

Flip Miller, 65, Professional Gardener; Worked In Peace Corps and Education

Private services were held for Flip Miller, 65, of Scotch Plains, N.J., who passed away suddenly on Friday, April 27, 2012. Arrangements were by the Dooley Colonial Home of Westfield.

Flip was a man of unique talents and interests. He worked in Ethiopia for seven years in relief and rehabilitation through the Peace Corps and Lutheran World Federation. After he returned, he received his master's degree from Montclair State College in Educational Psychology. He taught at Summit Junior High School in Summit, N.J. He subsequently worked at People Express Airlines and in international finance at The Bank of New York in New York City.

None of these endeavors matched his passion for gardening, which led him to the New York Botanical Garden, where he was certified as a Professional Gardener. In 1991 he launched his own business, Flip Miller Garden Design, LLC. For those who knew Flip and for those whose gardens he tended, there was no doubt that

he had found his true calling. Flip is survived by the love of his life, best friend and soul mate, Peggy. He was a devoted father to his daughter, Carolyn Wanat, and her husband, Brian; his son, William Crane, and his wife, Kim, and a loving grandfather to Colton Crane. As a teenager, Flip was an original employee of the Music Staff in Westfield, N.J., which was later purchased by his parents, Fredrick P. Sr. and Catherine Miller, and by his brother, Eric ("Ric"), all of whom predeceased him.

Flip believed that gardens improve the environment and create a more peaceful society. Those who wish may contribute in his memory to The New York Botanical Garden. Donations should be made in Flip's name to the address below. Please include your name and address with any donation so that gifts can be acknowledged.

Ms. Lisa Sifre, New York Botanical Garden, 2900 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, N.Y. 10458.

May 10, 2012

Jack Mohn, 83, Local History Teacher; Enjoyed Football, Gardening and Pets

Jack L. Mohn, 83, of Scotch Plains quietly passed away on Saturday, May 5, 2012, at Genesis Health Care Center in Westfield.

Born in Mount Bethel, Pa., he lived in Bangor, Pa. before moving to Scotch Plains in 1955.

Mr. Mohn proudly served with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of Pennsylvania and a Master of Arts degree from Rutgers University. Mr. Mohn taught American History at both Park and Terrill Middle Schools for 36 years before retiring in 1991.

His passions included his late horse, "Bunny"; the Dallas Cowboys, his garden and his favorite dog, Sharpe.

He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Jeanne; his son, Michael, of California, his wife, Theresa, and their sons, Christopher and Andrew, and his daughter, Sue, of Scotch Plains, her husband, Brian Mecca, and their sons, Anthony, Charlie and Doug.

A service in memory of a life well lived was held on Tuesday, May 8, at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood.

In lieu of flowers, donations

would be appreciated to the Wounded Warrior Project (www.woundedwarriorproject.org) or to St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center (www.sthuberts.org). For additional information or to sign the online guestbook, please visit www.fanwoodmemorial.com.

May 10, 2012

Henry J. Downing, 75

Henry J. Downing, 75, of Fanwood passed away on Tuesday, May 1, 2012, at Manor Care in New Providence.

Born in Orange, N.J., he lived in San Francisco, Calif. for many years before moving to Fanwood in 1983.

Mr. Downing attended San Francisco State College, where he studied to be an accountant. He also served with the Navy Reserve.

He is survived by his loving wife, Judith, and his sister, Susan Downing.

A graveside service was held at Woodbridge Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were by the Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Diabetes Association (www.diabetes.org) would be appreciated. For additional information or to sign the online guestbook, please visit www.fanwoodmemorial.com.

May 10, 2012

Mary Lou Holowka, 78, Bookkeeper; Active Parishioner at IHM Church

Mary Lou Holowka, 78, of Scotch Plains passed away on Wednesday, May 2, 2012, at the Woodlands Center in Plainfield.

Born in Scranton, Pa., she lived in East Orange before moving to Scotch Plains in 1959.

Mrs. Holowka had worked as a

bookkeeper at RS Graphics in Fanwood for many years before retiring. She was a longtime communicant of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains, where she was past president of the Rosary Altar Society. She also served as a Eucharistic Minister.

Surviving are her loving husband, Andrew; her sons, Drew (and his wife, Lorraine) and Dennis (and his wife, Linda); her daughters, Colleen Cornell (and her husband, Tom) and Noreen West (and her husband, Jim), as well as her seven grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Saturday, May 5, from the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. A Mass followed at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Interment took place at St. Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia.

