

## Donald Anthony Carrelli, Beloved Son, Brother, Uncle, Friend and Marine

Donald Anthony Carrelli was a loving son, loyal brother, favorite uncle, caring friend, and proud Marine. He died tragically doing what he loved—being outdoors on his bicycle—on Saturday, May 25, 2019.



Donald A. Carrelli

Donald was born July 2, 1981 in Summit, N.J. He grew up in Mountainside, N.J., and attended Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights, N.J. He received a Bachelor of Arts from Fairfield University in Connecticut.

After 9/11, Donald enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was later deployed to Iraq from May 2006-July 2007, where he served as a Battalion Radio Operator in Al Asad, Iraq. He received the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation, National Defense Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, and U.S. Marine Corps Certificate of Commendation.

Chess was one of Donald's great passions. He loved being part of the chess community and cherished the friendships he made there. Whenever there was a chessboard, he would play a game of chess and make a friend. He was honored to represent the United States Marine Corps at the 19th NATO Chess Championships in Brussels, Belgium. He proudly served as president of the Kenilworth Chess Club. He also loved teaching children chess, starting an organization in New Providence to teach youth chess and volunteering at local schools to do the same.

On Donald's return from Iraq, he traveled the world working for Google Maps on indoor mapping. Donald loved to travel and meet new people and experience other cultures. He continued his love of travel in his personal life, traveling the world with his friends. Some of his favorite recent trips were to China, Myanmar and Vietnam. He always brought home a fun picture of him juggling and new friendships he made around the world. Donald most recently worked at Unilever as a supply chain analyst, a job he loved and compared to chess. He treasured his colleagues and experiences there.

Service to others was a core value for Donald, from summers spent volunteering at Camp Trek, a camp for adults who had sustained brain injuries, to volunteering as an EMT for the Mountaineer Rescue Squad. He also enjoyed volunteering his time at the local veterans hospital. He did his good work quietly and for the joy it brought to him and those he helped.

For all his travels and experiences around the world, what Donald cherished most was his family. He always loved coming home to his family—a family that loves him dearly, treasures every moment with him, and will forever miss him. He is survived by his parents, Anthony and Ginetta Carrelli; his brother, Manlio Carrelli, and his wife, Meghan Carrelli; his sister, Angela Carrelli, and her husband, Jason Korcak; his twin sister, Jean Carrelli, and her husband, James Graziosa, and Donald's seven nieces and nephews. We love you, Donald.

June 6, 2019

## Garwood Library Highlights Further June Offerings

GARWOOD — The Garwood Public Library has revealed additional events taking place for both youth and adults during June.

Adult Craft will be featured on Tuesday, June 11, at 6 p.m. Participants can make a craft to bring home. This activity is limited to 10 people and registration is required.

Kid's Craft will be offered on Wednesday, June 12, at 3 p.m. Children in grades 2 and up will have an opportunity to make a fun Father's Day craft. Participation is limited to 20 and registration is required.

Lego will be available Thursday, June 13, at 3 p.m., for children ages 4 through 12. Participants may build whatever they wish and then share their creation with others. Some will be displayed in the library's showcase. This activity is limited to 15 youngsters and registration is required.

Additionally on June 13, the library will present Doo Wop Band—RB Express at 7 p.m. Music lovers are invited to enjoy a night of tight harmonies and rhythms of the early street corner groups performed by

### Networking Expo To Benefit ECF

AREA — Networking EXPO for a Cause, a wine-tasting benefit for the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation (ECF), will take place on Friday, June 28, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The event will be held at Raymour & Flanigan Outlet, located at 970 Route 22, North Plainfield. More than 500 professionals and vendors from the tri-state area are expected.

Participants will have an opportunity to network, sample wines and also enjoy hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$25 per person and must be purchased in advance. Interested persons may register for this event online at [networkingexpowinetasting.eventbrite.com](http://networkingexpowinetasting.eventbrite.com). For further information, call (908) 400-1409.

The NJ Minority Business network and A-List Realty have partnered to raise awareness and funds for ECF.

## Obituaries

### Paul V. Smith, 98, Longtime Resident, Proud Father and Innovative Chemist

Paul Vergon Smith, 98, a resident of Moorings Park in Naples, Fla., died on Monday, April 29, 2019, at Naples Community Hospital.

He was born in Lima, Ohio, on April 25, 1921 and lived in several communities before graduating from high school in Findlay, Ohio, at age 16. After graduating from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, he obtained Master of Science and Ph.D. degrees in organic chemistry from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. While there, he met and married his wife of 59 years, Alta F. Chipps, who was an Illinois graduate. During World War II, he was assigned to the Office of Rubber Reserve's Synthetic Rubber Research Program located at the university. This was part of a successful effort with several other universities and companies to develop SBR, a replacement for natural rubber which was no longer available because of Japanese control of rubber plantations.

