

Obituaries

Walter Matthew Troy, 83, Former Resident of Westfield

Walter Matthew Troy (Wally), 83, passed away peacefully in Cary, North Carolina, on Wednesday, December 19, 2018. Born in Brooklyn, New York, Walter grew up in Lakewood, New Jersey. He attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from Rutgers University. Walter settled in Westfield, where he lived with his wife, Renee, and two children.



Walter M. Troy

Walter was an Army veteran, serving from 1958 to 1960, with overseas duty in Bismarck, Germany. He was an engineer with Elastic Stop Nut Corporation for over 30 years in the company's Union, New Jersey office, before relocating to Brea, California, as Quality Assur-

ance Director for Bristol Industries. Walter and Renee retired to Cary, North Carolina, in 2000 to be closer to family.

Walter is remembered as a quiet and conservative man, who enjoyed spending time with family. His hobbies included fishing, reading and travel. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Renee Marino Troy; his two children, Laura Marie Troy Leder (James) and Christopher Matthew Troy, and his four grandchildren, Christopher and Caroline Leder and Matthew and Lynae Troy.

Private services will be held at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield. Donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. January 10, 2019

Ronna Leigh Genovese, 76, Beloved Wife, Mother and Grandmother

Ronna Leigh Genovese (Glore), 76, of Beaufort, North Carolina, deeply beloved wife of Robert "Bob" Genovese, passed away on Friday, January 4, 2019, at Crystal Coast Hospice House.

Her funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 11, 2019, at Munden Funeral Home, Morehead City, North Carolina. Interment will be held graveside at Quantico National Cemetery at a later date.

Ronna was born on April 27, 1942, in Kansas City, Missouri, and is the daughter of the late Robert and Mildred Glore. The family relocated to Scotch Plains, New Jersey, where Ronna graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in 1960. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Dietetics Nutrition from the University of Mary Washington, located in Fredericksburg, Virginia, in 1964. During her junior year in college she was set up on a blind date with a young Marine lieutenant who was stationed at Marine Corps Base Quantico and accompanied him to a General's Reception. Bob was instantly smitten, and the rest is history!

The couple married in 1965 and eventually settled in Fredericksburg, Virginia, where they raised their two daughters. Ronna was very artistic and social. She enjoyed memberships in the Mary Ball Woman's Club, The Fredericksburg Garden Club and Zeta Nu Sorority. She delighted in sailing on the Chesapeake Bay with her family, as well as her work in fine jewelry

and retail. Ronna and her husband retired and moved to Beaufort, North Carolina, in 2005. She enjoyed playing Canasta with her friends and was a very talented decorative painter and a member and past President of the Crystal Coast Decorative Painters. Ronna's family takes solace in their memories of her that throughout the years so many people they met would recall how "wonderful, sweet and loved" she was by all.

Survivors include her devoted husband of 54 years, Bob Genovese; their two loving daughters, Lianna Genovese Brown and her husband, Christopher J. Brown, of Bushwood, Maryland, and Nagelle Renee Smitherman and her husband, Colonel Jeffrey C. Smitherman, of Annapolis, Maryland; grandchildren, Amanda Brown, Christopher Brown, Cullen Smitherman, Jackson Smitherman and Nathaniel Smitherman; great-granddaughter, Ava Brown, and her sister, Judy Ann Terry of Scotch Plains, New Jersey.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. on Friday, January 11, 2019, at Munden Funeral Home, Morehead City, North Carolina.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lupus Foundation of America at www.lupus.org.

Online condolences may be made at www.mundenfuneralhome.net.

Arrangements are by Munden Funeral Home and Crematory in Morehead City, North Carolina. January 10, 2019

Joan Kervick Corbet, Loving Wife, Mother and Grandmother

Joan Kervick Corbet passed away on Saturday, December 29, 2018.

Born on December 17, 1932, she was the loving wife of William Jubb Corbet for 63 years. She also is survived by her son, Bill Corbet of Richmond, Va.; daughter, Maggie Corbet of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; their spouses, Kathy Corbet and Lewis Dames; her adored granddaughters, Carolyn Corbet and Emme Corbet; sisters, Cate Arrix, Eileen Connelly and Mary Kervick; stepdaughters, sisters and brothers-in-law, and 17 nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, John and Catherine Kervick, and her sister, Peggy Hatton.

