

Thomas E. Valliere, 64

Was U.S. veteran; resident of Ashburnham



ASHBURNHAM — Thomas E. Valliere, 64, of Stodge Meadow Road, died Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2006, in HealthAlliance Hospital/Leominster, after being stricken ill at his home.

He was born in Leominster, on July 3, 1942, the son of the late Ernest A. and Margaret M. (Dooley) Valliere. He graduated from Fitchburg High School in 1960.

Mr. Valliere went on to join the U.S. Navy and served during the Vietnam War.

He was the service manager at the former Soucy Chrysler Plymouth in Leominster for 10 years and later in the same capacity at the former Twin City Dodge in Fitchburg.

Mr. Valliere leaves his wife of 24 years, Karen M. (Whelan) Valliere of Ashburnham; three daughters, Brenda L. Cruz and her husband, Izzy of Summerville, S.C., Amy M. McDermott of Fitchburg, and Ann M. McDermott of Auburn; three grandchildren, Celeste Gendron of Fitchburg, and Linda Martin and Christian Martin, both of Summerville, S.C.



Flowers may be sent or memorial contributions made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 10 Brookline Place, Brookline, MA 02445.

The Smith-Mallahy-Masciarelli Funeral Home directed arrangements.

Richard A. Godfrey, 71

Was U.S. veteran; native of Ashburnham



GARDNER — Richard A. Godfrey, 71, of 299 Pleasant St., died Wednesday, Sept. 27, in UMass Memorial Healthcare, University Campus, Worcester, after a long illness.

He was born in Ashburnham on Aug. 4, 1935, the son of Frances (Palmer) Godfrey and the late William K. Godfrey and lived here all

of his life. He graduated from Cushing Academy in Ashburnham and received his bachelor degree from Bryant College in Rhode Island.

For many years, he worked as an accountant at the Weyerhaeuser Co. in Fitchburg and later for the James River Corp. in Fitchburg.

Mr. Godfrey served his country as a paratrooper with the U.S. Army, Airborne Division from 1954-1958.

He is survived by his mother, Frances (Palmer) Godfrey of Ashburnham; one son, Richard A. Godfrey, Jr. of Baldwinville; two daughters, Dr. Wanda L. Godfrey-Guha of Clayton, N.C. and Deborah J. Caron of Orange; three brothers, William Godfrey of Ashland, Robert Godfrey of Templeton, and David Stone of Cary, N.C.; three sisters, Linda Crocker of Rindge, N.H., Sandra Richardson of Joppatowne, Md., and Diane Oliva of Gardner; eight grandchildren; nephews and nieces.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association of Eastern MA, Inc., One Abbey Lane, Middleboro, MA 02346.

Lamoureux-Fletcher Community Funeral Home directed arrangements.

Ann F. (Corey) Munroe, 67

Was active member of St. Denis Parish



ASHBURNHAM — Ann F. (Corey) Munroe, 67, of 218 Stowell Road, died Monday, Oct. 2, 2006, at home after a four-year battle with colon cancer.

She was born on July 27, 1939, in South Boston, the daughter of the late Anna and Daniel Corey and was raised in Rindge, N.H. She graduated from Our Lady of Monadnock Academy in Jaffrey, NH in 1957 and then attended Boston Dispensary School of Medical Laboratory Technology, working as a phlebotomist at the Monadnock Community Hospital in Peterborough, N.H. She was married to John Ernest Munroe on November 14, 1964 and then moved to Ashburnham where she and her husband have resided the past 42 years.

Mrs. Munroe later worked at other positions including Leominster Hospital as a Medical Assistant and at the Assessors Office in Ashburnham for 21 years.

She was an active member of St. Denis Catholic Church in Ashburnham, volunteering as a lector and fundraiser and member of the choir. She was a member of the Clio Women's Club and served as President of the St. Denis Guild. She also taught CCD Classes, at St. Denis. She was very politically active, serving as a member of the Ashburnham Democratic Town Committee, holding positions as both secretary and treasurer. She worked as an election officer and clerk for several years and was a member at large to Friends of the Stevens Library in Ashburnham.

Mrs. Munroe enjoyed many activities including gardening, tennis, traveling, jogging, friends and family. She actively participated for several years in the Relay For Life to raise public awareness and research funding for breast cancer.

She is survived by her husband John Munroe; two daughters, Cory Gracie and Lori Munroe, both of Ashburnham; two sons, Daniel Munroe of Denver, Colo. and Matthew Munroe of Ashburnham; three grandsons, Nicholas Gracie, Nathaniel Gracie, and Kyle Munroe; one sister, Helen Champney of Rindge, N.H.; and various other family members. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Skip of California; and her sister, Veronica of Jaffrey, N.H.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Oncology Clinic at Burbank Hospital, 275 Nichols Road, Fitchburg, MA 01420 . The Lamoureux-Fletcher Community Funeral directed arrangements.

Brenda Lee (Nickerson) Solarez, 48

Was longtime Ashby resident; worked in film industry



BRAWLEY, Calif - Brenda Lee (Nickerson) Solarez, 48, of Brawley, Calif. formerly of Ashby, died Monday, Sept. 25, 2006, in Brawley, of breast cancer.

She was born on Aug. 16, 1958, in Fitchburg, Mass., the daughter of Donald and Yvonne Nickerson of Ashby. She moved to Los Angeles from Ashby in 1987 to work in the film industry. Her favorite past time was spending it with her family in Ocotillo Wells camping and riding every weekend.

Besides her parents, Mrs. Solarez is survived by her husband of 16 years, Abbie Solarez; her daughter, Erika Solarez; two sons, Jonathan Solarez and Donovan Solarez, all of Brawley; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Craig and Brenda Nickerson of Leominster, Mass., Scott and Sharron Nickerson of Milford, N.H., and John and Noel Nickerson of Fitchburg; 11 nieces and nephews; and one great-niece. She was predeceased by her grandmother, Margaret Nickerson.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated Saturday, Oct. 7, at 10 a.m. in St. John's Church, 1 School St., Townsend. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 40 Speen St., Framingham, MA.

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