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Obituaries

Fiore Checchio, 86, Retired Machinist; Crossing Guard and Church Usher

Fiore J. Checchio, 86, of Westfield passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, May 3, 2012, surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Italy, Mr. Checchio came to the United States as a child and settled with his family in Scotch Plains. He resided in Westfield since 1947. Fiore was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in World War II. After his retirement as a machinist for SE & M Vernon in Elizabeth, he continued to work as a crossing guard in Westfield for 20 years. He was a member of the Holy Trinity Senior Club and an usher at 5:30 mass.

Mr. Checchio was predeceased by his brother, Anthony, and sister, Laura.

Fiore is survived by his devoted wife of 64 years, Elizabeth, and their loving children, Frank, Gary and his wife, Diane, Joanna Kielbasa and her fiancé, Andy Farina, and Diana Rose, and his brothers, John and his wife,

Elizabeth, and Frank, Jr. He also will be deeply missed by his 13 grandchildren, Christina and Thomas Checchio, Allison Wasserman and her husband, Jared, Jeffrey Checchio and his wife, Addy, John Kielbasa and his wife, Stacey, Richie Kielbasa and his wife, Eleanor, Lenny Kielbasa and his wife, Jenifer, Kevin Kielbasa and his wife, Ondra, Christopher Rose and his wife, Nicole, Jonathan Rose and his wife, Christin, Laura Brengel and her husband, Greg, Bryan Rose and Carolyn Rose, and his 10 great-grandchildren, Rylee, Anthony, Lexy, Kailyn, Hayley, Adam, Samantha, Gregory Jr., Paige and Alasondra.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, May 7, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Entombment followed at St. Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia. Arrangements were by the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

May 10, 2012



Fiore Checchio

Stephen C. Taylor, 68, Had Established Software Companies in Boston Area

Stephen Crago Taylor, 68, formerly of Westfield, passed away in Boston on Friday, May 4, 2012, after a long illness.

Mr. Taylor was born in Indianapolis, Ind. on April 15, 1944. The family moved to Westfield, where Mr. Taylor lived until leaving for college at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston.

He was a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 172, earning the rank of Eagle Scout. With his father, he took numerous Scout camps and canoeing and camping trips in the Adirondacks.

After receiving his degree from MIT, Mr. Taylor attended business school at Harvard University. During his career, he launched several software companies in the Boston area, including Saddlebrook Corporation and Acumeta Corporation. His most recent work involved developing software that aided research for disease therapies using the human genome.

Fly fishing was another of his passions. He and his father took annual trips to the far reaches of Canada to fish for salmon.

Mr. Taylor was an avid and sophisticated stamp collector. His collection includes rare Vermont postal covers, which pre-date stamps, from the post-colonial era.

He loved Boston, where he attended the Boston Pops and hockey games. Mr. Taylor took frequent opportunities to enjoy the great restaurants and the Arnold Arboretum, in addition to the historical architecture of the city.

Mr. Taylor is survived by his sisters, Dianne Whittaker (Larry) and Patricia Taylor; his brother, David Taylor (Marijo); nephews, Jesse Turner and Christopher Taylor, and nieces, Katherine Turner, Rebecca Taylor and Anna Taylor. His parents preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 8, at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were by Gray Funeral Directors of Westfield (www.grayfuneralhomes.com).

May 10, 2012



Stephen C. Taylor

Imagine Names David Burns Trustee Board Treasurer

WESTFIELD - David Burns, a resident of Westfield for 15 years, has been named treasurer of the board of trustees of Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss, which opened May 7 in Westfield.

Mr. Burns is a financial representative with Northwestern Mutual, where he specializes in Asset and Income Protection, Disability Income Insurance, Special Needs Planning and Long-Term Care Insurance. He previously was

spent almost 20 years in the investment management industry.

Married to wife Patricia for 22 years, Mr. Burns is the father of two children, Kristen and David. In addition to his work with Imagine, he serves on the advisory boards of The Paul Jackson Fund and The Alternative Press.com. He also volunteers with Junior Achievement of New Jersey, is a youth coach for the Westfield Lacrosse Club and is

the founder of Volition, a Westfield-based networking group that maintains a local business presence in the community.