In 1946, they moved to Westfield, N.J., where he started his 40 years of employment with the Standard Oil Development Company (Esso), now Exxon. His work there over the next decade resulted in 25 scientific papers and 63 U.S. patents, the most important of which dealt with the discovery and development of the free world's first successful lubricant for aircraft jet engines. This allowed planes to fly at higher altitudes, opening up air-space for commercial airlines.

In 1952, he was sent to Mülheim, Germany, to evaluate the new "Ziegler process" for making polypropylene. Esso decided to license the process and has since become the world's largest producer of this popular plastic.

In 1955, the family, now including Doug, Jeff and Marsha, was sent to England for a two-year assignment. Shortly after, a second daughter, Alison, arrived, who can still proudly

claim her British citizenship. Paul's job in London was to establish an office to be the company's eyes and ears in Europe for scientific or technical developments which might be of interest to the company.

He returned to New Jersey in 1958 to become the Assistant Director of the Chemical Research Division, and in 1961, became the organizer of the Central Basic Research Laboratory at the Linden, N.J. facility. In 1966, he was sent back to Europe to become Director of the Chemical Division of Esso Research, S.A., the company's new European research organization. The first year was spent in England gathering staff, while the Brussels facility was being built. When operations there commenced, scientists and engineers from 17 different nations were on the staff.

He returned to New Jersey in 1972 as Manager of Educational and Professional Society Relations for Exxon Research and Engineering, and subsequently Manager of Public Affairs. He served on the board of numerous scientific and educational organizations. His greatest service over the years was with the American Chemical Society, the largest scientific society in the world—nine years on its Board of Directors and three years as its chairman.

He was the recipient of awards from the American Association of Petroleum Engineers, the American Chemical Society, the American Society of Engineering Education, the New Jersey Teachers Association, and the New Jersey Business & Industry Science Education Consortium.

He retired from Exxon in 1986. After exploring options, he and his wife, Chipps, moved to Naples, Fla., in 1989. In addition to his four children, he was the proud grandfather of five girls and four boys and eleven great-grandchildren.

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Paul V. Smith

### Jessie B. Gray, 87, Sought to Share Her Passion For Music With All

Jessie B. Gray, 87, formerly of Westfield, born and raised in Wilmington, N.C., passed away peacefully after a sudden illness on Friday, May 24, 2019, at RWJ University Hospital in Somerville, N.J. Jessie is preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Dr. Dean F. Gray.

As an accomplished pianist, Jessie received a Bachelor of Arts in Music from Indiana University, and studied at Flora Macdonald Conservatory in North Carolina. She continued graduate work in pedagogy at Westminster College in Princeton.

Music was her passion and she wanted to share it with the world.

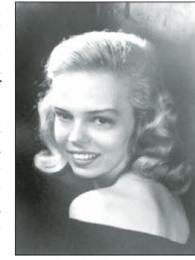
Jessie was a private piano instructor in Westfield for several years, and taught piano at the Vail-Deane School in Mountainside as well. In addition

to the piano, Jessie performed periodically as an organist for several local churches, as well as for Gray Funeral Home.

Her beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of her five children, Brian H. Gray, Deanna L. Gray-Miceli, Scott D. Gray, Lauren E. Gray-Gilford and Kathryn Gray-Melvin, and her seven grandchildren, Curtis D. Gilford, Andrew H. Gilford, Jessie Rose Melvin, Joseph D. Melvin, Charles G. Melvin, Deanna N. Miceli and Isabella M. Gray.

The funeral service was held on Monday, June 3, at Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street, Westfield. Interment beside her husband followed at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery.

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Jessie B. Gray

### Lois Lippincott Lang, 92, Enjoyed Her Family, Friends and Social Clubs

Lois Lippincott Lang, 92, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 31, 2019, at Harrogate Community in Lakewood, N.J. Born in Plainfield,

she was the daughter of the late Dorothy Lancaster Lippincott and Alpheus Craig Lippincott, Jr. Lois was a graduate of The Hartridge School, Colby Junior College in New Hampshire, and Katharine Gibbs School in New York City.

She married her high school sweetheart, Dr. Richard W. Lang ("Dick"), on September 3, 1949. They spent 63 wonderful years together in Plainfield and later Mantoloking, N.J., with their two children.

Lois had an amazing passion for life and was known for her quick wit and incredible sense of humor. She spent time with family, friends, and with various social clubs.

Lois was an active member of the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church, the Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield and Colonial Dames. She helped found the Save Barnegat Bay foundation and enjoyed spending time at the Plainfield Country Club, the Bay Head and Mantoloking Yacht Clubs, and the Manasquan River Golf Club.

Lois loved telling stories, especially about her expansive travels, including living in Casablanca while

Dick served as an Air Force doctor. She had a great love for animals, playing bridge, singing in the choir, and time on Barnegat Bay on their beloved boat ("Go, Go, Go"), and she was a regular at Bob Hoffman's Ice Cream.