Joan was born in Elizabeth, N.J., then graduated from Mount Saint Mary Academy and Manhattanville College. Joan spent most of her adult life in Westfield, N.J., and Mantoloking, N.J., and more recently in Green Turtle Cay, Bahamas, and



Joan Corbet

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Joan was always an active volunteer and passionate about education. She was a co-founder of the Christopher Academy Montessori School in Westfield, N.J., an active member of the Junior League of Elizabeth Plainfield, was on the board of Egenolf Day Care in Elizabeth, was elected to and served on the Westfield Board of Education, served on the Board of Trustees for Eastern Union County United Way and the Board of Trustees of Tri-State United Way, was President of United Way of New Jersey, President of Washington Rock Girl Scout Council, and was chair of the Board of Governors for Union County College, N.J. She also was a supporter of the Pingry Alumni Association and family.

Funeral services will be at St. Sebastian Church, 2000 Marietta Drive, Fort Lauderdale, on Saturday, January 12, at 11 a.m.

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Suzanne Daleo Less, 75, Teacher; Enjoyed English History, Literature

Suzanne Daleo Less, 75, died on Saturday, January 5, 2019, at Overlook Medical Center in Summit. She was born on Long Island and grew up in Westfield before moving to Scotch Plains 50 years ago.

Suzanne was a graduate of Westfield High School and National College of Education, now National-Louis University. She earned her bachelor's degree in Education and Literature and taught elementary education in Berkeley Heights and at Saint Bartholomew in Scotch Plains.

She was passionate about 19th-century English history and literature. She was an avid reader, especially works by Thomas Hardy. Her trip to Southern England in 2006 was a highlight of her life, where she visited with an author and pen pal who became a dear friend. She

was a devoted wife and mother and enjoyed decorating her home and cooking.

Suzanne was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Ann Daleo, and her beloved cat, Rosy. She is survived by her husband, Richard, of 53 years; two sons, Paul and Philip and his wife, Nancy.

Suzanne's visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. on Friday, January 11, 2019, at Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street, Westfield, where her prayer service will begin at 10:30 a.m. Friday. Interment will follow at Graceland Memorial Park in Kenilworth. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the ASPCA (aspc.org). Please go to www.grayfuneralhomes.com to view Suzanne's life tribute.

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Suzanne Less

Helen S. Doerr, 91, Devoted Mother

Helen S. Doerr, 91, of Cranford, N.J., passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 5, 2019. Raised in Hillside, N.J., by her parents, Helen and Charles Schleunig, Helen lived in Cranford for the past 65 years. Predeceased by her husband, George Doerr, Jr. (1958), Helen is survived by her daughters, Cynthia Doerr Gladis and Georganne Doerr Jussel, and her sons-in-law, Daniel Gladis and David Jussel.



Helen S. Doerr

While growing up in Hillside, Helen was very athletic and enjoyed archery, softball, rifle club and swimming. It was while going to school in Hillside that she met her lifelong friends, the "sorority sisters" of the Omega Sigma Psi Sorority, Beta Chapter.

Helen and George married in 1949 and moved to Cranford in 1954. They bought a boat and loved to water ski when they weren't working at George's Atlantic Service Station on the corner of South and Centennial Avenues in Cranford, where Helen could often be found pumping gas and helping George run the station.

While raising her daughters, Helen worked in the Cranford obstetrics and gynecology practice of Drs. Charles Spear and Richard Lang. Later in Helen's work life, she was the office manager at Blake Industries in Scotch Plains and retired in 1992. Helen was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Cranford, where her daughters were baptized, and most enjoyed services that included the little children.

Helen was artistic, loved photography, music and the arts, was an excellent seamstress, loved doing crossword puzzles and was an avid reader of just about anything. Her favorite pastime, however, other than being a mom, was spend-

ing time with her family and many friends. Helen continued to meet her sorority sisters for lunch on a regular basis over the past 70 years, while forming new friendships wherever she went.

There were many enjoyable family vacations, often spent with Helen's parents, and always at a beach, and Helen enjoyed a yearly "girls' weekend" with Cindy and Georganne in their beloved Cape May, N.J. Helen's personality, sense of humor, and ready smile made her a joy to be with.

Blessed with an inquisitive mind and born of a generation that saw so very many developments in science and technology, Helen always said she wanted "to stick around to see what the future holds."