"A series of losses that occurred in my life from 1999 to 2004 are what drew me to the mission of Imagine," said Mr. Burns. "In 1999 my father died due to melanoma, and then on September 11, 2001, I was fortunate to escape the south tower from the 94th floor but 87 of my colleagues and friends did not. Then, in 2004, my mother died from pancreatic cancer. These experiences taught me the importance of having a personal support system, to value each and every personal and professional relationship, to find things in life to be passionate about and to endeavor to make a difference in the lives of others."

"My goal is not only to ensure that Imagine has the financial stability to provide its services to those in need for years to come but to also serve as its ambassador, ensuring that our communities are aware of what Imagine has to offer and that children and adults find in us a place that welcomes them with open arms, embraces them in their hour of need, and helps them heal."

Imagine provides free year-round peer support groups for children ages 3 to 18 who have had a parent or sibling die, with concurrent groups offered for parents and guardians. Free support groups also are available for young adults 18 and up who have had a friend, sibling or parent die. For more information, visit imagine.nj.org or contact info@imagine.nj.org or (908) 264-3100.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Westfield
Monday, April 30, Marlo Suarez Flores, 40, of Elizabeth was arrested and charged with shoplifting three pairs of sunglasses, worth \$348, from a business on the 600 block of North Avenue West. She was processed and turned over to the Union County jail after being unable to post bail. Further investigation revealed a detainer from Immigration and Customs Enforcement, according to police.

Tuesday, May 1, Susan Buckland, 48, of Garwood was arrested on North Avenue near Dudley Avenue on an outstanding Fanwood warrant for \$219. She was processed and released on her own recognizance.

Tuesday, May 1, a Paterson resident reported being the victim of a theft while doing work on the 1000 block of Central Avenue. Someone unknown gained entry to the victim's motor vehicle by smashing out a window and stole a GPS unit worth \$110.

Tuesday, May 1, Ralph Luther, 52, of Edison was arrested on North Avenue near Tuttle Parkway on an outstanding Fanwood warrant for \$250. He was processed and released on his own recognizance.

Wednesday, May 2, Westfield police detained Michael J. Ebert, 47, of Scotch Plains after being informed by Scotch Plains authorities that he was wanted for questioning in connection with an assault that took place in Scotch Plains. Police also determined that Ebert had been driving while intoxicated. After being processed by Westfield police he was charged with refusal to submit to a breath test, driving while intoxicated (DWI) and reckless driving. Ebert was turned over to Scotch Plains police after processing.

Thursday, May 3, Shakeeda Ross, 26, of Plainfield was arrested during a motor vehicle stop on the 600 block of South Avenue West and charged with hindering apprehension for allegedly providing police with a false name and date of birth. While Ross was at police headquarters, authorities discovered three outstanding criminal warrants had been issued for her, including two from Watchung, for \$2,966, and one out of North Plainfield, for \$376. Bail was set at \$1,000 on the hindering apprehension charge. Ross was held pending arraignment the following day.

Friday, May 4, Qadree Dudley, 31, of Linden was arrested and charged with DWI following a motor vehicle stop/investigation at Central Avenue and Oxford Terrace. He also was charged with operating a vehicle while his license was suspended. Dudley was released to a responsible adult.

Saturday, May 5, John Kandel, 47, of Garwood was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on Central Avenue near Sycamore Avenue on an outstanding Fanwood warrant for \$89. Kandel was processed and released after posting bail.

Monday, May 7, Steve Brizard, 23, of Elizabeth was arrested during a motor vehicle stop on South Avenue near Watterson Street on an outstanding Fanwood traffic warrant. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting the full cash bail of \$89.

Monday, May 7, Julian Perez, 27, of Scotch Plains was arrested on an outstanding Westfield traffic warrant, after turning himself in at police headquarters. He was processed and released after posting \$165 bail.

Scotch Plains
Wednesday, May 2, Joseph Redfern, 22, of Plainfield was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on Myrtle Avenue on an outstanding \$235 warrant issued by the Scotch Plains Court. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Wednesday, May 2, a resident of Raritan Road reported that someone opened up a credit card without his authorization. The victim discovered this after he received a bill for approximately \$3,500.

Wednesday, May 2, a resident of Park Avenue reported that sometime overnight someone entered her unlocked motor vehicle, which was parked in the parking lot, and removed a laptop computer valued at approximately \$600.

Thursday, May 3, a resident of Country Club Boulevard reported that sometime overnight someone dented the side of her motor vehicle while it was parked in the street.

Thursday, May 3, Frank Pepe, 30, of

Westfield was arrested and charged with possession of suspected heroin after a motor vehicle stop on Shady Lane. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail.

