

# Obituaries

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## Margaret 'Peggy' Cecelia Langlois

Margaret "Peggy" Cecelia Langlois, of Lewiston, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loved ones at Niagara Hospice on Thursday, Aug. 22, 2024, at the age of 93.

Peggy was a loving wife, mother and grandmother, and is survived by her children: Barbara Langlois, Ellen Langlois Quinn, Cecelia Langlois Byrne, James (Reze) Langlois and Mary (Joe) Langlois Genovese; by her grandchildren: William T. (Izabela) Van Ormer, Cateline Quinn, Kelly Byrne, Rosalie Newman, Annabel Newman, James Genovese, Melissa Genovese, Joey Genovese, Allison Genovese and James Langlois; by a great-grandchild, Sophia VanOrmer; and by many nieces and nephews. She is pre-

ceded in death by her husband, Darwin James (Jim) Langlois; by her mother, Margaret C. Kelly; by her father, Harold W. Christman; by her sister, Regina Stafford; and by brothers Harold Christman and Ronald (Arlene) Christman.

Peggy was born January 15, 1931, in Albany, to Margaret and Harold Christman. Peg's early life was spent in Albany, with her Aunt Margaret and Uncle John McElwee. Later, she moved to Detroit with her Aunt Emily and Uncle Arthur Hessler. After high school, she worked as a comptroller operator.

She was very active in community service events and dance socials. It was there that she met her soulmate, Jim. They were both avid "Lindy" dancers and won many awards. They married

on Nov. 17, 1951. After Jim graduated from the University of Detroit, with a chemical engineering degree, they started their family and lifelong adventure moving from city to city. Friendships were formed in the Buffalo/Niagara area, Wilmington (Delaware), Orange (Texas), San Juan (Puerto Rico), and her beloved Lewiston, where she resided since 1964.

Peggy devoted herself to raising their five children and a life of community service. Peggy was deeply involved with the Catholic community. Peggy was a devoted homemaker with many skills. She sewed clothing for all her children and grandchildren, made nightly dinners and still found time for community service work. This included service as a Girl Scout

leader, Niagara County American Cancer Society daffodil chairman, Lewiston Service Guild president, St. Peter's Rosary and Alter Society president, Catholic Sunday school teacher, Catholic Bingo hospitality lead, parish secretary and she was the first female Eucharistic minister at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church. She received "The Lay Award of St. Joseph the Worker" in 1975 for her enthusiasm in sharing Christian joy and faith. Peggy and Jim led the effort to create and install St. Peter's beautiful stained-glass windows installed in 1998.

Peggy was also an avid entertainer and extremely creative. She attended Woodstock, led bridge and book club luncheons and dinners with friends, as well as many dinner parties for family

and friends. If there was something to be celebrated, Peggy was the first to host a party. There were also many impromptu kitchen table chats with friends and family over the years. She led a joyful life until the end and had the greatest positive spirit.

There will be no prior visitation. Family and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, from St. Peter's R.C. Church, 620 Center St., Lewiston.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Peggy's memory to Niagara Hospice, or to St. Peter's repair and improvement fund.

Please share condolences at [www.HARDISONFUNERAL-HOMES.com](http://www.HARDISONFUNERAL-HOMES.com).

## Michael 'Mike' Patrick Flanagan

Michael "Mike" Patrick Flanagan, 67, of Lewiston, passed away suddenly from a heart attack on Thursday, Aug. 22, 2024.

Mike was born Dec. 29, 1956, in Niagara Falls, to Samuel Patrick Flanagan and Marion Marcinowski Flanagan. Both, now deceased, had been public school educators - Samuel in North Tonawanda and Marion in Niagara Falls.

Mike graduated from Lewiston-Porter High School, where he was a member of the varsity swim team. He served as a lifeguard for Niagara Falls public swimming pools. He attended Niagara University, where he was a member of both the swim team and the Dead Pheasants rugby team. Mike then served in the U.S. Marines. He later enjoyed a career as a heavy equipment operator and project su-



pervisor on both commercial and industrial construction and demolition projects across Western New York and other parts of the United States. He worked as a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 17.

Mike loved riding his motorcycle, frequently with a group of

friends who call themselves the LO Ryders (Lake Ontario Ryders). On learning of his passing, several dozen of his fellow bikers and friends organized and held a bike ride in his honor on Aug. 25. This included many of the riders wearing decals they'd made from a photo of a helmeted Mike, contentedly astride his 2008 Victory Vision, Arlen Ness Edition.

