stay active and

enjoyed cooking for and being with her family.

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Lalli, Bruce A., 86, Brockton, MA, 3/10/25 was the father of Miken and Pia and brother of Michelle. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps (First Battalion, Eighth Regiment of the Second Marine Division). He was a Plumber. He loved jazz music and played the drums for a brief period in The Bruce Lalli Trio.



LeBlanc, Joseph G. "Gerard", 94, Marlborough, MA, 3/4/25 was the husband of Stella, father of Luke, Lucille, Rene and Donald, grandfather of nine and great-grandfather of thirteen. He served in the U.S. Army (Korean War). Gerard was a Machine Mechanic Specialist. He played the accordion, enjoyed summer vacations in Cocagne, New Brunswick, and could fix anything around the house. Most important was his faith.



Loring, Richard A. Dick", 86, Duxbury, MA, 5/19/25, was the husband of Patricia, father of Douglas and Beth and grandfather of Stephen. He held management positions in research, manufacturing, corporate safety and corporate manufacturing strategies (Cambridge, Waltham, New Bedford). Dick loved boating of any kind, was an avid skier, loved travelling the world and was an inveterate gardener.



Mayer, Pamela, Dorchester, MA, 5/8/25 was the wife of Robert. Pamela was born and raised in Pennsylvania, graduating from Penn State in 1980. She had a 20-year career with the Polaroid Corporation, rising to the position of Marketing Director.



McGrath, Thomas F., 83, West Yarmouth, MA, 3/9/25 was the husband of Barbara, father of Donna and the late Thomas and grandfather of five. He worked in Finance. Tom was an avid golfer, followed most Boston sports, played cards and cherished the many family trips to the Turks and Caicos Islands.



McSherry, Robert Paul "Bob", 71, Delray Beach, FL, 4/22/25 was the brother of Joanne and Janet, uncle of five, great-uncle of seven and

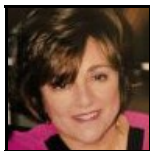
the former husband of Dawn. He was an Electronics Technician. Bob enjoyed golfing, riding his Harley and spending time fishing.



Meara, Margaret "Peggy", 84, Burlington, MA, 5/7/25 was the wife of late Ken, mother of Cheryl and Christopher and grandmother of two. She was a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). She enjoyed crocheting hats, mittens, baby blankets, ponchos, and scarves, many of which were given as cherished gifts or donated to her local community.



Miller, David R., 73, Revere, MA, 5/23/25 was the brother of Linda, brother-in-law Edson, cousin Sharon and many friends, clients and colleagues. He was a Machinist. He completed Naval Recruit Training in Great Lakes, Illinois.



Orrino, Frances P., 81, Chelmsford, MA, 3/17/25 was the wife of Gennaro, mother of Anthony and John, and grandmother of four. She was an avid cook and baker and enjoyed spending time with her family at their summer home in Alton Bay, NH.



Patno, Betty D., 80, Summit, NJ, 6/6/25 was the wife of Horace, mother of Becky and Michelle, grandmother of four and great-grandmother of one. She was a Chemist (Cambridge). After Polaroid she designed jewelry, created exquisite floral arrangements, and founded Elegant Concepts by Bettina, a bridal dress business in Londonderry, New Hampshire. Her designs were featured in the Miss Universe and Miss New Hampshire pageants.



Payne George M. "Mickey", 77, Carlisle, MA, 4/11/25 was the father of Richard and Bianca, ex-husband of Joan and grandfather of five. George was a Design Engineer on the team that designed and developed the original SX-70 Instant Camera. He enjoyed classic cars and oval track racing.



Potzka, Kenneth A. "Ken", 69, Waltham, MA, 5/18/25 was the husband of Jane and father of Nicole. Ken was a

fan of all professional sports teams in Boston but had a special affection for time spent on the golf course.



Regan, John Thomas, 81, Marshfield, MA, 4/23/25 was the husband of the late Blaind (Bunny), father of Sean, Barbara and Timothy and grandfather of seven. He was a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. John was a Senior Executive Financial Controller. John traveled the world with Bunny to many locales including Ireland, Scotland, Bermuda, Aruba, Hawaii and throughout continental Europe. He was a member of the PRA.



Robertson, Kevin J., 64, Somerset, MA, 3/15/25 was the husband of Deolinda and father of Jessica and Trevor. He worked in the Machine Shop. Kevin's family was his world, and went to the greatest lengths to ensure he could be a support to them all.



Rossetti, James J., 90, Woburn, MA, 4/5/25 was the husband of Lorraine and uncle of many. He was a Warehouse Manager. James played on several semiprofessional sport teams, enjoyed gardening and sharing his fruits and vegetables and loved to travel all over the United States and Europe.



Rossi, Fredrick, 84, Burlington, MA, 4/13/25 was the husband of Diane, father of Tina and Stephen and grandfather of two. He served in the U.S. Air Force as an Airman Second Class with the Strategic Air Command, 817th Air Division at Pease Air Force Base in Portsmouth, NH. Fredrick was a Senior Mechanical Engineer. He worked on Camera Battery Pack designs. He assisted the Smithsonian in designing a fix for the mirror array for the Hubble Space Telescope. He was an exceptional cook and enjoyed boat trips, surfcasting and fishing off the jetty in Wells, Maine.



Santosuosso, Joseph A. Sr., 83, Revere, MA, 3/13/25 was the husband of Marie and former husband of the late Janeen, father of Dean and the late Joseph Jr, grandfather of two and great-grandfather of two. Joseph fulfilled his dream of opening his own company that focused on building homes and

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providing property management services.



