

Donald E. Cummings, 85, NYSE VP; WW II Veteran, Purple Heart Recipient

Donald Edward Cummings died of cancer on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 2010, peacefully at his home in Westfield, surrounded by his entire family of three generations, at age 85.

He had worked full-time, living unassisted, until one week prior to his passing. Universally admired and loved by all who knew him, Mr. Cummings will be deeply missed. His primary lifelong passion was to make close personal bonds with people around him and to help them in any way he could.



Donald E. Cummings

Don was born on November 6, 1925 in Woburn, Mass., the second son of Eustace Haven Cummings, owner of the E. Cummings Leather Co., and Eleanor Houston Ray Cummings.

He was raised with his brothers, Eustace William Cummings and Richard Haven Cummings, in close proximity to their extended family; both brothers still survive.

They moved to Lebanon, N.H. in

Julia M. Allegrini, 92

Julia Mary (Palma) Allegrini, 92, of Newbury, Mass. died on Thursday, December 2, 2010, at the Anna Jaques Hospital in Newburyport, Mass.

Julia was born in Waterford, N.J. to the late Philip and Susan (Morocco) Palma. She lived in Westfield, N.J. for 50 years and was involved with the Westfield senior groups and St. Helen's parish in Westfield.

Predeceased by her husband, Aldo P. Allegrini, and son, Peter A. Allegrini, she is survived by her daughters, Elaine LePoriere of Edison, N.J., Joan Clayton of Monrovia, Calif. and Mary Fisk of Newbury, Mass.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated today, Thursday, December 9, at 10:30 a.m. at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Newburyport. Family and friends may call today prior to the Mass, from 9 to 10 a.m., at the Twomey-LeBlanc and Conte Funeral Home, 193 High Street, Newburyport, Mass. 01950.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen Street, Framingham, Mass. 01701. To leave online condolences or for directions to the funeral home, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.

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Sidney F. Keoughan, Jr., 79, Executive; Family Man Active In Scouts and Sports

Sidney F. Keoughan, Jr. died on Wednesday, November 24, 2010, at Venice Regional Medical Center in Venice, Fla. He was 79 years old.

Born in Denver, Colo. on August 30, 1931, he was the son of Hazel and Sidney F. Keoughan, Sr. He had resided in Denver, Colo. and suburbs of the Chicago, Ill. area during his youth. He was a 1952 graduate of Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colo., where he played Varsity Baseball and majored in economics.

Mr. Keoughan continued with his baseball career by playing in the Minor League. He also was a first lieutenant with the United States Marine Corps and was stationed in Japan and Hawaii.

During his career in the pharmaceutical industry, he was Senior Vice-President of Marketing at Johnson & Johnson in New Brunswick, N.J., where he was credited as the co-inventor for several surgical patents. He then rose to the position of Director of Marketing Development with C.R. Bard's Hospital Division in Murray Hill, N.J.

Sidney Keoughan left the pharmaceutical industry to devote more time

1939 and established another tannery there, a major industry in the city. Don attended local public schools until transferring to Kimball Union Academy during his final year of high school.

He then attended Harvard University for a short period before entering the army during World War II. Serving in combat with the 100th Infantry Division in northeastern France in 1944, he received the Purple Heart for injuries he had sustained.

After the war, he resumed collegiate aims, graduating from Harvard and then from Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business. Arriving in New York City in 1950, he worked there for 60 years, about one third of that time in securities brokerage, as a founder of Bregman, Cummings, and Co., as well as Cummings and Taylor, Inc.

Then followed an equivalent length of time as a vice-president of the New York Stock Exchange, from which he was required to retire at age 65. Changing direction, he then worked for nearly 20 years on the administrative staff of the Manhattan Veterans' Affairs Medical Center.

Residing in Westfield, he and his wife of 56 years, Elaine Pankopf Cummings, raised three children who survive, Diane Elaine Simonds of Nobleboro, Me., Carolyn Ray Cummings Cordeiro of Westfield and Professor David Eustace Cummings, MD of Seattle, Wash.

Others surviving are Don's children's spouses, Peter J. Simonds, Professor Peter G. Cordeiro, MD and Felicia P. Cummings, MD, as well as grandchildren Julia and Elliot Barnes, Christina, Catherine and Andrew Cordeiro and Nathan and Cameron Cummings.

Burial took place in the Cummings plot at Woodbrook Cemetery of Woburn, Mass., in the presence of Don's large extended family.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, December 28, in The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, followed by a reception at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, people wishing to make donations are requested to contribute in Mr. Cummings' name to Camp Mowglis (P.O. Box 517, Kingfield, ME 04947), where Don served for many years as a trustee, treasurer and stalwart supporter.

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Obituaries

George Battschinger, 87, WWII Pilot; Active With Veterans' Organizations

George V. Battschinger, 87, of Carolina Trace, Sanford, N.C., passed away on Tuesday, November 30, 2010, at WakeMed in Cary, N.C.

