

Maxine Peterson Ott, 87, Was Teacher; Active in Church and School District

Maxine Peterson Ott, 87, of Bridgewater died on Wednesday, February 7, in the Arbor Glen Continuing Care Center in Bridgewater. Born in Corvallis, Ore., the daughter of Dr. Sigurd Harlan Peterson and Ruth Taylor Peterson, she had lived in California, Stillwater, Okla., State College, Pa., Rahway, Scotch Plains and Westfield before relocating to Arbor Glen in 1997.

Mrs. Ott graduated in 1934 from Oregon State College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Education and a minor in Journalism. During her sophomore year, she served as Popularity Editor on her college yearbook, "The Beaver." She also worked on *The Daily Barometer*, the college newspaper, serving as a day editor during her junior and senior years. In addition, she was elected to the Phi Kappa Phi, Delta Sigma Rho, Phi Chi Theta, Theta Sigma Phi and Kappa Delta Pi societies at Oregon State.

After graduation, she taught commercial subjects, including shorthand, typing and bookkeeping, for two years at Live Oak High School in California.

While in Scotch Plains, where she

Rudolph Lukacovic, 84

Rudolph Lukacovic, 84, of Scotch Plains died on Thursday, February 8, in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in New York City, he lived in Scotch Plains since 1952.

Mr. Lukacovic had been a tool-and-dye maker for the J. K. Smith Corporation in Murray Hill for 43 years before retiring in 1981.

He was a member of the American Association of Retired Persons in Westfield and the International Association of Machinists.

Surviving are his wife, Veronica Jaworowska Lukacovic; two sons, Rudolph Lukacovic and Richard Lukacovic, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, February 11, at the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains.

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Dr. Clarence J. Chehayl, 83, Rotarian; Owned Westfield Veterinary Group

Dr. Clarence J. Chehayl, 83, of Naples, Florida, a retired veterinarian and former owner of the Westfield Veterinary Group, died on Friday, February 2, at Naples Community Hospital in Naples.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, on April 8, 1917, Dr. Chehayl came to New Jersey after receiving his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Ohio State University in 1943 and set up his practice in Westfield in 1948. He relocated to Naples in 1998.

He was a Captain in the United States Army Veterinary Corps during the Korean Conflict.

Dr. Chehayl was an active member of the American Veterinary Medicine Association and was appointed to the New Jersey Board of Veteri-

Margaret Bender, 96

Margaret M. Bender, 96, of Scotch Plains died on Thursday, February 8, in the Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Scotch Plains.

Born in Jersey City, she had lived in East Hanover before moving to Scotch Plains in 1997.

Mrs. Bender had been a secretary with Acme Fast Freight in Newark for many years before retiring in 1969.

She was a member of the St. Rose of Lima Church Rosary Society and the East Hanover Senior Citizens.

She was predeceased by her husband, Carl Bender, and by two brothers, Jerome Reidy and John Reidy.

Surviving are a nephew, Gerard Reidy; several grandnieces and grandnephews, and three great-grandnieces.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Monday, February 12, in St. Rose of Lima Church in East Hanover.

Arrangements were handled by the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield. Interment took place at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in East Hanover.

Memorial donations may be made to a local rescue squad.

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and her husband lived for 31 years, Mrs. Ott served on the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Board of Education for 11 years. She was also President of the Junior High School and Senior High School Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs) and President of the PTA Council for one year.

She was a director and secretary of the Community Fund, a Trustee of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Y.M.C.A.

A 50-year member of the First United Methodist Church of Westfield, Mrs. Ott was the church's Financial Secretary for 20 years. For more than 30 years, she was also an active volunteer in selling cards, stationery and other paper products to benefit church projects and programs.

She was a 60-year member of the Kappa Delta Sorority, a Past Grand Worthy Advisor of the Oregon Grand Chapter of the Order of Rainbow for Girls and a life member of St. Mary's Chapter of Eastern Star at Corvallis, Ore.

Mrs. Ott was additionally a member for nearly 50 years of The Gnosis Discussion Group and a 30-year member of Chapter U in Westfield, of the Philosophic Education Organization Sisterhood.

She was predeceased by a son, Roger Ott, in 1946.

Surviving are her husband of 64 years, Walter H. Ott; two daughters, Ruth Arthur of Indianapolis, Ind. and Arline Cox of Bridgewater; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, February 11, in the First United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church; the Dr. Sigurd H. Peterson Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund for the Department of English of Oregon State University, or to a favorite charity.

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Rita Sarle, 76

Rita Sarle, 76, of Westfield died on Friday, February 2, at Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown.

Born in Brooklyn, she lived in Westfield for 47 years.

Mrs. Sarle had worked for 10 years for American Viscos in the Empire State Building in New York City.

She was active in the Westfield Monday Morning Club and the Wednesday Bridge Club, also of Westfield.

