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## Woman helped address grave flooding, now buried with kin



Mary Nisula kneels beside the graves of her parents, sister and son at Cohasset Central Cemetery in 2018, when they were being flooded by rising tides in Little Harbor. Her parents were both Navy veterans. PHOTOS BY THE PATRIOT LEDGER

## Cohasset woman's concerns led to cemetery protection



**A Good Age**  
Sue Scheible

COHASSET – Just as she hoped, Mary Nisula is going to be cremated and buried in her family plot at Cohasset Central Cemetery, protected for now from periodic flood waters that once covered as many as 150 graves of the 500 grave markers in the historic burial ground.

The flooded gravesites, some under two or more feet of water, included those of her parents, sister and son.

Nisula, 78, died in Providence, Rhode Island, on June 25 after a short illness. Her cousin and friends are arranging with the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral

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This view from the northeast corner of Cohasset Central Cemetery shows the flooding of some of the graves during a tidal surge at Little Harbor. The flooding became a recurring problem by 2017. Repairs were made in 2019-2020.

## Judge rules homeowner violated rental ban

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QUINCY – A judge says a South Quincy homeowner violated the city's short-term rental ban by renting out part of her home on Airbnb for stays under 31 days and is liable to pay penalties.

Norfolk Superior Court Judge Rosemary Connolly issued a ruling against Zheng Liao, who has rented out part of her two-family residence at 33-35 High Street since 2016, according to court documents. Liao and her husband live in one unit and rent out the other.

Connolly's June 25 ruling says Liao violated the city's September 2021 ordinance banning short-term stays in Residence A Zoning districts.

In conjunction with the finding, Connolly issued a preliminary injunction barring Liao from advertising or renting the property for short-term stays "until a further order from the court." A hearing is scheduled for Sept. 23 regarding financial penalties and a permanent prohibition order.

Quincy's short-term rental ordinance stipulates fines of \$200 a day for advertising and \$100 a day for renting ineligible properties.

### What the Quincy homeowner argues about the short-term rentals

Liao's attorney, David Glod, argued during an April hearing that because his client began short-term rentals in 2016, it qualifies as a "preexisting, nonconforming use" and is thus permissible under state law and Quincy's

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### FOODIE NEWS

## Joe's Coffee Shop closes; Marshfield restaurant opens

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A restaurant with live music, an offer for kids eating free and a longtime breakfast spot closing its doors are among the foodie news on the South

Shore this week.

The Charlie Horse in Kingston will have live music on Sundays through July, and kids will eat free at the Ninety Nine in honor of America's 250th anniversary. And a new restaurant is officially open in Marshfield.

Sadly, Joe's Coffee Shop in Hanover

has closed its doors for good after 76 years in business.

(And while we have your ear and stomach, check out these other food, dining and grocery stories. Click here for the 411 on last week's foodie news. Read about a new Chinese BBQ spot in Quincy that has live music and glowsticks.)

### Salty Days is officially open in Marshfield

Salty Days Fish Co. is officially open at 1899 Ocean St. in Marshfield. Ocean House Coastal Grille was in business

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