

## Richard Swicker, 79, Witness to History During Long Career In Broadcast TV

Richard "Swick" Kerwin Swicker, 79, of Westfield, N.J., died on Thursday, January 28, at Kindred Hospital of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in Rahway after a long illness. He was born in West Chester, Pa. in 1930, the son of Lester and Eileen Swicker, and grew up in Ridgewood and Bernardsville, N.J.

Swick graduated from Bernards High School in Bernardsville, N.J. in 1948 and from Dartmouth College, Class of '52. He served in the Army from 1952 to 1954. His long career in broadcast television began with NBC as a unit manager in the News and Entertainment division. Later, he worked as a freelance unit manager for all the major networks, as well as for PBS.



Richard Swicker

His assignments took him all over the world, the most special of which found him in East Africa filming an ABC documentary called "Africa." It was televised in 1966 as a four-hour broadcast without interruption, a "first" at that time. Swick was a witness to history in the coverage of the March on Selma, as well as the funeral of President John F. Kennedy and the Gemini space missions for NASA.

During his NBC years, he was proud to have been involved in the Kraft Theatre production of Walter Lord's "A Night to Remember," about the sinking of the Titanic. NBC had constructed a model of the main saloon and staircase in the Brooklyn

studios, and the drama was broadcast live, there being no videotaping in those days. In his last years before retirement, after returning to NBC, he worked on "The Cosby Show," where the kitchen set featured a mortar and pestle on the kitchen counter that had been hand-turned by him.

After retirement, he went to England to train in the art of woodturning, and later opened a workshop in Westfield specializing in that art.

Swick is survived by his wife of 55 years, Laura Annesley Chase Swicker, and four children, Captain Charles "Chip" Swicker, USN and his wife, Gayle, of Vienna, Va., Bruce R. Swicker of New York City, Peter C. Swicker and his wife, Violy, of El Paso, Tex., and Laura A. Barber of Westfield. Also surviving are two grandchildren, Sydney Chase Barber of Westfield and Isaac Thomas Swicker of El Paso, Tex.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 6, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield, where he and his wife have been members for over 50 years. Interment will be in the church Garth, after which all are invited to a lunch reception in the Parish Hall.

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

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made in his memory to St. Paul's Church or to the Salvation Army (Haiti Relief).

February 4, 2010

## Herbert Blevins, 93, Merck Executive; Active In Church and Fanwood Lions

Herbert H. Blevins, 93, died on Wednesday, January 27, at Fellowship Village in Basking Ridge.

Born in Kansas to Walter and Hazel Blevins, he had lived in Fanwood before moving to Scotch Plains in 1955. He resided at Fellowship Village since 2001 and also maintained a residence in Key Biscayne, Fla. for 10 years.

Mr. Blevins graduated from Kansas State University. After graduation, he joined Lybrand, Ross Bros. and Montgomery before entering the United States Air Force. He served in the Air Force from 1941 to 1946, rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel. Upon leaving the service, he was employed by Merck & Co., Inc. in Rahway for 32 years, retiring in 1979 as Vice President of Management Information Systems.

He was a charter member of the Fanwood Lions Club and a long-time member of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder and trustee for the church. Additionally, Mr. Blevins served as a trustee for Union

County College and its foundation for 20 years and as a member, president and chairman of the Financial Executives Institute.

His wife of 65 years, Neva Payne Blevins, and his daughter, Dixie Lee Blevins, predeceased him.

Surviving are his son, Robert L. Blevins, D.M.D., and his wife, Susan, of Exton, Pa.; his daughter, Patti Baird, and her husband, Edward, of Scotch Plains, and three grandchildren, Scott Blevins, Rebecca Blevins Sellers and Kristen Baird.

Services were held on Saturday, January 30, at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Those who wish may make memorial contributions to the Kansas State University Foundation for the Herbert and Neva Blevins Scholarship Fund, 2323 Anderson Avenue, Manhattan, Kan. 66502. For additional information or to express condolences, please visit [www.fanwoodmemorial.com](http://www.fanwoodmemorial.com).

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## Obituaries

### William Geary, 90, U.S. Navy Veteran; Was Active Volunteer and Family Man

William Russell Geary, 90, of Scotch Plains passed away on Monday, January 25, at his home.

Bill (Bud) was born to James and Lillian Geary of Lyndhurst, N.J. on April 10, 1919. He spent his growing up years in Lyndhurst with his late brother, James, surrounded by a loving community of extended family and friends.