Born in Newark, N.J. on January 15, 1923 to the late Hazel Marie Burns and George Battschinger, he was the first of six children. He received his education in Newark and attended the University of Vermont.

During World War II, he was a B-17 bomber pilot in the 8th Air Force, stationed in England. He flew 35 combat missions over Nazi Germany,

David L. Beers, 83

David L. Beers, 83, of Bluffton, S.C. died on Sunday, December 5, 2010.

Born October 16, 1927 to David and Helen Beers of Warren, Ohio, he served in the U.S. Army and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1951. He married Carol Rogers on January 3, 1959.

A longtime resident of Westfield, N.J., he retired to Hilton Head, S.C. in 1997.

Surviving are his wife, Carol; son, David; daughter-in-law, Nancy, and granddaughter, Carol.

A celebration of life will be held tomorrow, Friday, December 10, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Sigler's, Sheridan Park Circle, Bluffton.

Memorial contributions may be made to Volunteers in Medicine, 15 Northridge Drive, Hilton Head, S.C. 29926 or Hilton Head Regional Habitat for Humanity, 21 Brendan Lane, Bluffton, S.C. 29910.

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and was awarded the Air Medal and five Oak Leaf Clusters. He served three years during the war and 13 years after in the active reserve, and was discharged as a captain in 1958.

Mr. Battschinger worked for Electrical Industries in Murray Hill, N.J. for 24½ years, while also working 22½ years for the U.S. Postal Service in Newark. He retired from the Postal Service in 1983 and from Electrical Industries in 1984.

Mr. Battschinger was married to Pearl Ethel Lau, formerly of Newark, for 65 years. They moved to Scotch Plains, N.J. in 1946 and lived there until moving to Sanford, N.C. in 1997. They have one daughter, Karen Ann Battschinger of Sanford, N.C.

He also leaves three brothers, Robert, Edward and William, and two sisters, Jeanne Milia and Barbara DiMarzio.

Mr. Battschinger was a member of the Eighth Air Force Historical Society and the 487th Bomb Group of the Eighth Air Force. He also was a member of American Legion Post No. 209 and VFW Post No. 10122, both of Scotch Plains.

A service will be held privately by the family at a later date. Memorials may be made to: Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum, with "in memory of George Battschinger" on the memo line of the check. Mail memorials to: Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum, P.O. Box 1992, Savannah, Ga. 31402. Online condolences may be made at www.millerboles.com. Miller-Boles Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Sanford is serving the family.

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St. Paul's Church Reveals Services For Christmas

WESTFIELD - Three different Christmas celebrations will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The community is invited to join in one or more of these festive services.

The Family Service and Children's Christmas Pageant, featuring the St. Paul's Primary and Junior Choirs, will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday, Christmas Eve, December 24. Children from the Sunday school classes will enact the Christmas story in word and song, to be followed by the liturgy of the Eucharist.

The second celebration will occur later that evening with the Festive Choral Eucharist, beginning at 9:45 p.m. with a Carol Sing. The Christmas Eucharist will follow at 10 p.m., featuring St. Paul's Parish and Treble Choirs. A brass quintet

and percussion will join organist and Director of Music Charles Banks in works by Sweelinck, Schubert and Nestor, as well as traditional hymns and carols. The Reverend Andrew Hamersley, rector, will deliver the Christmas Message. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early for these services to ensure a seat for the Christmas Liturgy.

The third and final Christmas service will be the Eucharist service on Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day, at 10 a.m. with a Homily and carols of the season.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is located at 414 East Broad Street in Westfield, across from the municipal building. For more information, call (908) 232-8506, extension no. 10, or access stpaulswestfield.org.



SONGS OF THE SEASON...Some members of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church Choir practice seasonal music. The church is located at 414 East Broad Street in Westfield.

In Gratitude

We would like to express our deep appreciation for the recognition and love shared with us by our friends in the community upon the loss of our beloved Sandy.

With heartfelt thanks,
The Reiss Family

Obituaries

Honor your loved one by placing an obituary in The Westfield Leader and Scotch Plains Fanwood Times newspapers.

Submittals can be sent via email. Please include a daytime telephone number. Payment may be made by cash, check or over the phone with a credit card.

We can assist you with further information regarding the write-up and photographs or authority in charge.

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Mary DeCamp, 80, Artist and Author; Volunteer With Pug Rescue Group

Mary Kennedy DeCamp, 80, of Los Angeles, Calif., formerly of Grandview on Hudson, N.Y., passed away on Thursday, September 30, after a short illness.

Born in Evanston, Ill. on July 6, 1930, Mary attended New Trier High School and Northampton School for Girls. She was a graduate of Ogontz Junior College (now part of Penn State University) and then attended The Art Institute of Chicago.

