

Raymond A. Van Sweringen, Jr., 76; Named to *Who's Who of Engineering*

Raymond A. Van Sweringen, Jr., 76, of Scotch Plains, died on Thursday, April 9, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, he had lived in Westfield before moving to Scotch Plains 35 years ago.

He had been employed as a mechanical engineer for Exxon Research and Engineering in Linden for 36 years, retiring as an engineering advisor in 1983. He proposed and supervised the first application of computer technology to the operation of pilot plants in the petroleum industry.

Mr. Van Sweringen received his

Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York in 1944.

He served as a Captain in the United States Army during World War II and the Korean Conflict.

He was a member of Tau Beta Pi, an engineering society, and was admitted to *Who's Who of Engineering* in 1982.

Mr. Van Sweringen was active in the United Way of Union County and in the formation of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA. He was a member of the First Congregational Church of Westfield.

He was a past member of the Board of Directors of the Cornell Club of Northern New Jersey.

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn Murphy Van Sweringen; three sons, Raymond A. Van Sweringen, 3rd of Annapolis, Maryland, William H. Van Sweringen of Houston, Texas and Scott K. Van Sweringen of Ann Arbor, Michigan; a brother, Paxton Van Sweringen of Cleveland Heights, Ohio; a sister, Virginia Jirus of Upland, California, and two grandchildren.

Memorial services were held on Tuesday, April 14, at the First Congregational Church. Interment was private. Arrangements were handled by the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue, in Fanwood.

Donations may be made to the United Way of Union County, 33 West Grand, Elizabeth, 07207.

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Christopher Brownstein, 19

Christopher E. Brownstein, 19, of Westfield, died on Monday, April 13, at home.

Born in Summit, he had lived all his life in Westfield.

He was a 1996 graduate of Westfield High School.

Surviving are his parents, Steven and Abby (Hays) Brownstein, and his brother, Scott Brownstein.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, April 18, at 4:30 p.m. at Dooley Colonial Funeral Home, 556 Westfield Avenue, in Westfield. Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m.

Donations in his memory may be made to the American Heart Association.

John Hluchy, 80, Had Vaudeville Act; Owned Westfield Radio & TV Studio

John S. Hluchy, 80, of Toms River, died on Saturday, April 11, in the Green Acres Nursing Home in Toms River.

Born in Detroit, he had lived in Mountainside before moving to Toms River nine months ago.

Mr. Hluchy had owned and oper-

Mary Rose, 69

Mary Rose, 69, of Mountainside died on Thursday, April 9, in Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Newburgh, New York, she had lived in Providence, Rhode Island and Waterbury, Connecticut before moving to Mountainside 34 years ago.

She was a member of the Rosary Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church.

Surviving are her husband, Louis W. Rose; three sons, Louis Rose, William Rose and John Rose; two brothers, Vincent Yereance and Kenneth Yereance, and a grandchild.

A Mass was offered on Monday, April 13, in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield.

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Henry Hyde Banta, Jr., 70, Veteran; Active With Local 'Y' Swim Teams

Henry Hyde Banta, Jr., 70, of Westfield died on Tuesday, April 14, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born and raised in Plainfield, he had lived in Westfield for the past 42 years.

Mr. Banta had been an officer and underwriter for Atlantic Mutual Company in New York City for 35 years, prior to retiring in 1993.

He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from Amherst College in Amherst, Massachusetts in 1950, a Master of Business Administration Degree from New York University in 1954, and a master's degree in medieval history from New York University in 1991.

Mr. Banta was a Staff Sergeant in the United States Army during America's occupation of Japan.

He was a member of Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters of New York and New Jersey and the Plainfield Historic Society, and was the former Treasurer of the Master Gardens of Union County.

He also was active with the swim teams of the Westfield YMCA and YWCA.

Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Mary Fitzpatrick Banta; four sons, Henry Hyde Banta, 3rd of Union, Cornelius Fitzpatrick Banta and Christopher Michael Banta, both of Westfield, and J. Edward Banta of Medford, Massachusetts; a daughter, Mary Margaret Banta of Plainfield, and nine grandchildren.

Visitation will be tomorrow, Friday, April 17, at the Dooley Colonial Funeral Home, 556 Westfield Avenue, Westfield, from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, April 18, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Center for Hope Hospice, 176 Husa Street, Linden, 07036.

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Catherine Piccione, 78

Catherine Piccione, 78, of Scotch Plains died on Sunday, April 12, in Rahway Hospital in Rahway.