She lit up a room with her smile and was always the first to send a note or call a friend in times of need or just to check in.

She is survived by her daughter, Suzanne Lippincott Lang; her daughter-in-law, Barbara Betner Lang, and her grandchildren, Richard W. Lang, III and Morgan Lang Hutter. She was predeceased by her husband, Dr. Richard W. Lang, and her son, Richard W. Lang, Jr.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Save Barnegat Bay (117 Haines Road, Toms River, N.J. 08753 or <https://www.savebarnegatbay.org/donate/>) or Jersey Shore Animal Center (185 Brick Boulevard, Brick, N.J. 08723 or <https://jerseyshoreanimalcenter.org/donate/>).

A Memorial Service will be held at the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church on Friday, June 7, at 11 a.m., with a reception to follow.

Arrangements are in the care of Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood, N.J. ([www.fanwoodmemorial.com](http://www.fanwoodmemorial.com)).

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Lois Lippincott Lang

### Scotch Plains Library Posts Activities With Literature

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Public Library is offering multiple activities related to reading.

The library's longstanding Evening and Afternoon Book Clubs will meet on Monday, June 17, at 7 p.m., and Tuesday, June 18, at 1 p.m., to discuss "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng and "A Piece of the World" by Christine Baker Kline, respectively.

Additionally, members of the community are invited to come to the library on Monday, June 24, at 7 p.m., to discuss the *New Yorker* article "Japan's Rent-a-Family Industry" by Elif Batuman. Registration is required.

The library also encourages interested persons to check its website, [scotlib.org](http://scotlib.org), and stop by the Reference Desk to learn more about the library's summer reading programs for adults, teens and children. This year's theme, "A Universe of Stories," will feature art, music, science, reading and prizes.

For more information or to register for programs, go to [scotlib.org](http://scotlib.org), email [library@scotlib.org](mailto:library@scotlib.org), call (908) 322-5007, extension no. 204, or stop by the Reference Desk. The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue, one block from Park Avenue in the center of the township.



TALENTED ATHLETE...UNICO District X held the Brian Piccolo Sports Awards Dinner on May 21. Westfield's recipient was Kaela Azzaretto. Pictured, from left to right, are: Paul Azzaretto, Alexis Azzaretto, Kaela, Robert J. Tartre, immediate past president, and Richard Esposito, president.

### Township Library Expands Adult Summer Reading

SCOTCH PLAINS — Scotch Plains and Fanwood residents over the age of 17 are invited to participate in the Scotch Plains Public Library's expanded adult summer reading program. Residents of Scotch Plains and Fanwood can sign up to track their hours, write reviews and collect points online at [scotlib.readsquared.com](http://scotlib.readsquared.com) and in person at the library. The library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue.

Participants are invited to spin the prize wheel at the library and win a small registration memento. They also earn points when they read a book, audiobook or ebook, submit a book review, attend a program, or complete a Bingo card. Participants can use their points to earn raffle tickets to win a gift basket at summer's end.

While most of the adult programs require registration, with priority given to Scotch Plains and Fanwood residents, several events are open to the public at large, including families. Interested persons are encouraged to check the library's website events calendar for details at [scotlib.org](http://scotlib.org).

Individuals can launch their library participation this summer by attending a sneak preview of *Chasing the Moon*, an upcoming PBS American Experience documentary that ex-

plores the 10-year Space Race Odyssey, on Thursday, June 27, at 7 p.m. A discussion will follow the screening of a preview clip. The full six-hour film event will air on PBS Monday through Wednesday, July 8 to 10. Registration is encouraged and is open to residents and non-residents.

Highlights of the season will include *Hamiltunes: An American Singalong*. On July 8 at 7 p.m., fans of *Hamilton: An American Musical* are invited to sing along to the music from the show at this officially-licensed, fan-based performance. Costumes are encouraged. Registration is required and is open to residents and non-residents. There is no age restriction, but the library notes that attendees will be singing along to the original cast recording, which contains some "strong" language. Parental discretion is advised.

Scotch Plains and Fanwood students entering grades 8 and above, and accompanied by a resident adult, are invited to register for Crafty Mondays and Foodie Fridays offered by the Adult Department.

Members of the community also are urged to watch for the librarians' Pop Up Art Spot at township concerts, and their tent at selected Scotch Plains Farmers Markets during the summer.

The summer reading program is funded by the Friends of the Scotch Plains Public Library.

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### Alzheimer's Program To Focus on Safety

WESTFIELD — Alzheimer's New Jersey and Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey, a non-sectarian health and social service agency, will host a free program entitled "Safety Considerations in Alzheimer's Disease" on Friday, June 21.

It will take place from 10 to 11 a.m. at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, located at 140 Mountain Avenue, Westfield.

There is no fee for attending this program; however, pre-registration is required. Interested persons can register online at [alznj.org](http://alznj.org) or call Alzheimer's New Jersey at (888) 280-6055.

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