

Campground Memories

2021-2022



187th SEASON OF THE CAMP MEETING

MVCMA, OAK BLUFF, MA

Campground members who have passed away

June 1, 2021 – July 30, 2022

<i>Chappell Cory</i>	27 Victorian Park
<i>Ashley DePriest</i>	So. Circuit Ave.
<i>Walter Frey</i>	53 Trinity Park
<i>Richard Hartman</i>	13 Commonwealth Sq.
<i>Cinda Hoyt</i>	1 Bayliss
<i>Jan Levine</i>	1 Rural Circle
<i>Christine Lord</i>	6 Rural Circle
<i>Terry Lowe</i>	8 Fourth Ave.
<i>Michael Nowakowski</i>	5 Bayliss
<i>Esmeralda Swindle</i>	11 Trinity Park
<i>Frank John Welch</i>	2 Wesleyan Grove



Chappell Cory

1943-2021


After 78 years Chappell Cory III, made his final approach on a beautiful fall Friday evening, after a wonderful dinner surrounded by Margo, Sam, Chris, Brian and Cali. Chap was happily in residence at Nevahdun, his much beloved MVCMA cottage of over 40 years.



He spent his last days enjoying the company of family and friends. The warm sun bathed his favorite island the next morning. Chap lived a life in full. He deeply and actively loved his family and friends. He lived to learn and try new things. He was generous and positive. His knowledge was vast and deep. His love and friendships were lasting and strong.

He was unflappable, particularly sitting in his Cessna 172 with frequent hardball IFR conditions at MVY before the days of GPS. He worked on missile-guidance systems for GE and later for Joe Sabo at LSI; managed engineering departments as VP of Engineering for Xylogics and Analogic; raised money for his startup Augment Systems; took a company public and programmed Smart Houses for clients including a former US President. He spent the last fifteen years on two islands, MV in the summer and Culebra in the winter. In the 60's, he never lost a race in his limited-edition Corvette on the streets of California. He saw the greats of jazz play clubs in New York while earning his engineering degree at Stevens College. As a board member he helped the MVCMA develop its first 5-year plan. Chap did things, he fixed things and he made things work. Chap was a pioneer.

He was the man with the tools and a dozen projects. He challenged himself to understand how and why things worked. He was a constant in people's lives. He worked hard for them. He built amazing Halloween costumes for his kids. He built amazing houses with his wife Margo in their 51 year marriage. They traveled the world together and found friendship on many continents. Chap will be missed by many. He is survived by his wife Margo; his son's Brian and Chris; his daughter-in-law Sam; his sister Suzanne; and brother Steve.





Ashley Thomas DePriest

1944-2022

Ashley Thomas DePriest died peacefully at Newton Wellesley Hospital on July 17, 2022, after a long illness. His four sons - Joe Shaun DePriest, Shaun Joe DePriest, James Reid DePriest Occouch Vanderhoop, and Luke Tyler DePriest - were all in attendance the day before his passing and were able to say goodbye to their father.

He was born on Oct. 27, 1944, in Sanford, Maine to Avis Williston DePriest and Osby James DePriest where his father was a naval officer in the U.S. Navy stationed there at the time. He was born a fraternal twin and his twin was Osby DePriest. He was one of four boys. His three brothers predeceased him. They were in order of birth: Robert Williston, Osby DePriest, and Don DePriest.



Ashley's mother settled in Oak Bluffs on South Circuit Ave. when the boys were young. Ashley attended Martha's Vineyard Regional High School where he graduated in 1964 and was a member of the very first undefeated football team in the school's history in 1963. He then joined the United States Marine Corps where he served from 1964 to 1968 during which time he did two tours of duty in Vietnam where he saw and experienced many atrocities. He returned home the summer of 1968 and married Bernadette (Crossland) Rebello on August 24, 1968, with whom he had four sons.

Ashley had many jobs some of which were Andrews and Pierce Trucking, bouncer at the Lampost in the 70s, doing tile work and most notable was working for MV Camp Meeting Association as a groundskeeper later in life.

Ashley was a kind, quiet, private man who lived life on his own terms. He was well known in Oak Bluffs and will be sorely missed by all.

Semper fidelis, Ashley.





Francis John Welch

1931-2021

Frank passed away on October 12, 2021 after a brief illness. He was 90.

Born on May 11, 1931 to Thomas and Eva Welch in Hamden, Connecticut, he grew up learning the building trade from his father.



