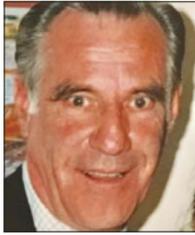


Obituaries

James Cojanis, 81, Former Westfield Resident

James Cojanis, formerly of Westfield, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, December 19, 2018, in San Jose, Calif., where he lived for more than 40 years. He was 81 years old. James was a graduate of Holy Trinity Grammar and High Schools in Westfield. He was predeceased by his father, Michael; his mother, Edith Gottlieb Cojanis, and his sisters, Mary Lou and Helen. James attended the University of Oregon and Michigan State University, where he graduated with a degree in social work. He was a veteran and served two years in the U.S. Army in Germany. James was a probation officer in San Jose for almost 30 years before his retirement in 1987. He was an avid golfer and had a passion for studying the Bible and teaching about it. He attended St. Martin of Tours Catholic



James Cojanis

Church in San Jose, often attended charismatic masses in whatever state he was visiting, and he gave selflessly to many charities and ministries. James loved to "ride the rails" whenever he was traveling to visit his family in various parts of the United States. James is survived by his older brother, Peter, of Maryland; sisters, Peggy, of Westfield, and Liz Behne, of Berkeley Heights, N.J., and younger brother, John, and his family, of Tucson, Ariz. He also leaves behind three nephews, Matthew, Philip and Mike, and four nieces, Carole, Susan, Lesa and Terry Lynn, and numerous grandnieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held in Tucson, Ariz., at St. Pius X Catholic Church, on Friday, January 11, 2019, with burial at East Lawn Palms Cemetery in Tucson.

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Ellen Dixon Linden, 82, Retired Westfield Teacher

Ellen Dixon Linden, 82, of Cape Carteret, N.C., passed away on Monday, January 21, at the Crystal Coast Hospice House in Newport, N.C., after a long illness. She was preceded in death by her parents, Stanley and Ellen, and a brother, Philip. Born in Elizabeth, N.J., she graduated from Bernardville High School in Bernardville, N.J. She attended Middlebury College in Vermont for two years and transferred to the University of Colorado, where she graduated majoring in French. She taught English as a Second Language in Baharona, Dominican Republic, prior to her marriage to Alfred in 1960. She received a Master's Degree in Remedial Reading from Kean University and later received a Master's Degree in Literature from Drew University, both in New Jersey. Ellen resided in Westfield for 37 years, retiring from the Westfield School District in 1997 when she and her husband moved to North Carolina.

While in Cape Carteret she served as a town commissioner for 12 years. She was active in the Crystal Coast Women's Club and Friends of the

Western Carteret Library. She was also a member of the Cape Carteret Presbyterian Church. Ellen enjoyed playing bridge and also traveling, having visited over 50 countries and 48 of the 50 states.

She is survived by her loving husband of 58 years, Alfred Linden; her sister, Cynthia Greenawald of San Miguel De Allende, Mexico; sons, Matthew Linden of Athens, Ga., Andrew Linden and his wife, Carolyn, of Tacoma, Wash., and Philip Linden and his wife, Amy, of Milton, Wash., and four grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by Jones Funeral Home of Swansboro, N.C. A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 26, at the Cape Carteret Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Crystal Coast Hospice House, 100 Big Rock Weigh, Newport, N.C. 28570.

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Blood Drive Set To Honor Michael Sot

GARWOOD — The Garwood Knights of Columbus 5437 will hold a blood drive honoring the late Michael Sot on Saturday, February 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will take place in the Bethlehem Room at the Church of St. Anne, located at 325 2nd Avenue, Garwood.

A 2017 Arthur L. Johnson High School Honors graduate and lifelong Clark resident, Michael was a sophomore at The College of New Jersey. On December 2, 2018, Michael was serving as a designated driver for an off-campus fraternity event. He and several other collegians were injured when the vehicle in which they were traveling was struck by another vehicle operated by an allegedly impaired driver. Michael succumbed to his injuries two days later. During his hospitalization and the other victims' care, they required multiple life-sustaining blood transfusions.

To schedule an appointment, call 1-(877) 258-4825 or email kofc5437@gmail.com.

Marion S. Jensen, 97, Was Longtime Celgene Employee

Marion S. Jensen, 97, of Basking Ridge, formerly of Cranford, passed away at her residence on Sunday, February 10, 2019.

Born in Elizabeth, Marion was employed by Celanese Corporation of America for approximately 25 years. In 1986 she became one of the original employees of Celgene Corporation in Summit, N.J., where she worked as an executive secretary, then later a receptionist, until 2017. She loved the people she worked with. Marion was an active member of the Danish Sisterhood throughout her life, and served on the board of directors for the Danish Home of Edison, N.J., for several decades.

