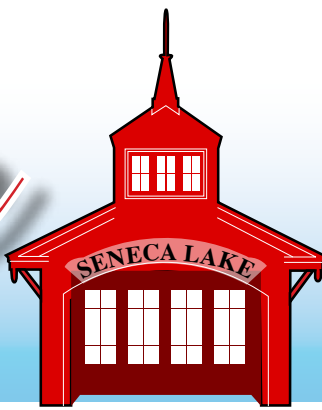




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RICHARD "RICK" WAYNE ROBINSON, JR., 55, of Beaver Dams, NY passed away on Sunday, June 15, 2025 at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Corning, NY on June 3, 1970 the son of the late Richard W. Robinson, Sr. and Gerry Lea (Murray) Orr and graduated from Corning East High School in 1990. He worked as a mechanic with Swarthout Recycling in Beaver Dams for many years.

Rick kept everyone's machines running smoothly with skill and care. With his help it made everything easier. His legacy of friendship and love will live on forever and with everyone who knew him. He will be missed by all!

He is survived by his longtime companion, Wendy Kennedy; daughter, Lindsay N. Robinson; brother, Jonathan P. Orr; stepmother, Donna Robinson; and by several extended family members and numerous friends.

A Celebration of Life for Rick will be held on Saturday, July 5, 2025 beginning at 4:00 pm at 1348 County Route 19, Beaver Dams, NY. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Vedder-Scott & Zinger Funeral Home, Montour Falls, NY. To leave the family a message of condolence, please visit www.vedderscottzinger.com

Obituary

WALTER WEBER, Age 86, of Millport, NY, passed away June 14, 2025.

Walter was born in Harford, PA, the son of Jesse and Alice (Gates) Weber. He worked at Seneca Army Depot in Romulus until he retired. In his younger years, he raced stock cars, competing at tracks in Dundee, Chemung and Weedsport, and was a big Winston-Nascar racing fan. He was also an avid bowler and could be found competing at the bowling alleys in Watkins Glen, Trumansburg, Ovid and Geneva. In his later years, he enjoyed building and selling lighthouses and wishing wells, just so he could buy wood to build more!

He is predeceased by his parents; son Buddy Weber; companion Arlene Butts; and brother-in-law, Bill Auble. He is survived by four sons, Steve (Wendy) Weber of Elmira, Michael (Peggy) Weber of Lansing, Bobby Weber of Valois, and Buzzie (Jessica) Weber of Trumansburg; brother, Wayne (Kathy) Weber of Watkins Glen and sister, Sylvia Auble of Lodi. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Friends and relatives were invited to call at the Royce-Chedzoy Funeral Home, 212 E. 4th St., Watkins Glen on Thursday (June 19th) from 4pm-6pm; followed by a memorial service at 6:00pm. He will be interred at Seneca Union Cemetery.

Memories and condolences may be left for the family in his guestbook at www.RoyceChedzoy.com



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Obituary

STACY L. RIESBECK, age 60, of Watkins Glen, NY, passed away on Monday, June 16, 2025 at Arnot Ogden Medical Center. She was born on June 10, 1965 in Corning, NY.

Stacy will be missed dearly by her parents, Bonnie L. and Merle Baker, Jr.; brothers, Michael Baker and BJ (Laura) Baker; sister, Brenda Baker; nieces and nephews, Brittany Baker (Matt), Logan Baker (Jackie), Emily Baker, Alex Baker and Kayleigh (Ryan) Richard.

Stacy was a vibrant member of the local Arc community, working within the organization's vocational workshops for many years. She was well-known for her love of Mickey & Minnie Mouse, as well as soda and fast food. Her talent for creative writing was displayed throughout her large collection of notebooks, and she thoroughly enjoyed talking to anyone that she met. Stacy was also a member of the Odessa-Catharine United Methodist Church.

The family would like to thank the staff of the Arc of Chemung-Schuyler for their many years of love, care and attention that they gave to Stacy.