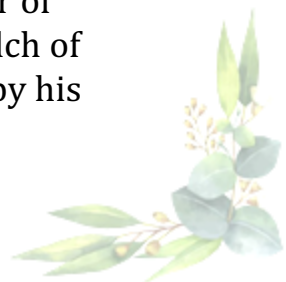
In 1952, he was drafted into the Army and after basic training he was sent to Germany where he put his construction skills to use as part of the 862 Engineer Aviation Battalion also known as SCARWAF (Special Category Army With Air Force). While in Germany, he earned the National Defense Service Medal.

After being discharged, he met and married his first wife, Barbara Corliss. They moved to the Vineyard and raised four children. Here they created retail businesses and Frank began his construction business. Frank was well known for his building skills, specializing in maintenance and repair. He could be seen over the years working on various buildings on the Vineyard: Mad Martha's, Brickman's, Rainy Day, and the Harbor Master's Booth in Menemsha. He was particularly proud of the house he built with his second wife, Virginia, where they raised two daughters and where he lived until his death.

As a motorcycle enthusiast, Frank rode well into his eighties, making annual sojourns with his friends to Daytona, Florida; Lake George, New York; and Fryburg, Pennsylvania. With his sister, Eva, as co-pilot, he also took many road trips across the country in his truck.

He was a part of various organizations, including being a member of the AA program, where he achieved 47 years of sobriety and helped many people find and keep theirs. As a veteran, he was a proud member of the American Legion post #257 where he participated in many events.

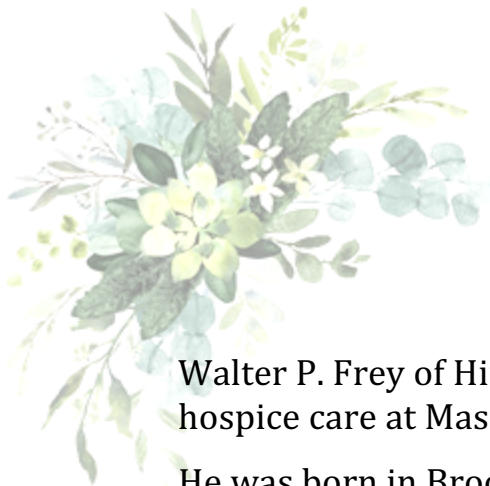
Frank is survived by his children: Thomas Welch and wife Laurel of Oak Bluffs; Bonnie-Jo Hakala, husband Paul, and grandson Andrew of Oak Bluffs; Christopher Welch, wife Karin, and granddaughters Jessica and Heather of Oak Bluffs; Brian Welch, wife Lorna, and grandson Brendan; Carrie Welch of Vineyard Haven; and Katherine Welch of Amherst. He is also survived by his



sister Eva D'Agostino of Hamden, Connecticut, as well as many nieces and nephews. Frank was predeceased by his wife Virginia of 23 years and his parents, Thomas and Eva Welch.

Graveside services will be private. A celebration of his life will take place on Sunday, October 24, 2021, at the new Agricultural Hall Panhandle Road, West Tisbury, from 2-5 pm. All are welcome.





Walter P. Frey

2022

Walter P. Frey of Hingham and Oak Bluffs died peacefully on April 15 in hospice care at Massachusetts General Hospital. He was 86.

He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. and spent much of his childhood helping out Opa and Oma in the family delicatessen, where he discovered a love of potato salad and chocolate pudding. He attended Poly Prep Country Day School in Brooklyn and went on to graduate from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1956 with a degree in aeronautical engineering. He also played lacrosse there.

His career took him to Grumman Aerospace, Pan American World Airways and Mobil Oil. While at PanAm, Walter was the project engineer from conception through first flight of the monumental 747 aircraft. His career at Mobil took him all over the world, providing technical service to national and private airlines. While traveling for Mobil, Walter attended religious services on Sundays, regardless of the language, and he never met a local beer he did not like, always asserting that “beer is safer than water.”



In 1956, he married Beryl Schelhorn, a graduate of Lasell Women’s College. Together they raised three children — Tabetha, Karl and Tammy — in Garden City, N.Y. The family took frequent trips to their summer cottage at the Martha’s Vineyard Camp Meeting Association in Oak Bluffs. The cottage became the host to many croquet matches and cribbage games, and welcomed friends and family during the 50 years that Walter summered there.

