

Dorris Terry, 73, Special Ed. Teacher; Was Active in the Local Community

Dorris M. Terry, 73, of Fanwood died on Sunday, February 4, at Haven Hospice at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in White Haven, Pa., she had lived in Scotch Plains prior to moving to Fanwood 44 years ago.

Mrs. Terry was a graduate of Rider University, where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Education. She had been employed with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, having worked as a special education teacher at McGinn Elementary School, then Coles Elementary School, before retiring from School One.

Active in the Fanwood community, she portrayed Miss Fanny Wood in 2005; had the role of the Halloween witch in LaGrande Park for over 10 years and played Fanwood's Easter Bunny for over 40 years.

Mrs. Terry also served as chairwoman of the Mother's March Cancer Drive in Fanwood and of a Red Cross drive, and was a volunteer probation counselor for the Union County Juvenile Department.

She was past president of the LaGrande Parent-Teacher Association and former secretary of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA Council. She co-founded the G.A.L. (Girls Ath-

letic League) in Fanwood in 1966 and served as a team manager and also participated in the Fanwood Women's Softball and Volleyball leagues.

Mrs. Terry additionally served as a volunteer with the Fanwood Board of Health and was a member and secretary of the Fanwood Recreation Commission.

She was predeceased by her husband, Arthur Terry, in 1994 and by her son, John Terry, in 1996.

Surviving are her son, Douglas G. Terry of Hudson, Ohio; her daughter, Suzanne T. Damberger of Downingtown, Pa.; her father, George Kolcun; her sister, Jacqueline Love; her brother, George Kolcun; four grandchildren, Shannon and Patrick Terry and Chelsea and Lindsey Damberger, and her companion, James Grover.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. today, Thursday, February 8, at the Scotch Plains Baptist Church in Scotch Plains.

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

Those who wish to may make memorial contributions to the Scotch Plains Baptist Church Building Fund, 333 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076.

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Andrew W. Murdoch, 85, War Veteran; Was Machinist and Talented Craftsman

Andrew W. "Pop" Murdoch, 85, of Scotch Plains died on Friday, February 2, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Belfast, Ireland, he grew up in Elizabeth and resided in Scotch Plains since 1953.

Mr. Murdoch served his country during World War II with the United States Navy from May 1944 until receiving an honorable discharge from Camp Wallace, Tex. in 1946.

He was employed as a manager and machinist with Aircorpmco in Edison for over 30 years, retiring in February 1983.

Mr. Murdoch was a very talented craftsman and woodworker who took great pride and joy in his work.

Andy is survived by his wife of 62 years, Alice Murdy Murdoch; his sis-

ter, Elizabeth Petz, and her husband, George, of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; two daughters, Kristi Hawkins and her husband, "Chip" Harold, of Savannah, Ga. and Janice Murdoch and Denis Bildeau of Hillsborough; two married grandsons, Timothy Hawkins and Jacy of Texas and Michael Hawkins and Kelly of New Providence, and his great-granddaughter, Madison.

The family will receive visitors on Saturday, February 17, between 1 and 4 p.m. at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial contribution may be made to the Alzheimer's Association Greater New Jersey Chapter, 400 Morris Avenue, Suite 251, Denville, N.J. 07834 (www.alzjnj.org).

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Obituaries

Dr. Malcolm Beals, 85, Optel Founder; Planning Board and Council Member

Dr. Malcolm Douglas Beals, 85, of Basking Ridge entered into eternal life on Tuesday, January 30, at Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown.

He was born and raised in Raquette Lake, N.Y., located in the Adirondack Park. Dr. Beals lived in New Jersey for 57 years, first in Plainfield and then in Fanwood for 35 years. In retirement, he spent his summers in the Adirondacks on First Lake in Old Forge, N.Y. His last residence was in Fellowship Village, a retirement community in Basking Ridge.

Dr. Beals earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Alfred University in Alfred, N.Y. and a Master of Science degree from Pennsylvania State University in State College, Pa. After World War II, he earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Solid State Chemistry, also from Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Beals was a member of the American Ceramic Society and was elected a Fellow.

A veteran of World War II, he served as a lieutenant j.g. on a Patrol Torpedo (PT) boat in the Philippine Islands.

Dr. Beals worked for the National Lead Company in South Amboy, was a founder of Optel Corporation in Princeton and finished his professional career with Lazare Kaplan International, a diamond firm in New York City.

In the Borough of Fanwood, Dr. Beals served in municipal government as a member of the planning board and a member of the borough council. He had many interests involving the outdoors, including gardening, the Boy Scouts, canoeing, camping, fishing and skiing. Additionally,

Sadie Peters Ross, 82

Sadie Peters Ross, 82, a longtime resident of Westfield, N.J., went home to be with God on Saturday, September 30, 2006, at home after a long illness.