Relatives and friends were invited to call on Saturday, June 21, 2025 from 11am-12pm at Vedder-Scott & Zinger Funeral home, 122 N. Genesee St., Montour Falls, NY. A funeral service followed at 12pm. Stacy will be laid to rest at Laurel Hill Cemetery, Odessa, NY. To leave the family a message of condolence, please visit www.vedderscottzinger.com



Obituary

JAMES H. SWITZER SR. Age 81, of Reading Center, NY, passed away June 10, 2025.

Jim was born in Reading Center on June 13, 1943, the son of Howard and Claudia (Conklin) Switzer.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Joyce Switzer; two sons, James H. Switzer Jr. (wife Gen Switzer) of Candor, and Ken Switzer of Rock Stream; brother, Marvin (Pam) Switzer of Rock Stream; sister, Sylvia Cadwell of Dundee; four grandchildren, Christopher Switzer, Cindy (Josh) Briggs, Courtney Switzer, and Clifford (Danielle) Switzer; three great-grandchildren, Loren, Layla, and Liam Switzer; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents, as well as two brothers, Keith Switzer and Howard Lynn Switzer.

Jim worked for the Town of Reading Highway Department for 43 years, retiring in 2005, and was a member of the Reading Community Church.

A graveside funeral service was held on Saturday (June 21) at 11:00am at Pleasant View Cemetery, Cemetery Road, Reading Center. A reception immediately followed at the Reading Community Church.

Memorial donations in his memory may be made to the Schuyler County Volunteer Ambulance, PO Box 2, Watkins Glen, NY 14891. Arrangements are with Royce-Chedzoy Funeral Home, Watkins Glen.

Obituary



RICHARD K. REXFORD, age 76, of Tyrone, NY passed away on Wednesday, June 11, 2025. Richard was born on October 20, 1948 in Corning, NY to the late Jesse and Caroline (Crandell) Rexford.

Richard is survived by his sons, Chad (Suzie) Rexford and Timothy (Dawn) Rexford; brothers, Dave (Donna) Rexford and Joe (Heather) Rexford; sisters, Diana (Dan) Gunnoe and Karen (John) Petrie; grandchildren, Marissa Rexford (Wayne Porter), Maranda (Josh) Rexford, Corrina (John) Rekczi, Nichole Rexford, Erika (Patrick) Pruden, Ethan Rexford and Caroline Rexford; along with several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his loving wife, Connie; a daughter, Theresa Rexford; and a grandson, Thomas Rexford.

Richard was a graduate of Dundee Central School District, Class of 1966. He owned and operated Rexford Heating & Air Conditioning, retiring after 25 years of dedicated service to the local area. He was a member of the Tyrone Volunteer Fire Department, serving as Past Chief and EMT trainer. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating and camping at the lake. He found joy in hanging out with his family and friends.

There will be no services at this time. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Vedder-Scott & Zinger Funeral Home, Montour Falls, NY. To leave the family a message of condolence, please visit www.vedderscottzinger.com

Obituary

LINDA C. GOULD
The Craftiest Soul in the Finger Lakes
November 22, 1946 – June 16, 2025

Linda C. Gould slipped peacefully from this world on June 16, 2025, surrounded by her beloved family at Cayuga Medical Center. Born in Philadelphia, PA, and adopted into the warm arms of Curtis R. and Evelyn (Bendle) Hull, Linda lived a life overflowing with love, laughter, and sewing machines.

Linda graduated from Watkins Glen High School in 1964, and went on to earn a master's degree in teaching from Elmira College, which she wielded like a superpower for over 30 years at Watkins Glen Elementary School. If you were lucky enough to be one of her students, know that she remembered you, rooted for you, and bragged about your achievements—even years later—like the proud classroom mom she always was.

Outside the classroom, Linda was a legend in her own time. A master crafter, thrift store queen, and world-class seamstress, she could turn a pile of mismatched buttons and fabric scraps into something Martha Stewart would envy. Her car had a sixth sense for yard sales and could make a U-turn on a dime at the sight of a "FREE" sign. She was never without a project—or ten—in progress, a package from Temu on the way, and her idea of relaxing often involved a rotary cutter, and a small mountain of fabric.

