

OBITUARIES

Lawrence S. Filiault

GILL — Lawrence S. "Larry" Filiault, 53, of Gill, died Saturday (1-22-11) at home, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in North Adams on Aug. 31, 1957, the son of Lawrence R. and Emily A. (Sprowson) Filiault. He graduated from Mount Greylock High School in 1975 and received his associates degree in business management from Berkshire Community College. Larry had been a resident of Gill since 1987.

Larry was the director of Religious Education for Blessed Sacrament and Holy Trinity churches. He was a devoted communicant of Blessed Sacrament Church, where he served as Eucharistic minister and lector. Larry and his wife Maureen established and directed the Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

He was a staunch defender of Catholic education, helping to found two Catholic high schools: Mariamante Academy and Divine Mercy Academy. Also, he served on the Holy Trinity School Board of Directors for over 20 years.

Larry was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Gentlemen of St. Joseph and ran many community breakfasts.

Larry was the recipient of Holy Name Society Man of the Year Award in 1998 and the Massachusetts Citizens for Pro-Life Man of the Year Award in 2004.

He founded Catholics for Life of Franklin County, which sponsored Roses for Life on Mother's Day and buses to Washington, D.C., every January for the March for Life. Also, he directed the Pro-



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Life Booth at the Franklin County Fair.

He was a major fundraiser for the Alternatives Pregnancy Counseling Center. Larry also organized World Youth Day Pilgrimages to Toronto and Rome.

Larry was an avid Red Sox fan, enjoyed collecting baseball cards, and greatly enjoyed his Dunkin Donuts coffee. He was a devoted husband and father whose family meant the world to him.

Besides his mother of Stamford, Vt., he leaves his wife of 28 years, the former Maureen J. Seaman; two sons, Bradley S. and wife Andrea of Turners Falls and Stephen J. at home; two daughters, Ashley L. Scrivener and husband Alex of Davidsonville, Md., and Mary C. at home; four grandchildren, Anthony and Xavier Scrivener and Isabella and Marcus Filiault; his siblings, Robert, Thomas, David and Kathy; several aunts and uncles and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Liturgy of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday at 10 a.m. in Blessed Sacrament Church, 221 Federal St., with the Rev. Timothy J. Campoli, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Calling hours will be Wednesday at the church from 4 to 7 p.m. A wake vigil will be held at 7.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Stephen and Mary Filiault Educational Fund, Attention: William Freeman, in care of Greenfield Savings Bank, 400 Main St., Greenfield MA 01301.

Kostanski Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Sympathy message available at:

www.kostanskifuneralhome.com