Mike often could be found at Tin Pan Alley and Somewhere, two very special places to him. He was also a member of the Moose Lodge 584. In earlier days, when Mike was more adventurous and his reflexes sharper, he was a regular stock car racer at Ransomville Speedway. Some of Mike's friends called him, both jokingly and lovingly, "Father Flanagan," "Flanny," "Crazy Irishman" and

"Scrodman."

Mike is survived by his daughter, Nicole Flanagan-Morreale (husband, Anthony Morreale Jr.), of Lewiston, and son, Sam Flanagan, of Youngstown; by four sisters: Joann Flanagan, of Lewiston, Kathy Burtner (Bob Burtner), of Conyers (Georgia), Suzan Flanagan (Robert Moore) of Minerva

Park (Ohio), and Ann Marie Barbone (John Barbone), of Atlanta; by a brother, Tim Flanagan (Mi-Hui Flanagan), of Hickory Creek, Texas; by two maternal aunts; and cousins, nieces, nephews, and grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Mike's family and friends will remember him in a future "celebration of life" gathering.

## IN THE NEWS

### Stella Niagara's Center of Renewal to host 50th anniversary celebration

Press Release

Come one, come all to the 50th anniversary celebration honoring the interfaith retreat center ministry maintained since 1974 at Stella Niagara's Center of Renewal Retreat & Conference Center, a 501(c)3 ministry sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance & Christian Charity, Holy Name Province.

This community event will be held from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15. Guests are asked to gather in Stella Niagara's Sisters' Chapel for the 2 p.m. interfaith program, immediately followed by a reception and accolades in the Center of Renewal dining room.

Free parking is available across from the main entrance in the center of the campus facing east, plus near the Center of Renewal.

Note: Labor Day is the final deadline to call in reservations to ensure adequate refreshments and seating. To preregister or for more information, call 716-754-7376, ext. 1 or ext. 2, with name, number of guests in a group, and a return phone number.

### Connect Niagara bus service to waive bus fares Sept. 3-6

Submitted by the Niagara County Public Information Office

Connect Niagara - the bus service operated by the Niagara County Department of Public Works - will allow all riders to ride for free from Sept. 3-6 as part of an effort to introduce more people to the service.

"This is our second free trial period, as we did one back in July, which did lead to an uptick in ridership," DPW Commissioner Garret Meal said. "Now, with SUNY Niagara and other colleges starting the semester and vacations over for most people, we thought this would be a good time to again waive all fares on Connect Niagara to encourage more people to give it a try."

Connect Niagara - formerly known as Rural Transportation - operates five different routes across Niagara County. Residents can catch the bus at one of the stops, call ahead for a pickup, or flag a bus down to hop on. Connect Niagara will deviate up to three quarters of mile for

those who schedule ahead. The regular fare is \$2 on route and \$4 off route. To learn more about Connect Niagara and to view the bus schedule, go to [www.niagaracounty.gov/bus](http://www.niagaracounty.gov/bus). To schedule a pickup, call 716-282-8544.

"Our hope is that, with low fares and free transfers to other Connect Niagara routes and NFTA buses, people will realize Connect Niagara is a convenient and inexpensive way to get where you need to be," Meal said.

### The Youngstown Village Diner

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**WED 6AM-2PM** - Stuffed Cabbage Rolls or Fish - Haddock: Breaded-Battered-Baked  
**THURS 6AM-2PM** - Turkey Salad on Croissant or Fish - Haddock: Breaded-Battered-Baked  
**FRI 6AM-2PM** - Haddock, Fish Sandwiches, Tuna Melts & New England Clam Chowder  
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**North Tonawanda Youth Parks & Recreation**  
**FALL PILATES 2024**  
 SEPT. 11 - DEC. 18, 2024  
 (NO CLASS ON: OCT 23 & NOV 27)  
 WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT  
 DRAKE SCHOOL GYM - NORTH TONAWANDA  
 7:00PM - 8:00PM  
 13 WEEK PROGRAM

RESIDENTS - \$52.00 PER SESSION  
 NON-RESIDENTS - \$65.00 PER SESSION

Registration forms can be obtained at the N.T. Recreation Department located at 500 Wheatfield St., N. Tonawanda. You may also register on line at [NTParksrec.com](http://NTParksrec.com)