

Virginia I. Freeman, 93, Was RN; Beloved Mother and Grandmother

Virginia I. Freeman, 93, passed from this earth peacefully, surrounded by family, on Tuesday, April 16, 2019.

Born in Union, N.J., everyone knew her as "Ginny." She graduated from Union High School and Bloomfield College, and received her RN designation in affiliation with Newark Beth Israel Hospital, practicing intermittently for most of her life, including a period during the war. For all the years until her death, she was the undisputed go-to family resource for virtually any medical issue.

In 1948 she married Robert E. (Bob) Freeman, and they began their life journey together, ending only when Bob passed on in 2013. Beginning with a modest apartment in Irvington, she and Bob ultimately accumulated a family home in Westfield, a shore house in their beloved Normandy Beach (where she was a champion sailor), and a golf home in Mariner Sands, Stuart, Fla., making friends and contributing to their communities at each location. She was known

everywhere for her flaming red hair and Scottish chin (which bespoke her Scottish determination), and was loved and respected for her caring and gregarious nature.

A remarkable woman who lives on in our hearts, she leaves behind three children, Bruce of Naples, Fla., Cathy Lee of Scotch Plains, and Jon of Westfield, as well as their spouses, Kathy, Jack and Jill, and seven grandchildren, Joseph of Wilmette, Ill., Dr. Benjamin of Westfield, Abigail of Hewitt, Timothy of Hoboken, Meghan of Scotch Plains, Jamie of New York, and Jessie of Chicago, as well as their spouses and eleven great-grandchildren, all of whom treasure happy memories of wonderful holiday get-togethers, summers in Normandy Beach and golf at Echo Lake.

A service will be held on Saturday, May 11, at 11 a.m., in The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, but in lieu of flowers, a contribution to the N.J. Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated.

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Mountainside Library Slates Further May Activities

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Mountainside Public Library has announced two events happening at the library during the second half of May. Visitors are advised that the library will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day.

"New Voting Machine Demonstration" will take place on Thursday, May 16, between the hours of 3 and 7:30 p.m. The Union County Board of Elections will sponsor a hands-on demonstration at the library for the new ExpressVote XL voting machines. Board of Election staff will be available to offer guidance on using the new machines. Voters in Mountainside will use the new machines for the 2019 Primary Election on Tuesday, June 4. No registration is required.

Aging Service Kiosk will be presented on Friday, May 17, at 10 a.m. As a service to senior citizens, staff of the Union County Department of Human Services Division on Aging and Disability Resource

Connection will be at the library to provide information about home-delivered meals, respite care, home care, adult day care, support services for caregivers and more.

Additionally, Tuesday Night Movies will continue with *Dog Days* (2018, PG) on May 14; *Can You Ever Forgive Me?* (2018, R) on May 21, and *The Hate U Give* (2018, PG-13) on May 28. Showtime is 6:30 p.m. for each movie.

Brown Bag Academy will feature the Great Courses series on Mondays, May 13 and 20, at 1:15 p.m., with "A History of Eastern Europe" narrated by Professor Vejas Gabriel Liulevicius of the University of Tennessee. Participants are invited to bring their lunch; coffee, tea and cookies will be served.

To register for library programs requiring it, stop into the library or call (908) 233-0115. The Mountainside Public Library is located at 1 Constitution Plaza.

— Obituaries —

Virginia M. 'Ginny' Luce, 77, Worked For Township, Prosecutor's Office

Virginia M. "Ginny" Luce, 77, of Brick, N.J., formerly of Scotch Plains, died peacefully on Monday, May 6, 2019, at her home.

Ginny was born and raised in the "Peterstown" section of Elizabeth, lived in Rahway and moved to Scotch Plains, where she lived for 35 years, prior to settling in Brick in 2000.

Ginny worked for the Township of Scotch Plains Engineering Department for 10 years, then went on to work for the Union County Prosecutor's Office as an executive secretary, working mainly from the Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains until she retired in 1997.

Ginny adored all her family. Ginny is predeceased by her sister, Margaret Muhlenforth; nephew, Mark Muhlenforth, and stepson, Dave Luce. Ginny is survived by her beloved husband, Retired Police Chief Robert A. Luce; loving sons, Gerard F.

