

# OBITUARIES

**BONNIE JO WESLEY**, 73, passed away in her home in Andover on August 13, 2022, after a long battle with cancer. She was born March 23, 1949, in Worcester, Massachusetts, to William Victor Bredthauer of Georgetown, Texas, and Marion Elizabeth Bredthauer of Worcester, Massachusetts. After her parents' divorce, she spent her formative years between Massachusetts and Texas until her father settled in Worcester with his second wife, Barbara Bredthauer.

Bonnie graduated in 1967 from South High School in Worcester, Massachusetts, where she later married her high school sweetheart, Carl Wesley of Concord, New Hampshire. Bonnie and Carl moved to Houston, Texas, where she worked as a mainframe programmer for many years. During her time in Texas, she made many friends, gave birth to her son, Samuel Wesley, divorced her husband, and became her mother's full-time caretaker. She even-



home, she came out of retirement for a second time to work as a caretaker for Woodcrest Village Assisted Living in New London, until her cancer diagnosis the following January.

Bonnie was also an active member at the Andover Community Church (formerly the Andover Congregational Church) for many years, where she taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

Bonnie loved puzzles, dogs, flowers, and home-cooked meals. She loved to travel, whether cruising on Carl's Harley, road tripping across the United States with her son, or her recent trips to Europe. She loved meeting new people, tasting new cuisines, seeing new sights, and sharing new experiences. Everywhere she went, she left behind new friends. She was kind, caring, generous, and compassionate. She had a warm, adventurous spirit and never lost her sense of wonder. All who met her were blessed to know her, and she is sorely missed.

Bonnie is survived by her four brothers, Don Bredthauer of Burlson, Texas, Dennis Bredthauer of Centreville, Virginia, David Bredthauer of Brooklyn, New York, and Bill Bredthauer of Hopewell Junction, New York; her sister, Jane Gargulinski of Petersham, Massa-

**JOSEPH "GENE" ANTONIO EUGENE POULIN**, of East Andover, beloved husband, father, papa, brother, uncle, and friend passed away unexpectedly, but peacefully in his home on Friday, September 23, 2022.

Gene was born to Antonio and Ida (Dumont) Poulin on October 5, 1936 in Lawrence, Massachusetts. He was the seventh of ten children and is predeceased by his parents and three of his siblings: Jenette Lombardo, Irene Beaulieu, and Lee Poulin. He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years Priscilla Poulin, his son David and wife Debbie, his son Kevin and wife Jennifer, his daughter Michelle and her husband Chris, his daughter Amy and her husband Jason, his daughter Stacie and her husband Jeff, as well as his grandchildren: Joey and wife Sam, Michaela, Maddie, Tiffany and her fiancé Austin, Tristan, and his great grandchildren Colby and girlfriend Mya, Bentley, and Santigie. He also leaves behind his beloved siblings Yvette Herchenroder, Doris Harrison, Kim Poulin, Claire Lavoie, Marcie Martino, and Larry Poulin, as well as countless nieces and nephews, and wonderful friends.



Gene was an incredible father who loved his wife and children so fiercely. He served in the United States Army for three years before being medically discharged and made a career out of being a mail carrier before retiring. Retirement meant that he could be a full-time father, which was his favorite career of all. Later on, he became a full-time Papa, which he also loved. He took photos of everything, which will be cherished forever. You could always find him in his recliner doing a crossword puzzle or reading the paper. He

loved helping people. He was known for giving out Lifesavers, \$20 bills, and beers, particularly Heineken.

Fall was his favorite, especially Halloween. He loved growing pumpkins in his famous garden, and giving them out to everyone. Every year he would leave them by the mailboxes of all of his family members. He was an avid golfer, skilled bowler, and a great fisherman. He loved taking his canoe out on Highland Lake. He was excellent at playing cards, which is what he did every Tuesday after going to lunch with his devoted wife and best friends Bill and Loretta Bates. They also enjoyed their annual Poland Springs trip with the Bates for thirty years.

He loved the Peanuts, especially Snoopy. He napped in all of his Snoopy blankets. He took rides around town just to say hello to everyone and go to the dump! You could often find him sitting on his porch waving to everyone who passed by. For many years he was a part of the Andover Rescue Squad. He LOVED the Patriots and the Red Sox and called his sport-loving kids and grandkids anytime they had a great win. You could also find him blasting Sweet Caroline any time of the year. He was so proud that he met Elvis, and was a huge fan. He made the best spaghetti in the world and did the craziest things to make everyone laugh.

He was a lover of all animals, and they all loved him right back, and the constant treats he gave them too. He had the same jokes he would tell over and over that could always make you laugh. He was seen at countless sports games and events for his kids, grandkids, and great grandkids over the years. Gene was always kind and generous, and made everyone around him feel loved. The impact Gene made on his family and community was immense, and he will be sorely missed. He was always so proud of his family, as they were of him.

The family held a graveside service at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery. See Obituaries on page 36

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tually relocated to Andover, where she resided for the rest of her life.

Bonnie and Carl reconnected after her mother's death and were remarried in 2011. Shortly after, he was diagnosed with cancer and passed away in 2012. She came out of retirement in 2014 to work as Town Clerk for the Town of Andover, where she faithfully served her community until her second retirement in 2021. After two months at

chusetts; and her son, Samuel Wesley of Andover. She is predeceased by her parents, William Victor Bredthauer and Marion Elizabeth Bredthauer; her stepmother, Barbara Jane Bredthauer; and her husband, Carl Wesley.

A memorial service and celebration of her life was held on October 16 at the Andover Community Church. Donations to help cover expenses can be made at [gofund.me/e11cdcbb](http://gofund.me/e11cdcbb).

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*Charles, Marion (Chadwick), and Dan Hafner*

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