

Margaret Hatfield, 99, Active In Groups Promoting History, Arts, Human Rights

Margaret Weldon Hatfield, 99, of Westfield died on Thursday, March 2, at Westfield Center-Genesis ElderCare in Westfield.

Born in Scotch Plains, she had lived in Fanwood for many years before moving to Westfield in 1970.

She was the widow of Richard P. Hatfield, a former mayor of Fanwood and director of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. He died in 1962.

Mrs. Hatfield attended School One in Scotch Plains and graduated from Plainfield High School. She also

Edward H. Johnson, 92

Edward H. Johnson, 92, of Westfield died on Friday, March 3, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Bourne, Mass., he was raised in Brooklyn, N.Y. and also had lived in Evanston, Ill. for 16 years before coming to Westfield in 1962.

Mr. Johnson had been the Senior Technical Sales Representative for Exxon Corporation in Florham Park for 40 years, retiring in 1974. Earlier, he had worked for the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

He served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II as a staff sergeant in Africa and Italy. Upon his retirement, he and his wife traveled aboard merchant ships, living with the crews as they picked up and delivered their cargoes.

He was a member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

He was predeceased by a son, Douglas Johnson, in 1976.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Vivian Coffill Johnson; a daughter, Paula Vining, and three grandchildren.

Private burial services were held at George Washington Memorial Park in Paramus.

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

Memorial donations may be made either to the Westfield Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 356, Westfield, N.J. 07091 or Overlook Hospice, 33 Bleeker Street, Millburn, N.J. 07041.

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graduated from Mary Lyon Junior College in Swarthmore, Pa.

Active in community affairs, Mrs. Hatfield served as a trustee of the Fanwood Memorial Library and the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Human Rights Council. She additionally served on the Board of Directors of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA and the Board of Directors of Planned Parenthood, Union County Area.

She was a director of the Plainfield Community Concert Association for many years; a member of both the Scotch Plains and Westfield Historical Societies; a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution; a former member of the Plainfield Unitarian Society and a life member of the American Humanist Association.

In 1946, she joined the Committee Against Racial Discrimination, a dissident D.A.R. group seeking deletion of the "White Artists Only" clause from contracts for Constitution Hall in Washington D.C.

Mrs. Hatfield, a former committeewoman with the Westfield Republican Committee, entertained George H.W. Bush and his wife, Barbara, at her Westfield residence when Mr. Bush was seeking his party's nomination to run for the presidency. She was a friend and supporter of many politicians, including former Governor Thomas Kean.

She was a direct descendant of Captain John Underhill of colonial fame. Her paternal grandfather, William H. Weldon, fought in the Battle of Chancellorsville in the Civil War.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Frank E. Weldon and Donald G. Weldon.

Surviving are four sons, Richard Hatfield of The Villages, Fla., Roger Hatfield of Indian Harbour Beach, Fla., John Hatfield of Lady Lake, Fla. and David Hatfield of Hoosick Falls, N.Y.; her daughters-in-law, Patricia and Marilyn; three grandchildren, Elizabeth, James and Jay, and one great-grandchild.

Private arrangements are by the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood.

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Obituaries

Edward Z. Kassakian, 61, Family Man; Futures Executive Helped 9/11 Families

Edward Zareh Kassakian, 61, of Westfield, N.J. and Charlestown, R.I. died on Sunday, February 26, 2006 in Manila, Philippines with his wife and children by his side.

Born and raised in Ridgefield Park, Mr. Kassakian resided in Westfield for the past 29 years. He graduated from Ridgefield Park High School and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rutgers University and a Master of Arts degree from Indiana University. During the Vietnam War, he served as a commissioned officer in the United States Army, stationed in Korea.

Mr. Kassakian had a history of over 30 years in the futures industry. He served as president of Carr Futures, a global brokerage firm, from 1999 to 2002 and since then served as President Emeritus. The company was renamed Calyon Financial in 2004. A survivor of the September 11th attack on the World Trade Center, he stepped down from his executive position to attend to the needs of the family members of the 69 employees of his firm who died that day.



Edward Kassakian

Mr. Kassakian was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in May 2005. After unsuccessful treatment with traditional chemotherapy, he enrolled in a U.S. company-sponsored gene therapy trial in the Philippines. While the therapy showed remarkable success in treating the cancer, he suffered severe complications that ultimately led to his death. Although uncertain of the outcome of this experimental treatment, he was determined that the knowledge gained from his experience should benefit others. He died knowing that he had made a significant contribution to the

treatment of pancreatic cancer. Mr. Kassakian is survived by his wife, Sharon; a daughter, Jennifer; a son, Steven, and a brother, John, of Newton, Mass.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 11, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (www.pancan.org).

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Mary T. Duffy, 75, Nurse Anesthetist; Founder and Head of Hospital School

Mary Theresa Duffy, 75, of Scotch Plains died on Monday, March 6, at her home.

