Obituaries published April 9

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Local obituaries were published Thursday, April 9 for: Charles Butler, 73, of Englewood, Fla., formerly of Attleboro; and Joseph Gately Sr., 79, of Mansfield.

Charles W. Butler, 73

ENGLEWOOD, Fla. - Charles W. Butler, 73, passed away March 28, 2015, peacefully at home after a lengthy illness of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

His high school sweetheart and constant companion for the last six years, Patricia, was at his side when he died.

He was born in Attleboro, Mass., the son of the late John and Ruth Butler.

He is survived by two daughters, Sherri Bouchard of Mansfield, Mass. and Terri Howe of Heath, Texas; also two sons, Brian Butler of Norton, Mass., and Derek Butler of Riverside, R.I., and nine grandchildren: Jordan, Ali, Madeline, MacKenzie, Cassidy, Paige, Matthew, Ryan and Olivia, and two great-grandchildren, Adian and Oliver.

He is also survived by four siblings: John Butler of Englewood; Marilyn Butler of Attleboro; Janice Larrivee of Hudson, Ohio, and Gail Frigon of Attleboro, and several nieces and nephews.

He was educated in Norton and Attleboro schools.

He served his years in the U.S. Army Reserves with military police training.

He was a member of the All Saints Episcopal Church in Attleboro in his early years.

All who knew Charlie loved his sense of humor. He had many talents and always a ton of interests. He loved to travel. He was an avid outdoorsman, and couldn't get enough fishing, hunting and boating. He was always at peace just being in the woods. When not in the woods, he was making crafts, jewelry, designing greeting cards and painting beautiful pictures.

His love for antiques took him many places and to many yard sales looking for that "special antique." Although he said he didn't read much, he could talk on any subject, and what he didn't know he made up!

Hospice was involved in Charlie's care for the last three months of his life. Donations in his memory may be made to Hospice.

Joseph Gately Sr., 79

MANSFIELD - Joseph Gately Sr., 79, of Mansfield, passed on Sunday, April 5, 2015 in Sturdy Memorial Hospital, Attleboro. He was the beloved husband of Roselene E. (Walker) Gately.

Born in Boston on Feb. 19, 1936, he was a son of the late John F. and Catherine F. (Hession) Gately. Joseph was educated in Boston schools.

He served his country proudly as a member of the U.S. Army Reserve.

He was a longtime member of the General Laborers Union, Local 138.

Joseph worked many years at Aggregate in Plainville as a crusher operator prior to retirement.

He enjoyed a variety of music, working on his house, playing cards and spending time in his workshop on woodworking projects.

In addition to his wife Roselene, Joseph is survived by four children: Joseph Gately Jr. and his wife Tracey of Norfolk; Debra Hill and her husband Richard of Tyngsboro; Richard E. Gately of Franklin; and William J. Gately and his wife Louise of Harrisville, R.I.; a stepson, Eric A. Walker and his wife Irina of Texas; three sisters: Claire Matthews of Sacramento, Calif.; Gertrude Gately of Wrentham and Cathy Tagliani of Hudson; a sister-in-law, Judith Huffman of Venice, Fla.; 12 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He was the brother of the late John F. Thomas, Robert E., Paul, and Francis Gately. He was also predeceased by his first wife, Lucille (Visconte) Gately.

Visitation on Sunday, April 12 from 3 to 6 p.m. in the R.J. Ross Funeral Home, 135 South St., Wrentham.

Funeral service on Monday, April 13 at 9 a.m. in Trinity Episcopal Church, 47 East St., Wrentham.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Boys Town, P.O. Box 8000, Boys Town, NE 68010 or boystown.org/gift.

A guestbook can be found at rjrossfuneralhomeinc.com.