After working as a stewardess for United Airlines for two years, she married Jack M. "Pete" DeCamp, now deceased. Happily married for 55 years, Mary and Jack traveled the world while raising their two children.

Mary was an accomplished artist and illustrator and author of two

John D. Brunquell, 48

John D. Brunquell, 48, died on Thursday, December 2, 2010, at his residence.

He was the beloved son of Anne Brunquell and the late Gerard Brunquell, longtime residents of Westfield. Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his wife, Kimberly; his daughters, Donna and Elizabeth; his brothers, James, Stephen and David Brunquell, and many nieces and nephews.

A former resident of North Plainfield, N.J. and Washington Crossing, Pa., John was a steel fabricator at Brunquell Iron Works in Dayton, N.J. and, most recently, Creative Metals in Bensalem, Pa.

He will be deeply missed by his family and by all who came to know him.

A Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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books, "Full Frontal Pug" and "Seize That Pug."

She was a member of The Pug Dog Club of Greater New York and later volunteered for Little Angels Pug Rescue in Los Angeles.

Surviving are her son, Peter, of Los Angeles and her daughter, Ardis, of Westfield, N.J., as well as two grandsons, David and Adam Perry of Westfield.

The family has requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to a local animal rescue group or pet shelter.

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Franklin A. Chenitz, 88

Franklin A. Chenitz, affectionately known to those who knew and loved him as Frank or Bubby, passed away peacefully in his home on Saturday, November 20, 2010, at the age of 88.

Formerly of Newark, N.J., where he was a playground director and physical education teacher, he relocated to Boynton Beach, Fla. 20 years ago from Westfield, N.J.

A graduate of Panzer College and Seton Hall University, Frank was a star basketball player in high school and college and played professionally in the Eastern League. He also served as a medical technician in the Pacific during World War II.

He was the beloved husband of Harriet, devoted father of Ilene McVea, Nancy Bernstein (Steven), Frani DeJaco (Raymond) and Richard Chenitz (Patricia), and cherished grandfather of David, Matthew, Julie, Vicki, Emily, Sarah, Jacob, Isa and Jada.

Services were held on Wednesday, November 24, 2010, at Beth Israel Memorial Chapel in Boynton Beach, Fla., followed by interment in Eternal Light Memorial Gardens.

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Best Friend Announces Sales To Help Homeless Animals

AREA - Best Friend Dog and Animal Adoption will hold a holiday bake sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. this Saturday, December 11, at Miele's

FCC Event Tomorrow To Feature Oil Benefits

WESTFIELD - The First Congregational Church, located at 125 Elmer Street in Westfield, will offer a special program tomorrow, Friday, December 10, at 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the church's Women's Fellowship group, the program will explore fragrant oils designed to reduce stress, lift mood and aid sleep. Attendees will learn about the relaxation benefits of natural essential oils and afterwards make their own linen spray, bath salts and body scrub to keep or give as a gift.

Refreshments will be served and the program will be open to the public. The cost of \$10 will cover supplies. Free off-street parking is available behind the church. For additional information or to register, call the church office at (908) 233-3494 or visit the church website, fccofwestfield.org.

Westfield Rotary Highlights December Program Topics

WESTFIELD - The Rotary Club of Westfield, a non-denominational service organization of professional women and men who live or work in the Westfield area, has announced its upcoming programs for the month of December.

The club meets 50 weeks per year, from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., for lunch and a program in the second-floor Kellogg Room at the Westfield Area "Y," located at 220 Clark Street in Westfield. Guests are always welcome.

"Youth Holiday Concert: Roosevelt Sharps & Flats" will be featured on December 14. The Sharps & Flats, directed by Sabino Losco, is an extracurricular singing group made up of select audition group students from Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield. Touring frequently both in

and outside of the school district, the ensemble will sing a collection of seasonal favorites.

"Rotarian Concert: Holidays Around the World" is scheduled for December 21. Ted Schlosberg, founder and executive director of the Westfield-based New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, will direct a special concert consisting of traditional and contemporary songs from around the world and featuring Rotarians Ron Swist on guitar, Liz Ensslin on oboe and Phil Rinaldi on saxophone, among other highlights.

Anyone interested in attending a program, speaking or learning more about Rotary in Westfield may contact Ray Kostyack, president, at (908) 789-7834 or raymond.kostyack@wachoviasec.com.



LUNCH CLUB...Members of the Woman's Club of Westfield (WCW), along with town educators and club friends, gathered recently at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield for the club's annual Scholarship Luncheon. WCW President Dolores Geisow addressed the group, and among the featured speakers were: Westfield Superintendent of Schools Margaret Dolan, Westfield High School Principal Peter Renwick and Marie Gray, a club benefactor. The Westfield High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Douglas Schwarz, performed. There also was a raffle and tricky tray. Pictured, left to right, are: WCW First-Vice President Jennifer Principato, Superintendent Dolan and Ms. Geisow.

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