Born in Hanover Township, Pa., she had lived in Plymouth Township, Pa. and then in Newark before relocating to Scotch Plains in 1968.

Miss Duffy attended St. Mary's High School in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. and graduated from the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Wilkes-Barre in 1951.

She became a certified registered nurse anesthetist after graduating from the School of Anesthesia at Presbyterian Hospital in Newark in 1955.

Miss Duffy founded the School of Anesthesia at United Hospital in Newark in 1970 and served as director and president of the school until retiring

in 1992. She was a member and past president of both the New Jersey Anesthetist Association and the American Association of Anesthetists.

Surviving is her brother, Joseph Duffy of Hernando Beach, Fla.

A memorial Mass will be offered at 10:30 a.m. today, Thursday, March 9, at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Center for Hope Hospice, 1900 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076.

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Viola Costa, 90, Worked in DuPont Lab; Was Loving Mother and Grandmother

Viola Cipriano Costa, 90, of South Plainfield died on Tuesday, February 28, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Kearny, she had lived there before moving to South Plainfield in 1990.

Mrs. Costa had been employed by DuPont in Kearny in the physical testing lab before leaving to raise a family.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Kearny, where she belonged to the United Women's Fellowship, taught Sunday school and was a liaison for English and Spanish speaking services. She also attended the Scotch Plains Baptist Church in Scotch Plains.

She was a member of Liberty Chapter No. 88, Order of the Eastern Star in Kearny, as well as the American Association of Retired Persons Chapter No. 4144 and the "Traveling Seniors," both of South Plainfield.

She was predeceased by her husband, James Costa, in 1993.

Surviving are two sons, James Costa of Baton Rouge, La. and Charles Costa of South Plainfield; a daughter, Joan Pagano of Fanwood; a brother, Charles Cipriano of Lakewood; a sister, Mae Prete of Kearny, and two grandchildren, Samantha Costa and Stephen Pagano.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 6, at the Scotch Plains Baptist Church. Interment followed

at Arlington Cemetery in Kearny.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Scotch Plains Baptist Church, 333 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076.

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Alice E. Bayly

Alice E. Bayly of Westfield died on Tuesday, March 7, in the Haven Hospice at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Phillipsburg, she lived in Westfield since 1954.

During the 1960s, Mrs. Bayly worked for the United Fund in Westfield.

A member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield and the Order of the Eastern Star, she also volunteered in the Intensive Care Unit at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center.

She was predeceased by her husband, Clarence Bayly, in 1981.

Surviving are a son, Dr. Robert Bayly of Martinsville, and two granddaughters.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, March 10, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. Interment will follow at Graceland Memorial Park in Kenilworth.

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Gladys Kearns, Served as Champion Of Those Struggling With Addiction

Gladys A. Kearns of Westfield, N.J., a native of Paterson, N.J. and formerly of Hudson, Ohio, died on Thursday, March 2, at her daughter's home in Hudson, surrounded by her six children.

Mrs. Kearns was former executive director of the Union County (N.J.) Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence.

Without thought of resting on her laurels, this indomitable octogenarian continued to champion for those suffering from the disease of addiction.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Helen Albionica of Paterson, N.J.

She was the supportive wife of the late James W. Kearns, Jr. and the extraordinary mother of four sons and two daughters, James W. 3rd (Paterson, N.J.) and his companion, Yanina Rothblatt, Charles A. (Rockport, Mass.) and his wife, Shirley, Matthew M. (Butler, N.J.),

Patrick B. (Oak Ridge, N.J.) and his companion, Janet M. Scales, Helen "Bebe" K. Reines (Columbia, Md.) and her husband, Haddon, and Laura K. Labadie (Hudson, Ohio) and her husband, Kevin. Mrs. Kearns also is survived by her 14 devoted grandchildren. Her family will miss her hourly.

A Funeral Mass will be offered at 10 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, March 10, at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 381 Grand Street in Paterson, N.J. Interment will follow in the family lot at Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Paterson.

Family and friends are welcome at the Feeney Funeral Home, 232 Franklin Avenue in Ridgewood, N.J., today, Thursday, March 9, from 4 to 7 p.m. Should friends desire, contributions in her memory may be made to the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence or the Democratic National Committee.

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U. Catholic Celebrates Black History Month

SCOTCH PLAINS - Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains commemorated Black History Month on February 24 with a program prepared and performed by the student members of the Black History Club. More than 400 Union Catholic students, faculty and staff attended the second annual commemoration.

Dedicated to the memory of Rosa Parks, the event was opened by senior Alexia Regman of Irvington singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Using the Montgomery Bus Boycott as the inspiration for the program, its history was narrated by six students, among them senior Shawna Roberts of North Plainfield, who read the dialogue of Rosa Parks, and junior Sean Rainey of Hillside, who portrayed Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The students observed a moment of silence in memory of Coretta Scott King, and they incorporated poetry readings, interpretative dancing and performances by the Step Squad and Gospel Choir into the program.