Thursday, May 3, the owner of a Front Street gas station reported that he did work on a motor vehicle, and when the owner showed up, he left with the vehicle after only paying for part of the work.

Friday, May 4, Alicia Hawkins, 24, of Iselin was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on Rahway Road on an outstanding \$225 warrant issued by the Linden Court. She was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Saturday, May 5, Rashon Baker, 36, of Newark was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on Park Avenue on an outstanding \$1,000 warrant issued by the Scotch Plains Court. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Saturday, May 5, a resident of Montague reported that someone took his Social Security check and cashed it without his authorization.

Mountainside
Wednesday, May 2, Samad Wright, 31, of Newark was arrested and charged with hindering apprehension for allegedly giving police a false name after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22. According to police, it was determined Wright was wanted by the Essex County Sheriff's Office.

Wednesday, May 2, police responded to a residence on Hickory Lane on a report of an oil tank removal contractor pumping an unknown liquid into the storm sewer. According to police, the contractor was pumping rain water out of the hole that was dug in order to remove the oil tank. Union County HAZMAT was called, as there was the odor of fuel oil at the scene, and it was determined that a small amount of oil was in the water. A cleanup was performed.

Thursday, May 3, Jean-Paul Delacuesta, 24, of Springfield was arrested for allegedly driving with a suspended license and on an outstanding warrant out of South Orange in the amount of \$155 after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22.

Sunday, May 6, Edward F. Clanton, 46, of Newark was arrested on outstanding warrants out of Hillside, in the amount of \$1,825; Newark, in the amount of \$441, and Woodbridge, in the amount of \$363.

Fanwood
Monday, April 30, a resident in the 100 block of Forest Road reported the theft of tires valued at \$125 from his boat trailer.

Tuesday, May 1, Juan Tequilalpa, 29, of Elizabeth was arrested for DWI after a motor vehicle stop on South Martine and Herbert Avenues at which time he failed several field sobriety tests. He was processed and released to a responsible person pending his court hearing.

Wednesday, May 2, Nassor Jessie, 28, of Newark was arrested for an active warrant out of Hillside and possession of suspected marijuana after a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road and East Front Street. He was transported to headquarters, processed and turned over to Hillside Police Department.

Wednesday, May 2, Jared Crayton, 18, of Jersey City was arrested for possession of suspected marijuana after a motor vehicle stop on South Avenue and Second Street. He was transported to headquarters, processed, released on a summons pending a court hearing.

Saturday, May 5, Kelly Donovan, 28, of Raritan was arrested for an active warrant out of Scotch Plains after a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road and Cray Terrace. She was processed and released after posting bail.

Sunday, May 6, Mark Basden, 20, of Linden was arrested for an active warrant out of North Plainfield after a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road and Sterling Place. He was processed and released after posting bail.

Monday, May 7, Rasheedah Canty, 35, of Plainfield was arrested for an active warrant out of Linden after a motor vehicle stop on South Avenue and Terrill Road. A check of the driver shows he was processed and released after posting bail.

Tuesday, May 8, Jeffrey Sobers, 44, of Plainfield was arrested for an active warrant out of Union County Sheriff's Office after a motor vehicle stop on South Avenue and Terrill Road. A check of the driver shows. He was processed and turned over to the Union County Sheriff's Office.

Plant Sale This Saturday To Benefit Homeless Pets

SCOTCH PLAINS - Best Friend Dog and Animal Adoption will hold its annual Mother's Day Plant Sale this Saturday, May 12, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at its resale shop. An assortment of annuals and perennials will be available for sale.

Additionally, Best Friend will have a 50-percent-off sale on all merchandise in the store. Along with plants for sale, there will be an array of gift items, new hair accessories, hats and scarves. Located at 1750 East Second Street in Scotch Plains, the store is open from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every day, except Sunday and Monday.

The Best Friend Rescue group is a not-for-profit organization run solely by volunteers. Members of the com-

munity donate all items sold in the store for the benefit of homeless animals. The group is in urgent need of newly used items to restock its store shelves.

Best Friend invites members of the community to visit and support its resale shop and to locate the organization on Facebook, become a friend, check for events, adoptions and shop specials.

For more information, call (732) 388-8930. To view pets awaiting permanent homes, visit bestfriend.petfinder.com. Monetary donations are tax-deductible and also are urgently needed by the rescue group. Donations can be sent to: Best Friend, P.O. Box 335, Cranford, N.J. 07016.