She is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, Charles P. Ross; a son, Howard Peters of Browns Mills, N.J.; a stepson, Lamont Ross of Davenport, Fla., and other family members and friends who cherish her memory.

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tionally, he was an avid reader and over the years, particularly in retirement, he became a gourmet cook.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Elizabeth "Betty" Beals; three children, Janet and her husband, David Nelson, of Vail, Colo., Lawrence and his wife, Karen, of Winchester, Mass. and Nancy Beals of Seattle, Wash., and two grandchildren, Morgan Elizabeth and Andrew Douglas Beals.

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Dr. Malcolm Douglas Beals will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Westfield on Saturday, February 17, at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the First United Methodist Church, One East Broad Street, Westfield, N.J. 07090 or to the Dana Farber Jimmy Fund Clinic, 44 Binney Street, Boston, Mass. 02115.

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

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Mary L. Comeau, 79

Mary Louise Comeau, 79, of Scotch Plains died on Friday, February 2, at her residence.

Born in Elizabeth on August 9, 1927, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Ceinwen (Howells) Bergen. She had lived in Westfield for 20 years and also in Mountainside for many years before relocating to Scotch Plains eight years ago.

Mrs. Comeau had been employed as a training supervisor for the Union County Board of Social Services in Elizabeth for 27 years prior to retiring in 1991.

Surviving are a son, Robert C. Comeau of New Providence, and two grandchildren.

A religious service was held yesterday, Wednesday, February 7, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. Interment followed at Cloverleaf Memorial Park in Woodbridge.

Memorial donations may be made to the Trinitas Hospital Oncology Department and addressed to the Trinitas Health Foundation, P.O. Box 259, Elizabeth, N.J. 07207.

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Coffee With Conscience Presents Pop Artists

WESTFIELD - The Coffee With Conscience Concert Series continues its seventh season by presenting three pop artists, Scott Moore, Jim Boggia and Mike Viola, on a triple bill.

The concert will take place at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield, located at One East Broad Street (corner of North Avenue), on Saturday, February 17. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 8 p.m. Admission is \$15.

All net proceeds from the concert will be donated to HomeFirst (formerly known as the Interfaith Council for the Homeless).

Mr. Moore is the founder and host of the Writer's Hang performance series, which takes place in Hoboken on the first Thursday night of each month. Mr. Moore will be the host of this evening's show - "Writer's Hang Style" - joined by his two friends Mr. Boggia and Mr. Viola.

The three songwriters will each take turns playing their own songs peppered with cover tunes as well. Each will add guitar, piano or backing vocals to flesh out the sounds of the one who is performing.

The Coffee With Conscience Concert Series is a 10-show series running from September through June at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield. For more information about the series, the upcoming performance or ways in which to get involved with the series, visit coffeewithconscience.org.

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The public can call the concert hotline at (908) 412-9105 or send an e-mail to concerts4causes@aol.com. Volunteers are always needed.

Beechwood School Announces Registration

MOUNTAINSIDE - Beechwood School in Mountainside has announced its registration for 2007-2008 kindergarten classes.

Mountainside school district offers a full-day kindergarten program to residents of the borough. Children being registered must be five years old by Monday, October 1.

Parents are asked to call Lynne Ciasulli at (908) 301-9107, extension no. 100, to request a registration packet. Completed packets, along with original birth certificates and proof of residency (tax bill, deed or lease), should be brought to the main office tomorrow, Friday, February 9, between 9 and 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 and 2:30 p.m.

Once completed papers are returned, an appointment will be scheduled for the kindergarten screening, which will take place in May. Kindergarten teachers, a speech therapist and an occupational therapist conduct the screenings.

Barbara Komoroski, the Mountainside school district's guidance counselor, will assist with the screenings.

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Robert Sharer, 81, Was Stockbroker, General Partner at New York Firm

Robert W. Sharer, 81, of Westfield died on Thursday, February 1, at his home surrounded by his family.

Born in Painesville, Ohio, he lived in the New York metropolitan area for over 60 years.

As a young man, Mr. Sharer was a page at the New York Stock Exchange. He was a stockbroker with Hemphill, Noyes, Hornblower & Weeks in New York City from 1950 to 1978, helping it to expand its offices from 16 to 33. Mr. Sharer was made general partner there in 1961.

He subsequently became a gentleman farmer, owning Paradisevalley Farm in Cherry Valley, N.Y., and also assisted his wife with her antique business in Westfield.

Mr. Sharer was a lieutenant in the United States Army Air Corps in World War II, serving as a navigator and bombardier. He earned his law degree

from Washington and Lee University in Virginia, where he was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. He then received his Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Mr. Sharer also was an avid United States stamp collector.

Mr. Sharer was the beloved husband for 58 years of Vena Weber Sharer, and the devoted father of four. He will be deeply missed by his nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Also surviving is one sister.

A private family service will be held in the future.