Helen is also predeceased by her brother, Charles A. Schleunig, and his wife, Roberta; her sister, Dorothy Lasky, and her cousin, Robert C. Wheeler. She is survived by her brother-in-law, James Lasky of Toms River; her sister-in-law, Bernice Doerr Andrews of Oviedo, Fla.; her cousin, Mary Wheeler of Cranford, and nieces, nephews, cousins and their families, with whom she had many good times and lots of laughs, and who will miss their "Aunt Helen."

Please join Cindy, Dan, Georganne and Dave for Helen's Life Celebration at Gray Funeral Home, 12 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, N.J., on Saturday, January 26, 2019, from 10 a.m. until noon, with a service at 11:30 a.m. You may go to grayfuneralhomes.com for online condolences. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Helen's favorite charity, or to Center for Hope Hospice.

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William Ronald 'Ron' Yorkovich, 68, Fanwood Resident and Veteran

William Ronald "Ron" Yorkovich, 68, passed away on Saturday, January 5, 2019, at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, N.J. Born and raised in Kansas, he enlisted in the Army at age 17. His military service included two tours in Vietnam and stations in Germany, Hawaii, France, Italy, Holland, Belgium and several U.S. locations. He was awarded many commendations and medals for his service, including Combat Medical Badge, Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Meritorious Service Medal, Distinguished Service Award, Combat Infantryman Badge, National Defense Service Medal and many more. He eventually retired after a 20-year career as a Chief Warrant Officer 2.

Ron received his Physician Assistant Diploma in 1982 and his Master of Science in Healthcare Administration in 2010. He worked as a physician's assistant in Primary Care, Emergency Medicine, Family Prac-

tice, and then as a clinical researcher, writer and editor before his retirement.

After retiring from the Army, he met his wife, Peggy, while living in Houston, Texas. They would eventually settle in Fanwood in 1990 to raise their family.

Ron is survived by his beloved wife, Peggy Yorkovich (Sommerich); his children, Alexander, Jessica and Benjamin, and his siblings, Gloria, Lori, Wayne and Bruce.

Visitation will be at Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue, Fanwood, N.J., on Friday, January 11, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ron's memory to Wounded Warriors Family Support (Omaha, NE; www.WWFS.org). For additional information or to sign the guestbook, please visit www.fanwoodmemorial.com.

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Joseph Cafaro Formerly of Westfield

Mr. Joseph Cafaro passed away peacefully after a long illness on Sunday, January 6, 2019. He resided in Long Beach Island, N.J.

Joe and his younger brother, Anthony, were born in New York City, and Joe eventually moved to Union County, N.J., where he met his wife, Eleanor (Mullen).

After graduating from Linden High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was stationed in the South Pacific. After returning from his tour, he earned a bachelor's degree from Seton Hall University.

He and Eleanor married in 1962 and settled in Westfield, where they raised their family.

Joe was a member of the Union County Probation Department, where he was a probation officer until retiring in 1991.

After retiring, Joe and Eleanor

were dual residents of Fort Myers, Fla., and Long Beach Island, N.J.

Joseph is survived by his wife of 56 years, Eleanor; his children, David Cafaro and Caroline Cafaro, both of Westfield, N.J.; his brother and sister-in-law, Anthony and Ann Cafaro of Cranford, and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, January 10, at Dooley Colonial Funeral Home, 556 Westfield Avenue, Westfield, N.J. The funeral mass will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, January 11, at St. Helen's Catholic Church on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield, N.J.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center (Food Pantry), 4700 Long Beach Boulevard, Long Beach Township, N.J. 08008.

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Consider Some New Year's Financial Resolutions

As the year winds down, you may want to look ahead to see which areas of your life you can improve in 2019. Perhaps you'll decide to exercise more, eat healthier foods, reconnect with old friends or volunteer at a school or charitable organization. All these goals are certainly worthwhile—but you also may want to add some New Year's financial resolutions to your list.

Here are a few ideas to consider:

Boost contributions to your employer-sponsored retirement plan. Good news! Contribution limits will be increasing for many employer-sponsored retirement plans.

For 2019, you can contribute up to \$19,000 (up from \$18,500 in 2018), or \$25,000 (up from \$24,500 in 2018) if you're 50 or older to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. It's usually a good idea to contribute as much as you can afford to your employer's plan, as your contributions may lower your taxable income, while any earnings growth is tax-deferred. (Keep in mind that taxes are due upon withdrawal, and withdrawals prior to age 59½ may be subject to a 10-percent IRS penalty.)