Marion was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Christian M. Jensen, and her dear sister, Elsie Giegerich. She is survived by two sons, Robert N. Jensen and his wife, Joan, and Eric P. Jensen and his wife,

Linda. She is also survived by her five grandchildren, Christian Jensen, Kyle Jensen, Lauren Jensen, Halden Scott and Katharine Jensen; five great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Marion's life was one of silent perseverance filled with generosity and the brightest light. She was the beloved center of a large extended family and will be missed by all.

Marion's visitation will be from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, February 15, at Gray Memorial Home, 12 Springfield Avenue, Cranford. Her funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 16, in the Chapel of St. Giles at Restland Memorial Park, 77 Deforest Avenue, East Hanover, N.J. Private interment will follow. Please go to www.grayfuneralhomes.com to offer condolences.

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Marion S. Jensen

Roger T. Knapp, Father, Grandfather, Active Member of Community

Roger T. Knapp, born to Harry J. Knapp and Ruth (Bockman) Knapp in Decatur, Ind., on March 21, 1927, passed on Thursday, January 31, 2019. Roger was predeceased by his brother, Richard. He graduated from Purdue University, Class of 1949. Roger moved east to find his fortune, working in Cincinnati for a time and, ultimately, to New Jersey, where he was an industrial supply salesman into his 80s.

Roger lived in Scotch Plains for 40 years, was a member of the Westfield Area Y's Men's Club and was a Master Bridge player. Upon retirement, Roger moved to Stockton, Calif., to be close to his family.

He was known for his thrice-daily walks around O'Connor Woods. When asked how he was, his reply: "Charming." Cheers to Roger for a long, productive, and enjoyed life — He will be missed.

Roger is survived by his son, Larry Knapp (Pamela); daughter, Debbie Knapp; grandchildren, Christina Foskey, Howard Knapp, Brittny Williams, Catherine Knapp and Megan Williams, and two great-granddaughters. Preferred memorials can be made to the Linden Lions Club, 5041 N. Market Street, Linden, CA 95236, or to the O'Connor Woods Resident Assistant Fund.

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Roger T. Knapp

Francis Walter Pasterczyk, 81, Engineer, Longtime Resident

Francis Walter Pasterczyk, 81, passed away at peace with his Lord, with family by his side, on Saturday, February 9, 2019. The devoted husband of Helen M. Pasterczyk, Francis was a cherished and loving father to John, Mark, Christine, Karen, Claire and Peter. To those who knew him, his faith and family were the cornerstones and foundation of all he held dear.

Born in 1938 in Springfield, Mass., to Walter and Regina Pasterczyk, Francis attended St. Rose Elementary School, Chicopee, Mass., and Cathedral High School, Springfield, Mass., Class of 1954. Graduating from the University of Massachusetts, Class of 1958, he went on to Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a National Science Institute grant to complete a Doctor of Science degree in 1962.

Francis and Helen married in Massachusetts in June, 1962, and shortly thereafter moved to New Jersey, where he began his career as a chemical engineer for Exxon in Florham Park. Subsequent positions for Exxon transferred him to Linden, N.J., where he held various positions, notably as Special Projects Manager for Exxon's Elastomers Technology Division. During his career Francis and Helen traveled with young children to Billings, Mont., and Melbourne, Australia, where he oversaw refinery installations at refineries in both locations. Before retiring in April, 1993, Francis traveled widely for projects and work assignments, establishing business and personal connections with fellow scientists and engineers in Australia, Canada, France and Japan, where he also discovered the wonders of Japan's excellent Sashimi cuisine.

Summers would find him spending memorable weeks with his family, enjoying the beautiful Wellfleet Cape Cod seashore and surf fishing with his sons, a lifelong yearly pleasure. After retirement, in addition to hiking the hills and valleys of Scotland, he established a 20-year relationship with the Crossword Centre and Magpie crossword puzzle doers in the UK, where he was valued as an inspirational puzzle solver.

Predeceased by his parents, Walter and Regina Pasterczyk, Francis is survived by the love of his life, Helen Pasterczyk, his wife of 56 years; their children, John Pasterczyk (Beverly), Mark Pasterczyk (Susan), Christine Pasterczyk (James), Karen Pasterczyk Shay (Russ), Claire Pasterczyk Seabolt (Billy) and Peter Pasterczyk (Amy); his nine grandchildren, Andrew, Katherine, Sierra, Casey, Hunter, Tripp, Jessica, Knox and Finian; his brother, Ronald (Cynthia), and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation for Francis will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, February 15, and again beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, February 16, at the Dooley Colonial Funeral Home, 556 Westfield Avenue, Westfield. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Parish of St. Helen on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield. In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial contributions in Frank's memory to St. Joseph's Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless or to a charity of your choosing. Funeral arrangements are being made by Dooley Colonial Funeral Home in Westfield.