After his retirement from Mobil, Walter took a summer job working for the Steamship Authority, where he was always recognizable in his bright red shirt and enormous six foot, six inch stature. His grandchildren loved spending the summer months at the cottage, jumping off his shoulders in the water and listening to him sing Sing Your Way Home at the weekly community sings — always entirely out of key.



His daughter Tammy died in 2004 and was unfortunately soon followed by his wife Beryl, who died in 2010 after battling Alzheimer's disease. Beryl's final years were fortunate to bring Elisabeth (Bette) Pust back into Walter and Beryl's lives; Bette was Beryl's childhood best friend. Walter found companionship and comfort in Bette until her death in 2017.

Walter loved his family, which includes Tabetha's husband Lee McCartney and Karl's wife Patty Cullen. He adored his grandchildren; Kyla McCartney and spouse Elizabeth Wiesner, Kaitlyn Tradd and spouse Benjamin Tradd, Xavier Frey, Aigneis Frey, Augustine Frey, and his great- grandchildren Natalie Tradd and Wren McCartney Wiesner.





Richard "Dick" Hartman

2022

HARTMAN, Richard "Dick" Of Allston, passed away on June 8, 2022, after a 3-year battle with Leukemia (AML). Beloved husband of Rita (Gaynor) Hartman. Devoted father of Rich Hartman and his wife Nicole Gilbert of Hopkinton. Loving grandfather of Maxwell and Nolan Hartman. Brother of Bob Hartman and his wife Heidi of AZ and the late Jack Hartman. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.



Dick was an International Footwear Executive and held many top sales positions over his 55-year career. He came to Boston in 1963 from Burlington, VT and started working on South Street in the Leather District. Dick went on to work at companies such as Famolare, Eastland, Dexter, Shanghai Richina Leather, and most recently at Camtrade. He very much enjoyed his time on the island of Martha's Vineyard where he often went to the beach, played golf, and most of all, spending time with his family, grandchildren, and dear friends.





Cinda Hoyt

1947-2022

Lucinda "Cinda" Hoyt was born in November of 1947. She was the middle child of Randall and Solveig Gerrard of Torrington, Connecticut who in the early 1970's purchased the blue cottage at 1 Bayliss Ave. The cottage was the pride and joy of her parents who would spend each summer scraping, sanding and painting with occasional breaks to golf, fish, clam and relax. They met incredible friends in Oak Bluffs, befriended a legendary poet and witnessed a presidential visit.

Cinda earned a nursing degree from the University of Connecticut and on the day man first set foot on the moon, she met the love of her life while vacationing on the Cape. She and her husband Bill brought their young family to the island for the first time right after Jaws was filmed.



The Vineyard and the Campgrounds played a special role in Cinda's life. It's where every few summers she would reconnect with her parents while they got to know their grandchildren. It's where the extended Gerrard family met to celebrate Randall and Solveig's 50th anniversary. It was the site of family engagements, weddings and baby showers and where three generations of family grabbed the occasional brass ring while riding a flying horse. The campground paths were where Cinda would watch her children and later her grandchildren take some of their first steps, push scooters then ride (walk!) bikes.

When Randall and Solveig passed, Cinda and her sister Lorna took over the stewardship of the cottage with a passion that would make their parents proud. Cinda counted her neighbors in the Campground as some of her dearest friends. Cinda and Lorna would meet at least twice every summer to tend to the cottage, enjoy summer and prepare lanterns for illumination night.

Cinda was still a subscriber to the Vineyard Gazette when she passed on May 23, 2022 after a brief battle with cancer. She truly loved the Vineyard and being part of the Campground community.





Jan Wortman Levine

1943-2021

Jan Wortman Levine died on September 11, 2021, at age 78, after a brief illness. She was born in Bennington, VT, on February 20, 1943, and grew up in Fairview Park, OH, where she attended public schools. Jan earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Speech from Northwestern University in 1965 and a Master's of Science degree in Communicative Disorders from the University of Wisconsin in 1968. At Northwestern, she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority and met her husband of 56 years on a blind date. She lived in Pittsburgh, PA, from 1969 until her death.



The Campground occupied a special place in Jan's heart. Arriving as a three-year old in 1946, she spent 19 summers on the Vineyard, enjoying swimming, picnics, and other activities with family members and friends, all of whom had cottages in the MVCMA. Throughout high school and college, she worked as a waitress at Walmsley's Restaurant in Oak Bluffs.

