

Local Obits

Obituaries fascinate me. Let me rephrase that statement. Thoughtfully written obituaries make me pause to reflect on lives well-lived, and often, the humor in the wording clues me into someone I would have liked to have been acquainted with in person.

One rainy afternoon recently I went online to small town newspapers in the North Country of Upstate New York and this is what I found that kept me occupied for several hours.

To protect the privacy of family members and friends, I have removed last names and any other information you don't need to know anyhow.

Bob, 81, passed away at his home with his loving family at his side. In lieu of flowers, Bob's family requests that you do a kind deed for someone else in remembrance of him.

Marsha, 78, was a homemaker. Please bring a dish to pass in a recyclable container to the VFW after her service.

Chrystal was a devoted wife and mother who spent her life caring for others.

Brian, 65, was a curious kid whom his childhood friends called The Professor both because he was smart and unafraid to learn new things and because the terms, "nerd" and "geek" hadn't been invented yet.

Dave's favorite hobbies were work, work and more work.

Margret, 91, baked bread on a regular basis and people came on both sides of the lake to enjoy her famous donuts.

Virginia, 73, was a gourmet cook, accomplished ice skater, long distance bike rider, avid gardener, bird watcher, award-winning dog breeder and prolific reader.

Ruth will be honored at a mass of Christian burial followed by committal in the parish cemetery.

Joyce, 54, is survived by her vast number of Facebook friends.

Virginia, 92, passed away peacefully at the nursing home with her loving cats, Toby and Coco on her bed.

Ray was proud of his 39 years of sobriety and loved attending AA meetings. He said that he was not afraid to die, but if he knew when and where, he wouldn't be there.

Joe, 72, will be missed by lost Canadian tourists wondering how to head north to the bridge, by stray and injured animals of all kinds and by spiders and other insects that wherever he found them would receive a reprieve and be ushered to a new home in a bush in the front yard.

Richard was a diehard Mets fan who wore a Mets shirt every day. He will finish watching their amazing season from heaven.

Irving, 84, earned a Purple Heart. He ran a dairy farm and slaughter house.

Lee died unexpectedly. There will be no calling hours and funeral service. The family wishes your understanding and privacy.

Shelly died of complications from pancreatic cancer. Doing things right was the touchstone of her life. She rolled the toothpaste from the bottom of the tube.

Florence, 62, will not have a service at this time. There may be a wild party to celebrate her life somewhere in the future. Watch social media.

Lois spent many hours with friends and family around the table playing various games.

Ralph, 70, would be honored for you to be his guest at a candlelit dinner and jazz concert at the country club to celebrate his life. He'll be dancing in heaven along with his wife of fifty years to the tunes of Glenn Miller. His sons and families will receive you.