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

Donations in his name may be made to Atlantic Hospice, 33 Bleeker Street, Millburn, N.J. 07041.

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Adeline Muller, 96, Championship Golfer; Westfield Resident For Over 50 Years

Adeline A. Muller, 96, of Westfield died on Sunday, February 4, at her residence.

Born in Cambridge, Mass. on December 28, 1910, she was the daughter of the late Oskar and Ella Peterson. She lived in Westfield for the last 57 years.

Mrs. Muller was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield, Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield and Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, where she was a championship golfer. She additionally was a member of the Stuart Golf and Country Club in Key West, Fla.

Her husband, Arthur C. Muller, Jr., predeceased her in 1995.

Surviving are a daughter, Joyce E. Stahl; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 10, with the Reverend Andrew Hamersley officiating at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. Private interment will take place tomorrow, Friday, February 9, at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

At the family's request, there will be no visitation.

In lieu of flowers, a tax-deductible donation may be made to The Founders Society, 727 Eaton Street, Key West, Fla. 33040.

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Josiah Britton, 95, Rutgers Graduate; Retired Superintendent With PSE&G

Josiah "Joe" A. Britton, 95, of Mountainside died on Thursday, February 1, at his home.

Born in Flemington, he lived in Mountainside since 1940.

Mr. Britton had been employed as a superintendent with Public Service Electric and Gas from 1940 until his retirement in 1973.

He was a member of the graduating class of 1933 at Rutgers University, receiving a degree in mechanical engineering and also a gold seal.

His wife, Florence Britton, predeceased him in 2006.

Surviving are a son, James Britton; six daughters, Marion Crawford, Maureen Warren, Alice

Seidel, Phyllis Weinstein, Patricia Kopp and Eleanor Landry; 13 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Tuesday, February 6, at the Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountainside. Interment followed at St. Mary Cemetery in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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

Memorial donations may be made to the Center For Hope Hospice, 1900 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076.

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MS's Trailside Offers 'February Festivities'

MOUNTAINSIDE - Trailside Nature and Science Center will offer "February Festivities" - special adult, family and children's programs during the Presidents' Day weekend vacation, between February 16 and 20.

Kicking off the annual festivities is a free history lecture entitled "Martha Washington" on Friday, February 16, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. for adults ages 18 and older. The lecture is sponsored in part with funding from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required.

Pat Jordan, a member of the American Historical Theater for more than 10 years, will recreate the life of

Martha Washington while dressed in an authentic costume from the time period. Widowed at an early age, Martha took her two surviving children to Mount Vernon when she married George Washington.

The "February Festivities" continue on Saturday, February 17, with a variety of entertaining and interactive programs for families at Trailside, designed to heighten awareness of the natural world during the winter months.

Space is limited and classes fill quickly, so pre-registration is required for all programs and workshops. The fee for each program is \$4 per person for Union County residents and \$5 for out-of-county participants unless otherwise noted.

Highlighting the "February Festivities" programs are two evening classes. The fee for each evening program is \$5 per person for Union County residents and \$6 for out-of-county participants.

For a complete listing of "February Festivities" programs and children's workshops or for information on upcoming events and summer camps, call Trailside at (908) 789-3670 or visit ucjnj.org/trailside.

Trailside is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside and is a service of Union County.

Prayer to

The Blessed Virgin

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN: (Never known to fail) Oh most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of heaven. Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me show me herein, you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3X). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for the things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. The person must say this prayer three consecutive days. After three days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted. R.G.

Prayer to St. Jude

Oh Holy St. Jude, apostle and martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my urgent position. In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys, three Glorias. St. Jude pray for us and all who invoke your aid. Publication must be promised. This novena has never been known to fail. R.G.



AFFIRMATIVE...Superintendent of Schools William Foley greets John Stasi, right, the director of Human Resources and Affirmative Action Officer for the Westfield Public Schools.

John Stasi Assumes Role Of Affirmative Action Officer

WESTFIELD - John Stasi, recently appointed as director of Human Resources for the Westfield Public Schools, was approved by the board of education on January 30 to also assume the responsibility of Affirmative Action Officer and 504 Compliance Officer for the 2006-2007 school year.

Mr. Stasi holds certifications as a school administrator, school business administrator, principal and supervisor. He has earned a Doctoral degree in Education, a master's degree in administration and supervision and a bachelor's degree in education.

His educational career in New Jersey includes teaching at the elemen-

tary and secondary levels in Hillside, coordinating adult basic education in Elizabeth and serving as vice principal of Watchung Hills Regional High School, principal of the early-childhood program of Arc of Somerset County and as an adjunct professor at Berkeley College, Middlesex County College, Kean University and DeVry Institute.

He also served as educational specialist for the New Jersey Department of Education in the Office of the Union County Superintendent.

Mr. Stasi, a resident of Westfield, is a member of the New Jersey Council of Education and the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association.

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