

## Greta Dorothy Schoenemann, 14, Freshman at Westfield High School

Greta passed away on Sunday, September 15, at University Hospital in Newark from injuries sustained in an accident at her school.

She was born in Elizabeth and lived in Westfield all her life. She graduated from Roosevelt Intermediate School in June of this year.

Greta's easygoing and vibrant personality attracted people wherever she went and she very much treasured her friends and friendships. She was a player on the Westfield High School freshman soccer team and also played traveling soccer for many years. She enjoyed swimming and trips to Vermont and Germany.

As a small child, she regularly entertained her sister, Elise, and her family, especially with her Michael Jackson impersonations. She loved hair, makeup and fashion and she was an avid New Jersey Devils fan.

This past summer, Greta, her mother and Elise attended Camp Chatterbox, a camp for children with special needs. She said the highlight of her summer was going to the camp and helping out with the kids. Greta particularly enjoyed playing with and caring for her younger sister. She

was Elise's best friend. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. today, Thursday, September 19, at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Avenue, with a reception following at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 East Broad Street in Westfield. The dress code is casual and colorful; however, no jeans and sneakers.

Greta was loved and is survived by her parents, Robert and Wendy Schoenemann (nee Anderson) of Westfield; her sisters, Heidi Maria, Tara and Elise, and her brother, Erik, all of Westfield. In addition, she is survived by her grandfather, Wilhelm Schoenemann of Staufen, Germany and her grandparents Henry and Phyllis Anderson of Westminster, Vt., formerly of Westfield. Greta is also survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins, both in America and Germany.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Westfield Rescue Squad, Westfield Police Department or Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

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Greta Schoenemann

## Margaret Clyde, 101, Was Secretary For Bell Labs and Patent Attorney

Margaret M. Clyde, 101, of Scotch Plains died on Saturday, September 7, at the Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Scotch Plains.

Born in New York City, the daughter of the late Francis and Margaret McMahon Clyde, she turned 101 years old in January. She had lived in Jersey City for 68 years and in Ocean Grove for 18 years prior to moving to Scotch Plains 10 years ago.

Miss Clyde had been a secretary for Bell Labs in New York City for eight years before retiring many years ago. She had previously been a secretary

with Stockbridge and Borst, Patent Attorney, in New York City for 25 years. Surviving are a brother, the Reverend George Clyde; a sister, Alice Cahalan, and 136 nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, September 10, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains. Arrangements were under the direction of the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to a favorite September 11 charity. September 19, 2002

## Edward E. Meyh, 73, Army Veteran; Exxon Research Senior Technologist

Edward E. Meyh, 73, of Scotch Plains died on Thursday, September 5, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Union, he had lived there and in Westfield for 39 years prior to moving to Scotch Plains.

Mr. Meyh had been employed as a senior technologist for Exxon Research in Linden, where he worked for 36 years before his retirement in 1984.

During his career there, he had worked on gasoline problems in the motor fuels section of Products Research, specializing in tracking the performance of new gasoline additives.

Mr. Meyh was a United States Army

veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Exxon Annuity Club of North Central New Jersey.

He was predeceased by his wife, Rosalie E. Meyh, and a sister, Ruth Hildebrandt.

Surviving are two daughters, Nancy Romeo and Debra Romano, and six grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Monday, September 9, at the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains. Interment was at Graceland Memorial Park in Kenilworth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 325, Scotch Plains 07076. September 19, 2002

## Jose A. Prata, 81

Jose Alves Prata, 81, of Mountainside died on Saturday, September 7, at Union Hospital in Union.

Born in Portugal, he settled in Newark in 1960. He had resided in Union for many years before relocating to Mountainside.

Mr. Prata had been a laborer affiliated with Heavy Construction Workers Union Local No. 472 of Newark for many years prior to retiring.