She attended Bay Ridge High School in Brooklyn.

She was predeceased by her husband, George Sarle, in 1975.

Surviving are a daughter, Jean Barbara Sarle of Westfield; a son, George Jerome Sarle of Berkeley Heights, and two sisters, Jean Betty O'Brien of Barnegat and Miriam Meta Cameron of Clearwater, Fla.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 3, at 2 p.m. in the Parish House of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Arrangements were handled by Funeral Services of New Jersey in Hillside.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Morristown Memorial Hospital, CCU - Jefferson 3, Morristown, 07960.

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John P. Miller, 81

John P. Miller, 81, of Plainfield died on Thursday, February 8, at Abbott Manor Nursing Home in Plainfield.

Born in Andersonville, Va., he had lived in Westfield before relocating to Plainfield more than 20 years ago.

Mr. Miller was employed in construction.

Surviving are two sons, Phillip Miller and William A. Miller, both of Plainfield; a daughter, Mary Miller of Plainfield; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The Judkins Colonial Home in Plainfield was in charge of the arrangements.

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Obituaries

Reverend Peter Fosburg, 60, Pastor; Known for Work With Relief Agencies

The Reverend Peter Fosburg, 60, of Bala Cynwyd, Pa., died on Monday, February 5, at home.

Born in New York City, he grew up in Westfield and graduated from Westfield High School in 1959. He lived in Bala Cynwyd since 1994.

Reverend Fosburg graduated from Westminster College of New Wilmington, Pa. and subsequently attended Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, interning in the inner city in Rochester, N.Y.

After graduating from the seminary, he was ordained in 1966 and began his ministry as associate pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church in Topeka, Kan.

He served as youth minister at the Brentwood Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles, Minister of Education at the Presbyterian Church of Red Bank and associate minister at the Second Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

He additionally was Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of West Caldwell and the Church of Our Savior in Newark.

While in Red Bank, Reverend Fosburg organized and ran the Monmouth County Walk for Mankind to benefit Project Concern, an international medical-dental relief organization. Later, he was regional representative for World Vision, a worldwide Christian missionary relief agency.

He also served as Pastor of the Covenant-First Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati. During that period, from 1984 to 1992, he was a key coordinator of the John Guest evangelistic crusade, authored a study entitled "Basic Living Concepts" and hosted a radio ministry program.

He began a similar broadcast, known as "Second Touch," while pastoring the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Bala Cynwyd and the Rhawnhurst Presbyterian Church in northeast Philadelphia.

Surviving are his wife, Carol Fosburg; two daughters, Deborah Tomkins of Denville and Amy Rudwick of Corona, Calif.; two sons, Jon Burham

and Stephen Fosburg of Lawrenceville, and six grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, February 10, at the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Bala Cynwyd. Private interment took place on Monday, February 12, at Evergreen Cemetery in Basking Ridge.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Chadwick and McKinney Funeral Home in Ardmore, Pa.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Presbytery of Philadelphia, in care of Ministers' Fund, 2200 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa., 19103.

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Richard R. Pope, 70

Richard R. Pope, 70, of Livermore, Calif., died on Wednesday, January 31, at home.

Born in Plainfield on September 17, 1930, he lived in Livermore for the past 48 years.

A member of Plumbers Union Local No. 444 for 40 years, Mr. Pope had worked as a plumber and shop foreman in the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore for several years before retiring.

He was a member of the Altamont Cruisers.

Mr. Pope was a Navy Seal and served his country during the Korean Conflict.

He was predeceased by his father, Joseph F. Pope.

Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Susan Pope; a daughter, Deborah Caron of Livermore; three sons, Richard Pope, Douglas Pope and Albert Pope, all of Livermore; his mother, Stasia Pope of Basking Ridge; three brothers, Joseph Pope of Basking Ridge; Albert Pope of South Plainfield and William Pope of Raritan; three sisters, Marion Parisi and Mary Jane Wade of North Plainfield and Anastasia Konick of Westfield; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A graveside military service was held on Friday, February 2, at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore.

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Enrique Jimenez, 57

Enrique Antonio de Rojas Jimenez, 57, of Westfield died on Saturday, February 3, at home.

Born in Lima, Peru, he came to the United States 29 years ago, settling in New York City. He lived in Westfield for the past eight years.

Mr. Jimenez had been a truck driver for 20 years, retiring from Harold Ives, Inc. of Newark last April.

He was a communicant of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

Surviving are his wife, Ana Maria Flecha de Rojas; two daughters, Anna Karina de Rojas of Forest Hills, N.Y. and Anna Liah de Rojas of Westfield; two sons, Don Enrique de Rojas and Eric Luis de Rojas, both of Westfield; two brothers, Oswaldo and Eduardo, both of Peru, and two sisters, Maria Raquel de Rojas Valverde of Uruguay and Gladys de Rojas Futterknecht of Switzerland.