Sonia, Mary F., Manchester, NH, 6/3/25 was the wife of Robert, mother of Jessica and grandmother of Anthony, Caden and Ryan. She was the stepmother of Lisa, Kim,

Chris and Bob and grandmother and great-grandmother of their children and grandchildren. She worked in Waltham. She enjoyed photography, dancing and paranormal investigating.



St. Pierre, Ronald "Ron", Beverly, MA, 4/1/25 was the husband of Dorothy, father of Julie, Suzanne, Paula, Ron and Beth, grandfather of fourteen and great-grandfather of five. He served in the U.S. Navy and the Merchant Marines, travelling the world with adventures and stories from every port. He enjoyed Notre Dame football, loved making people laugh and had a joke or story for every occasion.

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Stroschio, Frank M., 71, Wakefield, RI, 6/21/25 was the husband of Linda, father of Melissa and grandfather of three. He was an Engineering Manager. Frank had a deep

love for his Siberian Huskies Mya and Kody, enjoyed playing guitar in a band called "The Boyband" and authored a book titled "Stories Best Told in the Dark" that documented many of his paranormal experiences.



Tahmoush, Frank G., 88, Cheshire, CT, 5/24/25 was the husband of Karen, father of Heather, Frank, David and the late Kevin and grandfather of two. Frank served as a First

Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps, conducting metallurgical research at the Watertown Arsenal. Frank retired as Director of Worldwide Purchasing for the Electronics Division. He loved spending time with his family, golfing, skiing, traveling extensively (including over 40 trips to the Far East). He enjoyed cooking, playing pool with friends at Castle Heights and reading.



Varney, Richard F. "Dick", 93, Southborough, MA, 3/19/25 was the husband of Helen, father of Brenda, Mark and Christina, grandfather of five and great-grandfather of

seven. Dick was an Aerial Photographer and Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict flying in a B-26, a B-29 and a B-36. Dick was a Chemical Engineer.



Viens, Lynne E., 69, Acushnet, MA, 4/23/25 was the wife of John, mother of Ross and Kurt and grandmother of seven. She worked in the Cafeteria in New Bedford. She enjoyed cooking, playing golf and caring for her beautiful property with its many flower gardens.



Warner, Larry M., 85, Owosso, MI, 3/3/25, was the husband of Barbara, father of Michael and Brooke, stepfather of Heather and grandfather of four. He served

in the U.S. Navy. Larry worked in Sales. He enjoyed his cars, playing golf, cards, dominoes and loved fishing, spending time near or on the lake and telling captivating stories. Larry knew how to rock the dance floor.



Weiner, Edward B., 92, Tewksbury, MA, 3/30/25 was the husband of Sally, father of Paul, and Lee, stepfather of Deborah, grandfather of eight and great-grandfather of two.

He served in the U.S. Navy. Edward loved to travel, a good joke, a good steak without anything on it, Chinese food and pizza and beer in Chelsea. He was a member of the PRA.

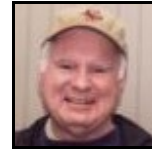


Wenger, Lawrence G., 87, Canton, MA, 3/6/25 was the husband of the late Margaret, father of Michael, Karen, Daniel, David and the late Mary Ann and grandfather of fourteen. He served in the U.S. Army. He was an Engineer. Lawrence had a love of boating and fishing and was an original member of the Sharon Roadrunners Club where he enjoyed running and completed several marathons.



Wentworth, Wayne R. "Winky", 70, Yule, FL, 3/23/25 was the father of Lisa, Kevin and Nicole and grandfather of seven. He spent many joyful years as a

DJ, dancing and celebrating with others. Winky found joy in golfing, fishing, the ocean, movie quotes, seafood feasts and watching "The Price Is Right."



Werner, Peter R. "Pete", 77, Marlborough, MA, was the brother of Robert, uncle of many and dear friend of Lee and Earnie. A true New England Sports Enthusiast,

Pete was a proud season ticket holder for the Boston Red Sox, could often be found smiling at his favorite local spot, Jake's Restaurant in Marlborough, and regularly attended services at Immaculate Conception Church in Marlborough.



Whalen, James E. "Jim", 86, Burlington, MA, 3/8/25 was the husband of Lillian, father of Eleanor, James and Jennifer and grandfather of six. Jim had a great love for

singing, was an avid hunter, played in a weekly cribbage tournament, took day trips and served as Treasurer with the Retired Men's Club of Arlington. He was a member of the PRA.



Williams, Pennye J., 64, Framingham, MA, 6/3/25 was the cousin of 5 paternal 1st cousins, 3 paternal 2nd cousins, 5 paternal 3rd cousins, 6 maternal 1st

cousins, 9 maternal 2nd cousins, 8 maternal 3rd cousins and a host of extended family and adopted cousins and friends. She was a Finance Manager. Pennye leaves behind an incredible legacy of love, strength, grace, dedication, and devotion which will live on in the hearts of her family, friends, church, Sorors and the communities in which she lived and served. She was a member of the PRA.



Wise, Donna Hall, 82, Medfield, MA 4/20/25 was the wife of Frederick, mother of Foster and the late Frederick and grandmother of three. She worked in Norton.

Donna liked being in the outdoors, enjoyed hiking and skiing as a young woman, loved classical music, dancing, gardening of all kinds and was an avid reader of a variety of authors and subjects.

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