He was predeceased by his wife, Maria Da Conceicao De Sousa Prata. Surviving are three daughters, Maria Lourdes Barreiros, Aldina Mazza and Celeste Oliveira; two sons, Sergio Prata and Jose Prata; a brother, Valentim Prata; a sister, Luisa Prata; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Tuesday, September 10, at the Buyus Funeral Home in Newark. A Mass followed at the Our Lady of Fatima Church in Newark. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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# Obituaries

## DEATH NOTICE

### Gary Ferrao, 53, Was Family Man; Baseball Fan and Music Enthusiast

Gary Ferrao, 53, of New Providence died on Sunday, September 8, at the Adirondack Medical Center in Saranac Lake, N.Y. after a serene and loving retreat with his family in Lake Placid, N.Y. He died suddenly after a brief battle with multiple myeloma, a form of cancer.

Born in Newark, he had lived in Scotch Plains before moving to New Providence 28 years ago.

In many ways, Gary was a typical hard-working family man and father of two. However, all who knew him remember his sincere qualities of friendship, humor and humanity which made his life anything but ordinary.

He was a devoted son to his parents, Tony and Claire Ferrao, and a loving brother to his sisters, Patty Klastava, Jackie Guerriero and Judy Nanni. He often organized family gatherings. His nieces and nephew regularly received his humor and affection.

Gary grew up in Scotch Plains, where he played short stop for Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. He maintained a lifelong love of baseball despite, by his own admission, being a less than poor batter. For years he organized Fourth of July wiffle ball games, as well as old-timer softball games, where he coached, played, kept score and named the most valuable player.

As a teenager, he played drums in several rock bands in the Scotch Plains area, most notably the "Renaissance Fair." Gary knew all the songs from the era of his youth, but he kept up

with current music as well, which could be heard playing loudly in his yard on many occasions.

Gary married his high school sweetheart, Chris Karwan. From the moment they met, they were an inseparable and devoted couple. Their 31 years of marriage were warm and happy. Gary never forgot Chris was the reason for his happiness.

Greg and Jack remember their father as a friend as well as a father. He always related to their interests and especially to their friends. On occasion, Greg and Jack felt some of their friends really came over to see their dad.

Gary graduated in 1972 from Fairleigh Dickinson University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing. He worked for 30 years as a sales representative for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company in Bedminster. His sense of humor and personal attention touched the lives of both his co-workers and clients.

The funeral was held on Friday, September 13, from the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. A Funeral Mass was then held at the Our Lady of Peace Roman Catholic Church in New Providence. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Gary felt strongly about reaching out and affecting the lives of the people around him in a personal way. The family would appreciate memorial donations to the New Providence Rescue Squad, the Lake Placid Rescue Squad or to a favorite charity. September 19, 2002



Gary Ferrao

## Patricia A. Clark, 47, Sales Associate; Active at St. Bartholomew the Apostle

Patricia Ann Clark, 47, of Plainfield died on Wednesday, September 11, at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Brooklyn, she had lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Plainfield 19 years ago.

Mrs. Clark was employed as a sales associate at Enchantments in Fanwood.

She was a communicant of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains and a member of the Home School Association.

Surviving are her husband, Richard H. Clark; two daughters, Alison

M. Clark and Emily A. Clark; her mother, Helen Delany Lanzisera; two sisters, Joan Macus and Ellen Kane, and her brother, William Lanzisera.

The funeral was held on Saturday, September 14, from the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. A Funeral Mass followed at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church. Interment took place at Hillside Cemetery in Scotch Plains.

Memorial donations may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of New Jersey, 117 Kinderkamack Road, Suite 104, River Edge 07661. September 19, 2002

## Edith Ross, 78, First-Grade Teacher At Deerfield School in Mountainside

Edith M. "Pete" Ross, 78, of Mountainside died on Wednesday, September 11, at Brighton Gardens in Mountainside.

Born in Elizabeth, she lived in Mountainside for 43 years.

Mrs. Ross had been a first-grade teacher at Deerfield School in Mountainside for 23 years prior to retiring in 1989.