Born in Newark, she had lived in Springfield and Clark prior to moving to Scotch Plains two years ago.

Mrs. Piccione had been a secretary of the Pacemaker Foundation at the Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and had volunteered there for seven years.

Surviving are a son, Sam J. Piccione, Jr.; a daughter, Kathleen Brodzicki; a sister, Joan Silchack; two brothers, Frank Jacoby and Thomas Jacoby, and four grandchildren.

A Mass was offered yesterday, Wednesday, April 15, at St. John the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Linden, following the funeral from the Galante Funeral Home in Union.

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NOWICKI, Edward G. — On April 7, 1998 Edward G. of Brooksville Fl. (Formerly of Haddonfield). Age 76 Years. Beloved husband of Patricia A. and the late Anna Rita (nee Tillson). Loving father to Dr. David E. Nowicki of Westfield, N.J., Barbara A. Wright of Baltimore, MD. and Edward P. Nowicki of Burlington Twp., N.J. Loving Stepfather to Michael, Jeffrey, Brian, and Todd Haferl. Also survived by a brother George J. Nowicki of Manhasset, NY. Grandfather of 16 and Great Grandfather of one. A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted on Tuesday at Christ the King Church in Haddonfield, NJ. Interment was at Calvary Cemetery in Cherry Hill, NJ. Arrangements were handled by the Hinski-Tomlinson Funeral Home, 81 Haddon Ave., Haddonfield, NJ. Memorial Contributions in his memory may be made to St. Anthony's Church, 20428 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville, Fl., 34601 or to Hernando Pasco Hospice, 12260 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville Fl. 34613.

— Obituaries —

Robert Mulreany, 82, Former Mayor; Attorney was Active in Health Care



Robert H. Mulreany

Robert H. Mulreany, 82, of Summit, a former Mayor of Westfield, died on Sunday, April 12, at The King James Care Center in Chatham Township.

Born in Brooklyn, he had lived in Westfield from 1950 to 1993, when he and his wife moved to Summit.

A retired senior law partner, Mr. Mulreany began his 57-year career with the legal profession in 1933, when he joined the law firm now known as DeForest and Duer as an office boy. He worked his way through college and law school at New York University. He had also studied architecture at Brooklyn Technical High School.

Mr. Mulreany specialized in tax-exempt corporations, representing foundations interested in sociological problems, better management techniques, applying new medical discoveries, and fostering leadership.

Throughout his career, Mr. Mulreany took an active role in New York City affairs. He was Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the New York School of Social Work at Columbia University, Chairman of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Public Welfare, and Trustee and Chairman of the Community Service Society of New York, then the largest private welfare organization in the country.

He was President of the Provident Loan Society, Director of Manhattan Fire and Marine Insurance Company, Director of United Charities, Inc. and Director of Group Securities.

For many years Mr. Mulreany was a trustee of the John A. Hartford Foundation and the Smith Richardson Foundation, Inc. He served as Chairman of the New Jersey Wastewater Treatment Trust, and was Director, Secretary and later Chairman of United Water Resources in Hackensack.

He was also Director of the Spring Valley Water Company and Director of National State Bank.

In the 1950s, he was an adult leader in DeMolay, a youth organization within the Masonic Order, and was a Trustee of Tuskegee Institute in Alabama from 1966 to 1979.

Peter P. Lojewski, 63

Peter P. Lojewski, 63, a former resident of Fanwood, died on Tuesday, April 7, at Leesburg Regional Medical Center in Leesburg, Florida.

Born in Bayonne, he had lived in Cranford, Fanwood and Edison for many years before moving to Florida in 1992.

He had been an operating engineer for Local No. 825 in Newark for 38 years, prior to retiring in 1992.

Mr. Lojewski was predeceased by his daughter, Robin Lojewski, in 1995.

Surviving are his wife of 40 years, Carol Meusel Lojewski; a son, Peter Lojewski; a daughter, Jill S. Proscia; two sisters, Joan Keenan and Barbara Wissel, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 14, at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church in Garwood.

Arrangements were handled by the Dooley Colonial Funeral Home, 556 Westfield Avenue, in Westfield.

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Roderick Blocker, 42

Roderick "Rod" Blocker, 42, of Charlotte, North Carolina, died on Monday, April 6, at Carolina Medical Center in Charlotte.

Born in High Point, North Carolina, he graduated from Essex County College in Newark.

