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Obituary

JAMES E. VOORHEIS of Trumansburg passed away at home on Sunday, December 6, 2020 at the age of 77.


Jim was born in Montour Falls on June 5, 1943, a son of the late Edwin and Betty Voorheis. His construction work was flawless and he worked for a number of years at Bell Construction in Rochester. Jim was a lifelong gun collector and enjoyed building and working on guns.

Jim is survived by two sons, Stacy Voorheis and Jamie Crowley; three daughters, Sheila Voorheis, Susie (Darryl) Griffen, and Kristina (John) Crowley-John; grandchildren, Zachariah, Nasyah, and Jebidiah Proctor, Danielle and Dallas Griffen, Derek Voorheis, Rachel and Ivan "Nikki" Shorts, Mercedes and Dalton Crowley, Samantha Phillips, and Daniel, Grace, and Isabella John; great grandchildren, Elivia Mundell, Ronan Voorheis, (Please add any others); and siblings Roland Voorheis, Ted Herforth, Linda Abbott, and Gayle Mazourek. In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his siblings, Bucky, Jean, and Carol.

The family was present to receive friends from 10:00am to Noon on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at Ness-Sibley Funeral Home, 23 South Street, Trumansburg. A Funeral Service immediately followed at Noon at the funeral home. Prayers of Committal will follow at Hector Union Cemetery in Burdett. In keeping with COVID-19 regulations, everyone in attendance will be required to wear a mask.

The family asks those that would like to make a contribution in Jim's memory to kindly consider Trumansburg Takes On Pediatric Cancer, PO Box 555, Trumansburg, NY 14886.

For additional information, please contact Ness-Sibley Funeral Home at 607-387-8151, or visit www.ness-sibley.com



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CHRISTMAS TREES AND OUR PETS: NO GOOD CAN COME FROM THE ENCOUNTER!!!!

Just after the veritable cornucopia of delicious and enticing foods that comes along with our holiday season traditions, the next largest source of excitement for our dogs and cats has to be that of the Christmas tree and all of the exciting things associated with it. In the case of a natural tree, there are great-smelling saps and bark and needles to lick, there are suddenly lots of exciting shiny, hanging-down things to bat around and gnaw upon, and, to the pet's great delight, there is also a new "water bowl" at the base of this tree from which they can sneak an occasional drink from as well. Artificial trees, with the exception of the water bowl, are subject to the same dangers as the natural trees.

And even though I hate to sound like an old Scrooge on this matter—AND I KNOW IN MY HEART OF HEARTS THAT NO ONE WILL LISTEN TO ME ANYWAY—I'm still going to say it: There is no good whatsoever that can come from a pet's encounter with a Christmas tree. With regards to how to prevent complications involving dogs and cats and Christmas trees, my unwavering advice is to prevent them from going near the tree at all costs, especially if they are unsupervised!

There are hundreds of hazards that can potentially exist in a pet's encounter with a Christmas tree, and it is impossible to list them all. Hands down, however, the biggest problem I see involving the Christmas tree are cats (mostly) and dogs consuming the tinsel. For reasons that exist only in their little kitty and doggie minds, these guys love to lick, suck on, and swallow these tiny strips of shiny metal or plastic. Besides the potential danger of absorbing the heavy metals on these tin or lead-coated tinsels, a biggest danger is them getting stuck in the pet's intestinal tract, causing what we veterinarians call an intestinal blockage. I can't recall a Christmas season going by without having to remove a strand of tinsel dangling out of a cat's butt. Please keep in mind also that ribbon, package twine, the strings from the family pot roast, strands of popcorn, etc. all can cause blockages. One of the biggest problems in diagnosing an intestinal blockage is that in the early stage of the disease, the symptoms look the same as those mentioned in acute pancreatitis and enteritis: vomiting, abdominal pain, fever, lethargy, not eating. And then there is the expense! Doing a thorough diagnostic work up (blood work, ultrasound, x-rays, abdominal exploratory, barium swallows) in the search to rule out an intestinal blockage cost a lot of money at a time of the year most pet owners are already overextended financially. Then there is the huge price of surgery to remove the blockage!

Another common problem is the dog (mostly) confusing a Christmas tree ornament with a ball. Many ornaments are round, shiny, and generally irresistible for a dog, especially a puppy, to scoop up in their mouths. If the ornaments are of the older-style glass type, then usually they'll break in the pet's mouth, lacerating their tongue and cheeks. My bigger concern would be if they are of a tougher plastic construction. If the poor dog swallows one of these, the ornament will have to be removed surgically before it leads to a blockage.

A rather uncommon—but very serious—cause of death for a dog or cat are all of the Christmas tree light electrical strands and extension cords. These cause real heartbreak either by electrocution or accidental strangulation. The sharpness of a pet's fang, especially a cat's, makes it pretty simple for them to penetrate the plastic wire coatings of the modern-day lighting strands.


One final aspect of the Christmas tree I'd like to mention is that of the watering bowl. Here is an absolute truism: Your pet can have every one of their regular bowls in the house full to the brim with cool, clean, fresh, water, but for reasons completely unknown, they gotta drink out of the Christmas tree water bowl. Maybe it's the forbiddenness of it all. Even though people will tell you that their pet have drunk from the tree's bowl all the time, it shouldn't be so! Tree sap and foliage dyes can leach into the water. Short, sharp pine needles can get sucked up by your pet and lodge in his throat. Bacteria from stagnation can pollute the water. Although most treelongevity additives are nontoxic, some do contain fertilizer, aspirin (very toxic to cats), or bizarre sugars.

And I'm outta room!! (Reprinted from December 2010)

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The Ovid Thrift shop will have a special sale on Monday Dec. 21st.

All Christmas items will be given away!! **FREE!**
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Obituary

PATRICIA A. AUSTIC of Trumansburg passed away peacefully at Cayuga Medical Center on December 10, 2020 at the age of 79.

Patricia was born in Seneca Falls on September 23, 1941, a daughter to the late Harry and Lucille (Cooper) Thompson. She grew up in Trumansburg NY and graduated from Trumansburg Central Schools. Pat always put her family first, immediate and extended. Shortly after her marriage to Richard "Dick" Austic, the newlyweds embarked on a trip across country to California. While there, Pat supported him through his grad school career by working at UC Davis. First to create draft deferment letters for those enrolled in college and later as a secretary in the Viticulture and Enology Department. Pat and Dick started their family while in California and continued to grow it when they moved permanently back to the Ithaca area. She was the most loving and caring mother there could be to her three girls. She then returned to the workforce for 25 years at Cornell University at the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, retiring as an Associate Registrar. Pat was fond of bowling and playing cards with her friends and family. In retirement, she also spent her time volunteering at the Ulysses Historical Society and as an election inspector for the Town of Covert Elections. Pat was known by many as a loving and wonderful wife, mother and grandmother, but will always be remembered as the glue that kept her family together.

Patricia is survived by the love of her life, husband of 57 years, Richard Austic; her daughters, Karen Austic, Susan (Scott) Peters and Nancy Case; her grandchildren, David Grant, Daniel (Veronica), Eric and Jenny Peters, and Christian Case; her sisters, Mary Ann Richar and Jean (Jay) Russell; her dear aunt, Shirley Cooper; and a large extended family of brothers and sisters in law, nieces, and nephews. In addition to her parents, Patricia was preceded in death by a sister, Linda Lawton.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Immediate services will be held privately for family.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Patricia's memory to Ulysses Historical Society, PO Box 455, Trumansburg, NY 14886 and/or Cancer Resource Center of the Finger Lakes. <https://crlf.net/donate/>

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