She was awarded a bachelor's degree in education from Newark State Teachers College.

She was a member of the New Jersey Education Association.

She was predeceased by her husband, James F. Ross.

Surviving are four sons, Jeffrey A. Ross, James R. Ross, Alan R. Ross and Matthew S. Ross; a daughter, Laura B. Ross, and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Saturday, September 14, at the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield, followed by a Mass at the Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountainside. Interment was at Rosedale Cemetery in Linden.

Memorial donations may be made

to the American Cancer Society, 507 Westminster Avenue, Elizabeth 07208 or to the Alzheimer's Association of New Jersey, 400 Morris Avenue, Suite 251, Denville 07834. September 19, 2002

## Marie Perna, 77

Marie Perna, 77, of Mountainside died on Wednesday, September 11, at the Westfield Center-Genesis ElderCare.

Born in Newark, she lived in Mountainside for 47 years.

She was predeceased by her husband, Anthony Perna.

Surviving are three sons, Joseph Perna, Alfred Perna and Ronald Perna; a brother, Ernest Angrisani; three sisters, Dolores Marotoli, Janet Buffardi and Yolanda Dominello, and four grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Saturday, September 14, at the Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountainside, following the funeral from the Galante Funeral Home in Union. Entombment took place at Hollywood Memorial Park in Union. September 19, 2002

## Mary Jane Faunce, 78, Music Teacher; Chaired Club's Scholarship Committee

Mary Jane Faunce, 78, of Fanwood died on Sunday, September 15, at the home of her son, Jimmy Faunce, in Hamilton Square.

Born in Kokomo, Ind., she was a Fanwood resident for 46 years.

Mrs. Faunce, a pianist and violinist, had been a vocal and string music teacher in Plainfield for 27 years prior to retiring.

She was a member of the first violin section of the Plainfield Symphony Orchestra for several years. Mrs. Faunce additionally held string workshops for Plainfield students and provided musical support for local school districts.

She was a member of the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains and chaired its Scholarship Committee.

Mrs. Faunce was awarded a bachelor's degree in music, English and art education from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. and completed graduate courses in music at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

She was predeceased by her husband, Dr. Stuart Fred Faunce.

Also surviving are a daughter, Janelle Raupp; two other sons, Dayton F. Faunce and Kurt A. Faunce, and seven grandchildren.

Private funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, the Humane Society or to a favorite charity. September 19, 2002

## John Delissio, 72, Retired Executive; Raritan Valley College Professor

John Delissio, 72, of Hillsborough died on Wednesday, September 11, in the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in Montclair, the son of the late Anna and Joseph Delissio, he had lived in Westfield before relocating to Hillsborough in 1991.

Mr. Delissio had worked as a sales and marketing executive for many years, retiring in 1990. He also was a professor at Raritan Valley Community College in Raritan.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa. in 1952. Mr. Delissio also was a member and President of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity there.

In 1954, he received a Master of Business Administration Degree from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Surviving are his wife, Cathleen "Maggie" Delissio; three sons, Michael Delissio, Mark Delissio and John Delissio, Jr.; a stepson, Thomas Marshall; a stepdaughter, Erin Marshall; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

A service was held on Saturday, September 14, at the Zarro Funeral Home in Bloomfield. Interment took place at Bloomfield Cemetery in Bloomfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cancer Institute of New Jersey, 195 Little Albany Street, New

Brunswick 08901. September 19, 2002

## Peggy Willoughby, 78

Peggy S. Willoughby, 78, of Bernardsville died on Monday, September 16, at Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown.

Born in Westfield, she moved to Bernardsville in 1954.

Mrs. Willoughby was a homemaker and a member of St. Bernard's Episcopal Church of Bernardsville.

She was predeceased by her husband, William E. Willoughby, on April 10, 2002.

Survivors include two sons, William C. Willoughby of Pipersville, Pa. and J. Scott Willoughby of High Bridge; a daughter, Catherine W. Stephens of Makawao, Hawaii; a sister, Jean Thomas of Elmhurst, Pa., and three grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 21, at St. Bernard's Church. There will be no visitation.