In 1939 Bill enlisted in the 7th Battalion United States Navy Reserve and then served in World War II aboard the USS Borie (destroyer) and the USS Darter (submarine). Bill was a machinist in the engine room of this submarine, which played a pivotal role in the Battle of Leyte Gulf involving 32 Japanese warships.

After the war ended in 1945, Bill married the love of his life, Frances Fitzgerald. They first settled in Bloomfield, N.J. and then moved to Scotch Plains in 1953, where they raised their six daughters. Bill and Fran were very involved in Cana and CYO at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains when their family was young. He worked for Blocker Corporation and then as a steamfitter with Local 475 before retiring. Once retired, Bill volunteered for many years at Children's Specialized Hospital of Mountainside, as well as at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains, where he was an usher, a member of the Holy Name Society and a volunteer in the Food Pantry. He also was a member of the Knights of Columbus 1711.

Bill enjoyed traveling, attending his Naval reunions, golf, dancing and any thing Notre Dame. At the age of 80, Bill fulfilled his dream of traveling to Ireland with his family.

Bill loved his faith and lived it well as a loving son, husband and father. A very special and caring man, affectionately called "Grumpies" by his grandchildren, Bill leaves behind his loving wife of 64 years, Fran; his six daughters, Patricia Norton and her husband, William, Kathleen Van Horn and her husband, Robert, Maureen Brosnan, wife of the late Ted, Ellen Geary, Jean McCloskey and her husband, Sterling, and Marybeth Bedrosian and her husband, Jack; his

15 grandchildren, William Jr. and his wife, Stephanie, Christopher and his wife, Beth, Lauren and her husband, Jared, Kelly and her husband, Glen, Erin, Tim and his wife, Dee, Kayti, Patrick, Drew, Evan, Brendan, Adam, Jack, Alyssa and Peter, and his nine great-grandchildren, Audrey, Will, Sarah, James, William, Aidan, Thea Clare, Francie Maré and Delaney.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Saturday, January 30, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Center for Hope Hospice, 1900 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076 or to the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 325, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076. For additional information or to express condolences, please visit [www.fanwoodmemorial.com](http://www.fanwoodmemorial.com).

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### Genevieve Trojanowski

Genevieve Trojanowski, 89, of Toms River died on Wednesday, January 27, at her daughter's home in Fanwood.

Born and raised in Elizabeth, she was a longtime resident of Toms River.

Mrs. Trojanowski had been employed with the Township of Toms River at the Winding River Skating Rink before retiring last year.

Her husband, Walter, predeceased her.

Surviving are her daughter, Kathy Kapner and her husband, George; two granddaughters, Diane Connelly and her husband, Chris, and Danielle Kapner; her great-grandson, William Walter Connelly; two sisters, Catherine Gill and Wanda Redzinak, and her brother, Edward Stefanik.

The funeral was held on Monday, February 1, from the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. A Funeral Mass followed at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Interment took place at St. Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia.

For additional information or to express condolences, please visit [www.fanwoodmemorial.com](http://www.fanwoodmemorial.com).

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#### SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-10000199  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
CHANCERY DIVISION  
UNION COUNTY  
DOCKET NO. F-42939-08

Plaintiff: LSC MERCURY REO INVESTMENTS, LLC  
VS.  
Defendant: ANTHONY T DAVIS AND NICOLE DAVIS, HIS WIFE, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; BURLINGTON COUNTY WELFARE BOARD; CHARLOTTE SEDIA, CARE ONI AT MERCER L; SYNERGY BANK F/K/A FIRST BANK OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY; WORLDWIDE ASSET PURCHASING LLC, ASSIGNEE OF DIRECT MERCHANT BANK NA; NUN FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is: \*\*\*Four Hundred One Thousand Thirty Five and 32/100\*\*\* \$401,036.32

The property to be sold is located in the BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, County of UNION, State of New Jersey.

Tax Lot 73 BLOCK 116 COMMONLY KNOWN AS 15 TRENTON AVENUE, FANWOOD, NEW JERSEY 07023

Dimensions of the Lot are (Approximately) REFER TO SCHEDULE A

Total Upset: \*\*\*Four Hundred Seventy Thousand One Hundred Twenty Nine and 97/100\*\*\* \$470,129.53 together with lawful interest and costs.

Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money.

The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.