Mr. Blocker was a scanner operator for Data Reduction in Charlotte.

Surviving are his parents, George and Ruth Scott of Charlotte; his biological father, Scotland Blocker of Irvington; three sisters, Aleatrice Youngbleed and Denise Patterson, both of Westfield, and Ollie Dreakford of Greenville, South Carolina.

Funeral services were held on Friday, April 10, at the A. L. Jinwright Funeral Chapel in Charlotte.

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Robert E. Lee, Coach and Musician; Decorated Veteran Also Wrote Book

Robert E. Lee, 73, of Billings, Montana, formerly of Scotch Plains, died on Thursday, March 26, in Billings.

Born in Brooklyn, he grew up in Scotch Plains and attended Scotch Plains High School. In the early 1940s, he founded a dance band at the high school, The Moon Glowers, whose theme song, "It Must Have Been Moon Glow," was played at the beginning and end of every dance.

He was also a drum major and won a New Jersey State Championship for baton twirling.

He received his bachelor's degree in physical education in 1949, and his master's degree in education, with an emphasis in administration and physical education, in 1954, both from the University of Denver.

Mr. Lee had been a high school coach for four years in Colorado and Wyoming before becoming head football coach at Northwest Community College in Powell, Wyoming in 1955.

He had been a coach for Westminster College in Salt Lake City, Utah, from 1959 to 1964, when he accepted a coaching position at Eastern Montana College. From 1961 to 1963, Mr. Lee scouted for the Dallas Cowboys professional football team.

He was voted District No. 5 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes (NAIA) in 1965, 1970 and 1971.

Mr. Lee was a member of the United States Tennis Association, Montana Tennis Association, Billings Tennis Association, National Musicians Union, Billings Musicians Union and the United States Teaching Tennis Professional Association.

He also belonged to the Montana and Wyoming Officials Associations, Western Athletic Conference Basketball and Football Officials Association, NAIA and American Foot-

ball Coaches Associations, Skyline Conference Basketball Officials Association and Utah High School Basketball Association. Mr. Lee was President of the Salt Lake Valley Little League Football Organization.

He coached American Legion baseball and taught Red Cross swimming. He was also a survival instructor with the United States Strategic Air Command at Camp Carson, Colorado.

A United States veteran of World War II, Mr. Lee served with the 10th Mountain Division of Ski Troops. He was awarded the Purple Heart, among other commendations.

Besides The Moon Glowers, Mr. Lee played drums in many groups including the Binker Trio and Doc's Dixieland Band.

He co-authored, with Mike Harkins, a college text entitled "Beginning Tennis" in 1983, which was published by Burgess Publishing Company.

Mr. Lee was predeceased by his former wife, Barbara Kidder.

Surviving are his wife, Alicia Lee; eight sons, Renzi Lee and Kelbi Lee of Billings, Dirk Lee of Missoula, Montana, Robi Vaccina of Phoenix, Arizona, Ty Lee of Anchorage, Alaska, Cag Lee of Billings and Nat and Tali Lee, both of St. Paul, Minnesota; six grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Michelotti, Sawyers and Nordquist Alderson Chapel in Billings. Interment with military honor took place at Mountview Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Robert E. Lee Scholarship Fund, care of The Foundation of MSU-Billings, 1500 North 30th Street, Billings, Montana 59101-0298, or to the 10th Mountain Division Foundation, 1776 South Jackson Street, No. 603, Denver, Colorado, 80215.

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Charles Benedict, 79, Retired Butcher; Had Worked for John's Meat Market

Charles W. Benedict, 79, of South Plainfield died on Friday, April 10, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Olyphant, Pennsylvania, he moved to Plainfield in 1940. He relocated to South Plainfield 47 years ago.

Mr. Benedict had been a butcher for over 25 years at the former Colonial Store in Plainfield. He was the owner and operator of the store from 1967 until its closing in 1981.

From 1981 until his retirement in 1993, he had been a butcher for John's Meat Market in Scotch Plains.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Margaret M. Acker Benedict; three

daughters, Judith A. Benedict-Tappen of Wolcott, New York, Patricia M. Hammock of Scotch Plains and Kathleen M. Smith of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; a son, Robert C. Benedict of Key West, Florida; a sister, Julia Callea of South Plainfield, and a grand-

son. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 14, at the McCriskin Home for Funerals in South Plainfield, followed by a Mass at the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in South Plainfield.

Arrangements were handled by the McCriskin Home For Funerals in South Plainfield.

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