Jan loved the Island and was excited to introduce John to it after they married in 1965. He quickly came to share her enthusiasm, and they and their sons, Jeff and Andy, spent many happy vacations in the cottage purchased by her mother's parents, Charles and Hester Coughlan, in 1946. Jan's husband and sons have wonderful memories of their time with her on Martha's Vineyard – days at South Beach, bike rides to the airport, hikes in the Correllus State Forest, rides on the Flying Horses in Oak Bluffs, walking (stumbling) on the Menemsha jetty, and visits to the Dairy Queen in Edgartown.

Jan worked for over 30 years as a Speech-Language Therapist in the public schools of Portage and Madison, WI, and several school districts in Allegheny County, PA. After retiring, she volunteered for 10 years at the Hillman Cancer Center in Pittsburgh and read stories to children at the Western PA School for Blind Children. In all of these roles, her warmth and compassion for others, her cheerful disposition, and her integrity were evident to everyone who knew her.



She enjoyed swimming, hiking (particularly around the Swiss village of Wengen), listening to classical music, reading fiction and nonfiction, and especially spending time with her family. She had many friends around the world, who loved her

Jan is survived by her husband and sons; her sisters, Sally Dagnall and Julie Wortman; her grandchildren, Bennett and Isabel; as well as cousins, nieces, and a nephew. She was predeceased by her parents, Ruth and Weldon Wortman.





Christine A. Lord

1962-2021

Christine A. Lord “Chris”, 59, a part-time summer resident of the MVCMA passed away peacefully on December 6, 2021, after a courageous twenty-seven month battle with cancer. Throughout endless treatments amidst a global pandemic, Chris was a fighter, remained hopeful, and was an inspiration to her friends and family. Chris lived in the Lord summer cottage at 6 Rural Circle.


She was the beloved daughter of the late George “Bud” and Joyce (Rosell) Lord, Jr. and predeceased by her brother Jeffrey R. Lord. Chris was the loving sister of Alan Lord and his wife Cindy, of South Kingstown, RI and 6 Rural Circle. She leaves behind her cherished nieces, Julie Lord, Stephanie Lord, and Alison Lord, as well as her dear nephew Jeffrey Lord and his wife Luciana and their children and her nephew and niece Domenic and Gioia Lord.



Chris lived in Peabody MA and was employed as a managing editor at Christian Book Distributors for 20 years until her passing. Her job was a huge part of her life and she had a passion for what she did. Chris viewed her coworkers and the company as an extended family and felt a sense of belonging within its Christian community.

Chris loved spending time or talking on the phone with her family and her extensive groups of lifelong friends. She was happiest when she was sitting on the porch of her Martha’s Vineyard cottage, preferably with a lobster roll in one hand and a crossword puzzle in the other. Steadfast to her love of literature and writing, she was an avid reader, a Shakespeare enthusiast, and a Jeopardy buff. One of her many favorite things to do on the Vineyard was attend a Shakespeare performance outdoors at the Tisbury Amphitheater.

Chris loved all things connected to the campground, which included concerts on the Tabernacle lawn, Sunday services, Community Sing, the annual yard sale, the 4th of July kids’ parade, the annual Crafts and Artisan fair. But most of all, Illumination was her favorite campground event. She had fun decorating



the family cottage with lanterns and viewing all the cottages aglow. Chris also loved sitting and watching sunsets on the memorial bench dedicated to her mom and dad, and given to her and her brother Alan, by her nephew and nieces Julie, Stephanie, Alison and Jeffrey. The bench is the second one at the end of the OB harbor jetty and close to the Island Queen dock.

Chris enjoyed the OB Fire Dept. fireworks following Illumination and loved spending the day at State Beach with her family, eating lobster rolls from Grace Church, attending the Agricultural Fair on an annual basis and driving out to the Gay Head lighthouse and the many stops along the way.

Her friendship, wisdom, keen sense of humor, and love will be dearly missed by all.





Terry I. Lowe

1963-2021

Terry Iadicicco Lowe, 58, passed away peacefully at home on Friday October 1, after a long battle with Breast Cancer, holding the hand of the love of her life, her husband Tim and her loving, devoted daughter Josie by her side.




Terry was most proud of her daughter; her self-proclaimed greatest joy & accomplishment.

She had an unparalleled passion and enjoyment for her work, too; always excited, looking forward to another day of new challenge as Practice Manager and Veterinary Technician at Animal Health Care Associates. Her lifelong affection & avocation for animals made this position her perfect niche.