Attorney: SHAPIRO & PEREZ, LLP - ATTORNEYS  
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4 T - 1/28, 2/4, 2/11 & 2/18/10 Fee: \$195.84

#### SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-10000189  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
CHANCERY DIVISION  
UNION COUNTY  
DOCKET NO. F-47425-08

Plaintiff: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAMP 2007, L.P.  
VS.  
Defendant: EDUARDO ZUNIGA; CAROLINA ZUNIGA; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

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The judgment amount is: \*\*\*Three Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Eight and 45/100\*\*\* \$367,388.45

Property to be sold is located in the Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, State of New Jersey.

Dimensions: 125.00 feet x 50.00 feet x 125.00 feet x 50.00 feet

Nearest Cross Street: Cook Avenue

Total Upset: \*\*\*Four Hundred Six Thousand One Hundred Sixteen and 97/100\*\*\* \$406,116.97 together with lawful interest and costs.

Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money.

The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

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## Elizabeth 'Betty' Ryan, 65, Teacher; Realtor With The Alan Johnston Co.

Elizabeth "Betty" Ryan, 65, of Bluffton, S.C., formerly of Westfield, died on Thursday, January 28, at home.

A graduate of Kean University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education, Betty taught third grade at the Morton Street School in Newark and Frank K. Hehnly School in Clark. She also was a longtime Westfield resident and a realtor with The Alan Johnston Co. in Mountainside.

Betty was a member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield and The Lowcountry Presbyterian Church in Bluffton. She enjoyed membership and residence at Colleton River Plantation in Bluffton and membership at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield.

Betty loved being with her grand-

children and had a passion for bridge and the game of Sudoku.

Surviving are her husband of 42 wonderful years, Peter Ryan, and her younger daughter, Allison Gaffney of Nmouth Beach, her husband, Brian, and their two children, Brendan and Matthew. She also is survived by her sister, Maryann Campanella of Linden. Her older daughter, Jennifer, predeceased her.

Services will be held on Wednesday, February 10, at 11 a.m. at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Burial will follow in the church's Revolutionary War Cemetery. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, February 18, at 1:30 p.m. at The Lowcountry Presbyterian Church in Bluffton, S.C.

Sauls Funeral Home of Bluffton, S.C. is assisting the family with their arrangements ([www.saulsfh.com](http://www.saulsfh.com)).

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### Charlotte Pfeiffer

Charlotte Pfeiffer of Westfield passed away on Wednesday, January 27, at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in Rahway.

Born in New York City, she resided in Westfield for many years.

Ms. Pfeiffer was employed by Whalen's Garage in Westfield as a secretary for several years.

Surviving are her nephew, Edward Murray, and nieces, Denise Connors and Debbie Connors-Sorrentino.

Visitation will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, February 4, at the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, February 5, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Donations in her memory may be made to Holy Trinity School, 336 First Street, Westfield, N.J. 07090.

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#### SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-10000493  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
CHANCERY DIVISION  
UNION COUNTY  
DOCKET NO. F-47370-08

Plaintiff: INDYMAC BANK, FSB  
VS.  
Defendant: ROBIN V BROWN

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The judgment amount is: \*\*\*Four Hundred Eighty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Five and 74/100\*\*\* \$489,805.74

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union and State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 516 Rolling Peaks Way, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076

Tax Lot No: 12 in Block No: 6001.

Dimension of Lot Approximately: .310 AC

Nearest Cross Street: Madison Avenue

Total Upset: \*\*\*Five Hundred Forty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety One and 68/100\*\*\* \$545,991.68 together with lawful interest and costs.

Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money.

The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

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#### SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-09006969  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
CHANCERY DIVISION  
UNION COUNTY  
DOCKET NO. F-34667-08

Plaintiff: CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC  
VS.  
Defendant: THOMAS ANDREW BECKER, SUMMIT BANK, FIA CARD SERVICES, N.A.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is: \*\*\*One Hundred Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Two and 19/100\*\*\* \$120,902.19

Property to be sold is located in the Township of Westfield, County of Union and State of New Jersey.

Dimensions: 50.51 feet x 422.13 feet x 50.00 feet x 415.00 feet

Nearest Cross Street: Nomahegan Drive

Total Upset: \*\*\*One Hundred Forty One Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Four and 69/100\*\*\* \$141,384.69 together with lawful interest and costs.

Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money.

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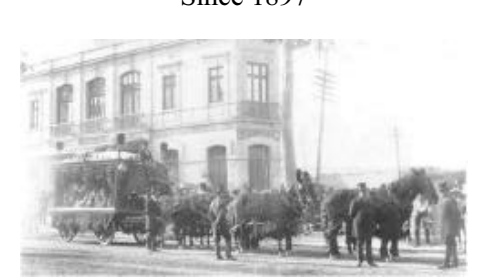
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