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FRIENDLY WORKOUT...Participating in Westfield Area YMCA group exercise classes is a great way to get fit with a friend during free Friends Week, taking place February 17 to 23.

Westfield Area YMCA Offers Free Friends Week

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area YMCA is offering Friends Week from February 17 to 23. In conjunction with February recognized as American Heart Month, the Y invites members to show a friend they care about him or her and his or her heart by inviting that person to join the member at the Y.

During Friends Week, members and their friends can use the Main Y Facility and attend classes for free. Participants can enjoy a land or water group exercise class, work out together in the Y's newly renovated strength training room or racquetball courts, play basketball or pickleball and enjoy open lap and family swim.

They can make use of the cardio room, free weight room and Fitness Express Center, or take a dance class, Tae Kwon Do or a youth sports class. Many options are available. For additional details, contact the

Y's Welcome Center staff at (908) 301-YMCA (9622) or visit the website at westfieldynj.org. The Westfield Area YMCA is located at 220 Clark Street, Westfield. Non-members must bring valid identification.

Additional free special events will be held this month including "Meet the Nutritionist!" on Monday, February 18, from 9 a.m. to noon; a Friends Week Breakfast on Wednesday, February 20, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. (RSVP online or in person by February 18), and the Healthy Kids Expo from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 23.

The nonprofit Y is committed to strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. To learn more about Westfield Area YMCA programs, visit westfieldynj.org. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify.

Pope Pius XII to Be Focus of Lecture

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Knights of Columbus will present this month's Theology on Tap Lecture Series. The Reverend Richard Carrington, pastor of the Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountainside, will speak on Pope Pius XII and his relationship with the Jewish people during the period of World War II.

Reverend Carrington will discuss the facts of this period and the Pontiff's work in saving and protecting countless Jews from the evils of the Nazis. The event, which is open to the public, will be held at The Columbian Club, located at 2400 North Avenue, Scotch Plains. It will take place on Wednesday, February 20, at 7:30 p.m., with a social hour beginning at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact J.M. Jones at grayfdir@gmail.com.

Schmiede Tree Expert Co. Celebrates 64th Anniversary

The Schmiede Tree Expert Co., established in 1955, is celebrating its 64th anniversary this month. The company started its operation on a tract of land in Watchung, N.J. on State Highway 22, which it still uses today. The firm specialized in designing and construction of Japanese gardens, landscape architecture and subsequently tree maintenance, but changed to an exclusive tree service firm in 1958.

Presently the firm employs a large staff and is equipped to handle any or all of the following services: Planting, Transplanting, Removal, Disease Diagnosis and Treatment, Surgery and Feeding. In addition, the company specializes in Rotomist and Hydraulic Power Spraying to control insects and fungus diseases. Consequently, the firm has a positive commitment in the improvement of our environment by beautifying and preserving our trees.

Martin Schmiede, the owner and operator of the company, is deeply involved in ecology and has geared his business toward a contemporary view of tree care.

After a thorough training course in forestry and horticulture in European nurseries he received his diploma in forestry and horticulture in Germany in 1949. Mr. Schmiede received his license as a State Certified Tree Expert in 1964 by the Department of Conservation and Economic Development in Trenton, N.J. From 1952 Mr. Schmiede worked for the Eames Tree Expert Co. in Watchung for two-and-a-half years and then started his own business in 1955.

He has since built up his business to one of the leading tree-care firms in

New Jersey. Mr. Schmiede has since landscaped large portions of the Garden State Parkway with his staff. He did extensive work on the trees of St. Patrick's Cathedral and Rockefeller Center in New York and maintained trees at the Picatinny Arsenal in Dover.

Mr. Schmiede has planted a few hundred shade and flowering trees in Fanwood, which gives him the feeling of pride to have been instrumental in beautifying the streets and parks in his hometown.

He has been a frequent guest speaker for civic organizations and participated in school programs on such complex subjects as symbiosis mutations, modifications, cross-pollination, grafting, stratification, propagation air and soil pollutants and selection of disease-resistant strains.

Mr. Schmiede looks back over 60 years of rewarding work which he thoroughly enjoys. Asked what his definition of success in a seasonal business such as his own is, he replied with a smile: Success is that place in the road where preparation and opportunity meet. But too few people recognize it because it often comes disguised as hard work.

Mr. Schmiede is a member of the New Jersey Society of Tree Experts and a commercial member of the Federation of Shade Tree Commissions. Mr. Schmiede is widowed and the father of two children. His wife, Lieselotte, assisted him in his business. He is active in his local church, participating mainly in church music. He is a freelance photographer and, needless to say, has a great admiration for nature. He currently lives in Fanwood, N.J. and can be reached at (908) 482-8855.



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