At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered.

Try to "max out" on your IRA. Even if you have a 401(k) or similar plan, you can probably still invest in an IRA. For 2019, you can put in up to \$6,000 in a traditional or Roth IRA (up from \$5,500 in 2018), or \$7,000 (up from \$6,500) if you're 50 or older. (Income restrictions apply to Roth IRAs.)

Contributions to a traditional IRA may be tax-deductible, depending on your income, and any earnings growth is tax-deferred. Roth IRA contributions are not deductible, but earnings growth can be withdrawn tax-free, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until you are 59½ and you've had your account at least five years. You can put most types of investments—stocks, bonds, mutual funds, government securities and so on—into an IRA, so it can expand your options beyond those offered in your 401(k) or similar plan.

Build an emergency fund. Try to build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money held in a low-risk, liquid account. This fund can help you avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for unexpected costs, such as a major car repair.

Control your debts. Do what you can to keep your debts under control. Ultimately, the less you have to spend on debt payments, the more you can invest for your future.

Don't overreact to financial market volatility. In 2018—especially the last few months of the year—we saw considerable market volatility, with huge drops and big gains in rapid succession. What will 2019 bring? It's always difficult—and usually futile—to try to forecast the market's performance over the course of an entire year. But, in any case, try not to overreact to whatever ups and downs we may experience. Instead, continue pursuing an investment strategy that's appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

Following these suggestions can help you become a better investor in 2019—and beyond.

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IMAGINE EVEN FURTHER...Imagine Newark Program Director Jacelyn Matthews, Ed.M., left, Mary Robinson, executive director, Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss, center, and Barbara Dixon, executive director, South Ward Children's Alliance, prepare for the expansion of Imagine's programs into Newark.

Imagine Receives Grant To Expand Into Newark

MOUNTAINSIDE — Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss, recently announced its receipt of a \$46,150 grant from the Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey to support "Imagine Newark," a new children's grief support center opening in the South Ward of Newark.

"It has been our dream since first opening our doors in Westfield, thanks to the generous support and vision of Dr. Gerald Glasser and his foundation, to expand into Newark," said Imagine Executive Director Mary Robinson. "The Imagine Board of Trustees had the heart and vision to embrace this future vision, knowing Newark was greatly underserved. The plan was that once we built a solid foundation in Union County, we would see if we could be of service in Newark. The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey has helped make that dream come true. The new center will open in March 2019 in the South Ward of Newark, where we are fortunate to already have a solid partnership and relationship with the South Ward Children's Alliance."

"The Healthcare Foundation is proud to support this important work," said Marsha Atkin, executive director/chief executive officer. "We have learned over the years how important it is to address the trauma that children experience and help them deal with their emotions in a positive way. With the support that Imagine will provide, we are hopeful that these children can go on to fulfill their potential and lead happy, productive lives."

The grant to Imagine was one of 50 totaling more than \$6 million awarded by The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey this year to organizations in the Newark area. The Foundation is an independent, endowed, grant-making organization dedicated to reducing disparities in the delivery of healthcare and improving access to quality healthcare for vulnerable populations in the greater Newark area. To learn more, visit hfnj.org.

Located in Mountainside, 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 for parents and guardians. Free support groups also are available for young adults ages 18 to 30 who have had a friend, sibling or parent die. Imagine currently is seeking adult volunteers to facilitate support groups at the new center in Newark for a February 2019 training. For more information about volunteering or about Imagine Newark, visit imaginenj.org/newark or contact Imagine Newark Program Director Jacelyn Matthews at jacelyn@imaginenj.org or (908) 264-3100, extension no. 108.

Imagine will host a community kickoff event on Thursday, January 31, at noon. In addition, at 6 p.m. that day, there will be a community training program for those wishing to acquire skills to support grieving children and their families. Both the community kickoff event and the training will take place at 400 Hawthorne Avenue, Newark.



STOCKING STUFFERS...The Kiwanis Club of Greater Westfield and Clark partnered with their youth sponsored clubs, the Westfield High School Key Club and the Key Club of Arthur L. Johnson High School, to stuff Christmas stockings for teens who are transitioning from foster care to independent living through a program called Visions and Pathways. With donations from all volunteers, the December stuffing event, held at the YMCA in Westfield, netted more than 70 stockings to brighten the teens' holidays.

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