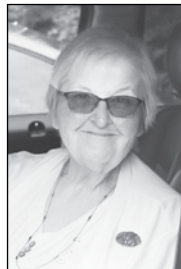
Linda was also an extraordinary mom and an elite-level grandmother. She loved fiercely and with flair. Her love language included hand-sewn Halloween costumes, quilts, rambling adventures, treats, and a listening ear.

She was predeceased by her parents and her husband, Ralph W. Gould, brother and sister-in-law Floyd and Anne Hull. Left to cherish her legacy of love, creativity, and semi-controlled chaos are her children Karen (Kris) Stark, of Interlaken, NY, Sarah (Chris) Houde of Ballston Spa, NY, and Benjamin (Emma Morris) Gould of Trumansburg, NY—each of whom inherited at least one of her many superpowers (though none have fully unlocked her uncanny ability to find the best bargains). Her grandchildren Jakob (Indigo Kane) Gould, Adelaide Gould, Alden Stark, and Ruthie Houde. She is also survived by her sister-in-law and brother-in-law Marilyn, and Richard Puccio, beloved nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews, and half siblings, and terrific friends. Special thank you to Yvonne Coates for her expert care, and friendship.

A celebration of life will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, June 28th, at Havana Glen, pavilion 1. Bring a lawn chair, a favorite Linda story, and if you really want to do her proud—rock some funky Crocs, outlandish socks, or a fun shirt.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity close to your heart, or better yet—honor Linda by doing something wonderfully creative, a little bit ridiculous, or wildly generous. Go on that spontaneous adventure, finally try that craft project, or spoil a grandchild silly.

Condolences and memories may be left in her guestbook found at www.RoyceChedzoy.com. Royce-Chedzoy Funeral Home of Watkins Glen is assisting the family.



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"This is another major investment by Cayuga Health that brings advanced medical technology to provide the best care to our community," says Deidre Blake, MD, who heads the hospital's orthopedics program. Surgeons at Cayuga Medical Center use a hand-held instrument to gather information about each patient's knee prior to the procedure. This information is used to create a 3D model of the knee joint. Unlike other robotic systems that require CT scans (which use radiation) or MRIs (which may not be covered by insurance), the CORI system doesn't need these extra steps. This makes the process easier, more precise, and it can be accomplished at a lower cost. Robotic technology brings an unparalleled level of accuracy and precision to partial and total knee replacement surgery and joint surgery revisions usually found only at large hospitals far from Ithaca. Dr. Blake, along with Ashley Anderson, MD and Benjamin Donahue, MD, are the three board-certified surgeons at Cayuga Orthopedics who use CMC's robotic systems for knee joint procedures.

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Cayuga Health surgeons use a hand-held instrument to gather information on the patient's knee anatomy to create a detailed, customized digital model of the patient's joint.

many large medical centers. This joint-replacement technology improves the care local patients can find close to home," says Dr. Blake, who led the efforts to start the CORI and NAVIO programs at CMC. When implants are customized to the patient and placed with precision and accuracy, the patient will walk without pain – often for the first time in years – and the prosthetic joint will have more than a 90 percent chance of lasting 10 or more years. National registries that track replacements show that robotic-assisted surgery for knee joint replacement is more accurate than traditional surgery. There is data to suggest there are fewer failures of robotic-assisted knee replacements than with standard replacements. This may reduce failure of the joint and the need for revisions.

Deidre Blake, MD, is board-certified orthopedic surgeon who received her medical degree from SUNY Upstate Medical University, and completed her residency at URM Strong Hospital and her fellowship training in adult joint reconstruction at Weill Cornell's Hospital for Special Surgery. She serves on the medical staff of Cayuga Medical Center and is the medical director of Cayuga Orthopedics, 16 Brentwood Drive, Suite A, Ithaca, (607) 272-7000.

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