Terry most appreciated & enjoyed experiencing the culture of food, travel, music and loved to dance. She cherished her strong & close relationship with her family and friends, friends who became family.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, her strong family ties to the Vineyard provided summer seasons during her adolescence and early adult years. After moving to New York City and having Josie, she decided to give up city life for a new start on the Vineyard. She met Tim on the Campground in 1999; they enjoyed a great life together for 21 years.

In addition to Josie & Tim, Terry is survived by her mother Constance (Connie) Iadicicco, her brother Jeffery, his wife Christina (Chrissy), children Bobby, Jackie & her boyfriend Zane Smith, in Raleigh. Terry always made it clear that one of the gifts of her and Tim's union was gaining another family in Tim's family - Craig & Edie Lowe, Nancy & Claude Casey; Nephew Matt & Niece Maria Lowe who comfortingly opened their home during care & treatment trips to Boston; Nephew Andy Lowe and his girlfriend Maggie; Damon Cleveland and family & Mason Gayles and family. Terry also cherished her "New York and Philly Families", her tribe of friends extended near and far through her infectious spirit.





Michael Nowakowski

1952-2022

Michael Peter Nowakowski, 69, passed away peacefully Friday, April 22nd, 2022 surrounded by his wife and two children.

Michael was born in Torrington, Connecticut to Peter and Virginia Nowakowski on October 22nd, 1952. He had four loving sisters, Ginny, Janet, Diane, and Lauren. After graduating from Torrington High School in 1970, Michael attended Ohio University. He graduated in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science in Communications. He then entered the Navy via Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI and was commissioned as an Ensign.



Michael met his beloved wife, Marsha, while at an Officer's Club in Virginia Beach, VA. They married in 1977 and would spend the next 45 years inseparable, despite numerous deployments and time at sea over Michael's extensive Naval career. Marsha was his best friend and partner in life. Together they had two children, Amy and Mike. Michael was undeniably proud of his family and his commitment to those he loved was unwavering.

Michael also had an extended family that was the U.S. Navy. There he successfully led and mentored thousands of Marines and Sailors, fostered lifelong friendships, and traveled the world. Michael had a remarkable Naval career as a Surface Warfare Officer. He left behind a tremendous legacy as a two-star Admiral with significant contributions to his country in his 33 years of service.

Michael earned his Master of Business Administration from Hofstra University as well as a Master's Degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College. After his retirement from the Navy in 2007, he held a position as Vice President, Defense Contracts at Colonna's Shipyard in Norfolk, VA. Michael also served as a senior mentor at the U.S. Naval War College.

We are proud to call Michael our husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, shipmate, and friend. He has left an imprint on all our hearts, and we will miss him greatly.



Michael is survived by his wife, Marsha; his daughter and son-in-law Amy and Edwin Manley; son Michael Jr; grandchildren Julia and Grace Manley; sister and brother-in-law Ginny and Brad Nemetz; sister and brother-in-law Janet and Stephen Gold; sister and brother-in-law Diane and Daniel Domonell; sister Lauren Mucha; aunt Irene Eseppi; multiple cousins; nieces Clea Huston and Kristen Gutierrez; nephew Justin Domonell.





Esmeralda Swindle

1938-2022

Esmeralda Swindle of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico and Oak Bluffs died peacefully at home on February 21. She was 83.



Esmeralda was born in Jalisco, Mexico on July 28, 1938, the youngest of four. She grew up in Mexico City, graduated from the American School Foundation in 1953 and continued her studies in Paris, France, where she met her husband John Swindle. The two lived in Mexico, Canada, England, and the USA.

She became a summer resident in a gingerbread cottage after visiting Martha's Vineyard in 1971. The blue and white cottage became the gathering place for family and friends every summer since.

She could often be found working on a project at the cottage, caning chairs or making Beach Plum jelly. She became part of the wonderful group of beachgoers at Jetty Beach where she delighted in conversation. Esmeralda enjoyed a game of Bridge with neighbors and Mahjong which she learned to play at The Anchors. She could often be seen walking Lola her Chihuahua around the MVCMA.

She was predeceased by her husband, John (1977). She is survived by daughter Maura and her husband Jordi and their children, Jordi John and Jackie; and Leslie and her husband Antonio and their sons, Santiago and Daniel. Her gregarious smile was treasured by many.