Arrangements are being handled by the Galloway & Crane Funeral Home of Basking Ridge.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Bernard's Episcopal Church, 88 Claremont Road, Bernardsville 07924 and/or to the American Cancer Society, New Jersey Division, 600 First Avenue, Raritan 08869. September 19, 2002

## DEATH NOTICE

### George Weimer, 83, Senior Executive; Merck International Business Pioneer

George Martin Weimer, former Merck Sharp and Dohme President of the Division of European Operations and Senior Vice President of Administration, died on Thursday, September 12, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. He was 83.

Mr. Weimer dedicated 43 years of his life to the American pharmaceutical industry. Beginning his career with Merck in 1941, he was one of the company's first international employees, numbering four, in the Pricing Department which was to become the International Division.

During the latter part of the 1940s, Merck's business was mainly in Latin America, and in 1948 he attended and assisted Merck with the first International Field Sales Conference, which was held in Lima, Peru. Prior to this time, business was carried on by correspondence. As the Latin American market flourished, Mr. Weimer traveled frequently to all the countries in the area.

Early in the 1950s, when Merck began expanding in Europe, the company approved an investment to commence business in The Netherlands with a manufacturing facility. During an interview recently, Mr. Weimer stated, "I wish I had photographs to show the original operation. We rented a small room in a Dutch bank and set up our first manufacturing operation. It consisted of a desk, a scale, two old-style round electric heaters, a light bulb hanging from the ceiling and a young lady who diligently subdivided vitamin B12 for supply to Europe."

From 1955 until 1973, Mr. Weimer was employed by E. R. Squibb and Sons in the International Division. In 1965, he was transferred to Beirut, Lebanon, where he and his family spent three years. His responsibilities as Vice-President of the Middle East Region included South Africa, the Middle East, Pakistan and India. Upon his return to the United States, he became Vice President of Acquisitions and later Health Care Development.

In 1973, he returned to Merck in European Operations and subsequently held the positions of President of Merck-Europe and then Senior Vice President of Merck International to complete his illustrious career.

After retiring in 1984, Mr. Weimer was elected to the Westfield Board of Education and served for four

years. Community service, especially in the education sector, represented an interest he had previously been unable to pursue because of his extensive travel responsibilities. He additionally served on several boards as a consultant.

During that time, he volunteered for a three-month assignment with the International Executive Service Corporation (IESC) in the Dominican Republic. IESC was founded by David Rockefeller and Frank Pace for the purpose of promoting good managerial practices and to assist with technical projects overseas for private, family and government agencies.

Focusing on the free enterprise system was an IESC goal to be reached by staffing it with retired men and women who worked as volunteers in designated countries. Mr. Weimer served in Indonesia in 1986 and in Morocco in 1987 for IESC.

Born in Chatham, Mr. Weimer graduated from Chatham High School in 1936. He lived in Westfield for 42 years and was a member of Echo Lake Country Club. He also had a home in South Orleans, Mass.

In 1959, he married Ann Heagney in Havana, Cuba, where her father was associated with the First National Bank of Boston.

Mr. Weimer is survived by his beloved wife, Ann, and children, including daughter Lisa Weimer Finneran and her husband, Tom, and their children, Thomas, Megan and Ryan of Scituate, Mass.; son George Jr. (Chip) and his wife, Mary, and their children, Christopher, Emily and Elizabeth of Duxbury, Mass., and son William (Bill) and his wife, Irene, and their children, William Jr., Andrew and Michael of Wellesley, Mass.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Tuesday, September 17, at the Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountainside. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Center for Hope Hospice, 176 Husa Street, Linden 07036; St. Joseph's Social Service Center, 118 Division Street, Elizabeth 07207 or to the Westfield Rescue Squad, 335 Waterson Street, Westfield 07090. September 19, 2002



George M. Weimer

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