Ricciardelli (Trista) and Anthony Tittanegro (Johanna); five cherished grandchildren, Dario and Nadia Ricciardelli, Nicholas, Anthony and Lorenzo Tittanegro; stepson, Robert J. Luce; stepdaughter, Judith Luce; niece, Donna Dash (Jeff), and her great-nephew and nieces, Jeremy, Natalie and Emily.

The funeral will be conducted at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, May 9, 2019, from the Rossi Funeral Home, 1937 Westfield Avenue, Scotch Plains. Entombment will take place at Saint Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia. Visitation was to be on Wednesday, May 8, from 4 to 8 p.m., at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Ginny to: Holy Redeemer Health System, Holy Redeemer Development Office, 521 Moredon Road, Huntingdon Valley, Pa. 19006.

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Janet M. Patten, 83, of Scotch Plains; Was Secretary at Local Law Practice

Janet M. Patten, 83, of Paterson, formerly of Scotch Plains, died on Friday, May 3, 2019. The burial for Janet will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at Saint Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia.

Janet was born and raised in Jersey City, N.J. She lived in Scotch Plains for over 52 years. Janet worked as a secretary for 26 years with Craner,

Satkin, & Scheer Attorneys at Law in Scotch Plains before retiring in 2011. Janet is predeceased by her husband, Donald E., and her three sons, Ricky, Donald and Jeffrey. She is survived by her two brothers, Robert and Paul Armstrong; her grandson, Justin Patten, and her two great-grandchildren, Meadow and Dahlia Patten.

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Thomas M. McGeary, Son, Brother and Father

Thomas Michael McGeary, 45, of Woodstock, N.H., formerly of Westfield, N.J., passed away on Tuesday, April 16, 2019. Thomas was a graduate of Westfield High School, Westfield, N.J. He also attended Oregon State University in Corvallis, Ore.

Thomas was preceded in death by his wife, Michele Pruy, and his father, Thomas J. McGeary, Jr. Thomas is survived by his mother, Rosemary McGeary, and his sons, Thomas James and Charles William. He is also survived by two sisters, Kerry Anne McGeary and her husband, Marc (Schulberg), of Skillman, N.J., and Katie Umphred and her husband, Bill, of Barrington, Ill.; several nieces and

a nephew; his in-laws, George and Jill Pruy, of Pleasant Prairie, Wis.; sister-in-law, Kirstin Pruy, of Pleasant Prairie, Wis.; brother-in-law, David Pruy, of Bloomingdale, Ill.; and many other extended family members, plus lifelong friends.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a service on Saturday, June 22, at 11:30 a.m., at St. Helen's Church in Westfield, N.J. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Thomas' name may be made to Georgian Court University, Thomas McGeary and Michele Pruy Memorial Scholarship, Attention: Institutional Advancement, 900 Lakewood Avenue, Lakewood, N.J. 08701.

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Training to Be Available In Mental Health First Aid

WESTFIELD — Caring Contact, a crisis hotline that serves Northern and Central New Jersey, will offer Mental Health First Aid Training in Clark on consecutive Tuesdays, May 21 and 28.

According to Caring Contact, just as CPR helps individuals assist someone having a heart attack, Mental Health First Aid helps people assist someone experiencing a mental-health or substance-use-related crisis.

During the eight-hour course, individuals learn risk factors and warning signs for mental health and addiction concerns, strategies for how to help someone in both crisis and non-crisis situations, and where to turn for help. Mental Health First Aid is designed to take the fear and hesitation out of starting conversations about mental health and substance-use problems by improving understanding and providing an action plan that teaches people to safely and responsibly identify and address a potential mental illness or substance-use disorder.

The course is being offered in two four-hour sessions on the two Tuesday evenings, from 6 to 10 p.m. each evening, at Temple Beth Or/Beth Torah, 111 Valley Road, Clark.

Mental Health First Aid is listed on the National Suicide Prevention Registry of Evidence-Based Programs. Successful completion of the course includes a three-year Mental Health First Aid certification.