Kristina Eide Achieves Kutztown Dean's List

SCOTCH PLAINS - Kristina Eide of Scotch Plains has been named to the Fall 2005 semester Dean's List at Kutztown University. The daughter of John and Susan Eide, Kristina is majoring in education with a concentration in mathematics.

This recognition is given to students who received a quality point average of at least 3.60 while carrying at least 12 hours of credit for the semester.

WF's Hartwick Earns Dean's List Honors

WESTFIELD - Hartwick College freshman Matthew Gallagher of Westfield, the son of Patricia and Joseph Gallagher, has been named to the fall term Dean's List at Hartwick.

Inclusion on Hartwick's Dean's List is contingent upon completion of a full course load with at least a 3.5 grade point average based on a 4.0 scale. At Hartwick, Matthew has participated in men's varsity lacrosse. He is a graduate of Westfield High School.

Temple Reveals Activities For Purim Celebration

CLARK - Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah, located at 111 Valley Road in Clark, will hold several days of Purim activities.

Unitarians to Screen Zinn Documentary

COUNTY - The Social Justice Committee of the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield (FUSP) will present the next entry in its Third Friday Film Series at 7:30 p.m. on March 17. Members of the society include residents of Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

This month's selection is a documentary on the life of activist and historian Howard Zinn. Entitled *Howard Zinn: You Can't Be Neutral on a Moving Train*, it will be shown at the FUSP church, located at 724 Park Avenue in Plainfield.

A potluck supper will begin at 7 p.m. and a discussion will follow the screening. Childcare will be available. The event is free, but donations will be accepted to further the work of the committee.

The series will conclude in April with Michael Moore's film *Fahrenheit 9/11*. For more information, please call (908) 754-9111.

The festivities will begin this Sunday, March 12, at 5 p.m. with a Purim Seudah. A four-course meal prepared by congregants will be served. Lauren's Lounge Lizards, a 10-piece band featuring members of the synagogue, will provide entertainment.

The cost is \$14 for adults and \$9 for teenagers and children over age five. Children under five or those attending the synagogue's Hebrew school or Solomon Schechter Day School may attend for free.

The Purim celebration will continue on Monday, March 13, at 5:30 p.m. with the synagogue's B'Yachad family program featuring food, games and other activities.

At 6:30 p.m., the USY (United Synagogue Youth) chapter will sponsor "Say Cheese for Charity." Participants will be able to have their photographs taken while wearing Purim costumes. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative costumes. The entire \$5 fee will go to the USY chapter's charity projects.

The festivities will culminate with the annual public reading of the Megillah at 7 p.m. For more information or to respond for any of the programs, please call the temple at (732) 381-8403.

Community/Area News

Miller-Cory to Spotlight 'Art of Quilling' Sunday

WESTFIELD - Evelyn Kennelly will present "The Art of Quilling" this Sunday, March 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Miller-Cory House Museum, located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield.

An ancient paper filigree craft, quilling originated in Europe during the 15th century. Fashionable women renewed the art in the 17th and 18th centuries. It was called quilling because at that time, the shapes were formed around the quill of a feather.

Mrs. Kennelly, a Westfield resident, will demonstrate how strips of paper of various colors and textures are rolled into very fine coils and then applied to

various items to make decorative pieces.

Members of the museum's Cooking Committee will demonstrate open hearth cooking using Colonial techniques. Taste treats will be available.

Costumed docents will be on hand to give tours of the 18th century farmhouse. Attendees also are invited to stop by the museum's gift shop, which carries a wide variety of Colonial toys, crafts, cookbooks and educational materials.

Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students and free for children under age six. Upcoming Sunday events include "Loo and Other Colonial Games" on March 19 and "Tin Piercing" on March 26. For more details, please call (908) 232-1776.

Area Blood Drive Scheduled Today

COUNTY - The Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Blood Center of New Jersey will host a blood drive today, Thursday, March 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Red Cross Service Center, 16 Jefferson Avenue in Elizabeth.

The Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross recently partnered with the Blood Center of New Jersey, which currently supplies over 100,000 blood products annually to New Jersey hospitals and medical centers. Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good health.

Synagogue to Hold Annual 'Casino Night'

CLARK - Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah, located at 111 Valley Road in Clark, will hold its annual "Grand Casino Night" on Saturday, March 18, starting at 8 p.m.

The synagogue's social hall will be transformed into a Las Vegas-style casino complete with craps, blackjack, poker and roulette tables manned by professional croupiers.

Prizes will include hotel and spa packages, show tickets, home entertainment merchandise, jewelry and restaurant certificates.

Tickets to the event are \$35 each and will include \$50 in gaming chips, one ticket to the grand raffle, kosher hors d'oeuvres and desserts. To purchase tickets, please call Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah at (732) 381-8403.

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