A Funeral Liturgy was offered on Monday, February 5, at the Holy Trinity Church.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

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Ernest P. Mataset, 80, Instrumental In Creating Merrill Lynch Data Base

Ernest Peter Mataset, 80, of Scotch Plains died on Tuesday, January 23, at home.

Born in Newark, he grew up in Linden and lived in Scotch Plains for

Jack Roger Diaz, 37

Jack Roger Diaz, 37, of Plainfield died on Monday, February 5, at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Garwood, he was raised in Westfield and lived in Plainfield for the past 10 years.

Mr. Diaz was a computer technical specialist in New York City.

He had also worked for many years as a bartender at Charlie Brown's Restaurant in Scotch Plains and at the Trap Rock Brew Pub in Berkeley Heights.

He was a 1999 graduate of the Chubb Institute in Woodbridge.

Surviving are a son, Jack R. Diaz, Jr.; a daughter, Margie Diaz; his parents, Roger L. and Anne Diaz; a brother, Thomas Diaz, and a sister, Donna Diaz Budden.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Friday, February 9, at St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church in Plainfield. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were handled by the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Jack Diaz Foundation.

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John Palmowski, 80, Worked for BOE; Army Veteran Received Bronze Medal

John Palmowski, 80, of Whitehouse Station died on Wednesday, February 7, at home.

Born in Jersey City, he had lived in Scotch Plains and later in North Plainfield before relocating to

Doris M. Balogh, 75

Doris M. Balogh, 75, a lifelong resident of Garwood, died on Tuesday, February 6, at the Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown.

Mrs. Balogh had been an executive secretary for The Multi Tone Electronics in Mountaintop for 12 years before retiring in 1988.

She was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Garwood, where she was a former Sunday School teacher and church secretary.

She was also a member of the Garwood Women's Club and the Order of the Eastern Star, Azure Chapter of Cranford.

Surviving are her husband of 54 years, Julius Balogh; a son, David Balogh of Marlboro; a daughter, Nancy Mattern of Scotch Plains; a sister, Josephine Noyes of Toms River; a brother, James Nash of Manasquan, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Friday, February 9, at St. Paul's Church of Christ. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were handled by the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Center Street, Garwood, 07027.

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Edith A. Capece, 84

Edith A. DellaSerra Capece, 84, of Cranford died on Friday, February 9, at home.

Born in Mountaintop, she had lived in Roselle Park for 15 years before relocating to Cranford 46 years ago.

Mrs. Capece had been an office manager for the D.C. Sales Company in Mountaintop, where she worked for 40 years before retiring eight years ago.

She was a member of the Professional Women's Club in Cranford.

She was predeceased by her husband, Gerald Capece.

Surviving are two sons, Prosper J. Capece and Douglas G. Capece; a sister, Angelina Iaione; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A Mass was offered on Monday, February 12, in the Church of the Assumption in Roselle Park, following the funeral from the Mastapeter Funeral Home in Roselle Park. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial donations may be made to the Atlantic Home Care and Hospice, 33 Bleeker Street, Millburn, 07041.

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Hannah Davis, 60

Hannah Davis, 60, of Newark died on Wednesday, February 7, in Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark.

Born in Memphis, Tenn., she had lived in Plainfield for 12 years before moving to Newark 10 years ago.

Mrs. Davis was employed as a caseworker with the Union County Welfare Department in Plainfield for five years and the Union County Probation Office in Elizabeth for three years.

She was a member of the Bethsaida House of Mercy Church in Paterson.

Surviving are her husband, Alvin Davis of Danville, Va.; two daughters, Beth Holding of Newark and Audrea Davis of Danville; eight sisters, Dorothy Kirkwood of Somerset, Alma Morrow of Tennessee, Virginia Jenkins of Iselin, Martha Marcelli of Los Angeles, Rena Pettifere of Scotch Plains, Carie Nelson and Ammie Parrot of Plainfield and Russi Smith of Kansas City, Kan.; two brothers, Cornelius Morrow of Trenton and Simon Morrow of St. Louis, Mo., and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 12, in the Iselin Community Church in Iselin. Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Scotch Plains.

Arrangements were under the direction of Brown's Funeral Home in Plainfield.

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Charles E. Ragan, 46

Charles E. Ragan, 46, of Plainfield died on Wednesday, February 7, at St. Michael's Hospital in Newark.

Born in Newark, he had lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Plainfield 15 years ago.

Mr. Ragan worked as an auto mechanic at various garages.

Surviving are a daughter, Nicolette T. Watkins of South Bound Brook; his mother, Doris M. Ragan of Scotch Plains; a brother, Freddie Ragan, Jr. of Plainfield, and a granddaughter.

Graveside services were held on Monday, February 12, at Hillside Cemetery in Scotch Plains.

Arrangements were handled by the Judkins Colonial Home in Plainfield.

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