Caring Contact is offering the training for \$75. To learn more or to register, visit caringcontact.org/training-registration/ or call (908) 301-1899.

Caring Contact is an award-winning, volunteer-staffed, caring and crisis hotline providing active listening support and best-in-class education to the Central and Northern New Jersey community. Caring Contact is affiliated with CONTACT USA, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and the American Association of Suicidology.

Anyone in crisis and needing someone to listen is encouraged to call Caring Contact at (908) 232-2880. For further information, visit caringcontact.org.

Alzheimer's Group To Meet May 17

WESTFIELD — Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey, a non-sectarian health and social service agency, will host an Alzheimer's Support Group, through Alzheimer's New Jersey, on Friday, May 17. It will take place from 10 to 11 a.m. at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, located at 140 Mountain Avenue, Westfield.

Free and open to Alzheimer's/Dementia caregivers in the community, this program is run in accordance with Alzheimer's New Jersey guidelines. Participants are welcome to join the group at any time. The support group is not suitable for individuals with the dementia diagnosis.

Registration is recommended. If planning to attend, or for more information about the JFS program for Alzheimer's and Dementia Disorders, contact Alice Greenberg-Sheedy, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, at agreenberg-sheedy@jfscentralnj.org or (908) 352-8375.

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Walter Boright to Speak On Kenilworth Worship History

KENILWORTH — Historian and author Walter E. Boright, Ed.D., will highlight the history of Kenilworth's places of worship during a celebration of local history hosted by the Kenilworth Historical Society next Thursday, May 16.

"Kenilworth—A Community of Faith" will trace the history of religious worship in Kenilworth from local farming days of the early 1890s to the present. Mr. Boright will discuss some uncovered mysteries, reveal newly-found historic photographs and review the impact of social and other events that helped shape the evolution of the churches in the community. There will be a question-and-answer period following the presentation. Local history books and memorabilia will be available for purchase.

Anative of Kenilworth, Mr. Boright is a retired superintendent of schools and a retired director of Kean University. He has written five books on Kenilworth history. Additionally, he has held elected office as a councilman and as a member of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

All are welcome to attend the event, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Oswald J. Nitschke House, 49 South 21st Street, Kenilworth. Admission is free, but attendees should register in advance by calling (908) 709-0434, as seating is limited. Light refreshments will be served. Parking is available in front of the Nitschke House and in the municipal parking lot across the street from the Kenilworth Veterans Center.



Walter E. Boright



Hon. John Boyle



Darielle Walsh

Westfield Residents Among Patriots' Path Honorees

WESTFIELD — Boy Scouts of America, Patriots' Path Council will honor local community members at the annual Boy Scouts of America Union County Lifetime Achievement Awards Dinner to be held Wednesday, May 29, at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield. This year's honorees are Honorable John Boyle, John Dugan and Darielle Walsh of Westfield, along with Kerry Mooney,

Joseph Roth and Gerard Muench.

The event will recognize these individuals for their community service and for their embodiment of the values of the century-old Scout Oath and Law in their personal and professional lives. The event co-chairs are Timothy Boyle of 16 Prospect Wine Bar & Bistro and Gene Jannotti of the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Boyle joined Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper's Alternative Dispute Resolution Practice in March of 2002. Since that time, he has provided mediation or arbitration services in over 700 matters, covering a wide range of legal disputes. He is a former Presiding Judge in the Equity Part of the Chancery Division, Superior Court, Union County, where he served for 10 years. For the balance of the more than 17 years he was on the bench, Mr. Boyle was judge in the Probate and Matrimonial Parts of the Chancery Division and in the Law Division handling jury trials. He also has served as chairman and secretary for the planning board of the City of Elizabeth; councilman for the City of Elizabeth; Assistant City Attorney and City Attorney for the City of Elizabeth; and on the Legislative Committee of New Jersey's League of Municipalities.

Mr. Dugan began his professional career in law enforcement when he joined the Westfield Police Department in 1981. After a career change to the financial services industry, he currently serves as the director of insurance for CohnReznick Wealth Management LLC. Mr. Dugan serves as president of the Westfield PAL, through which he has coached youth football and also assisted youth organizations in other communities; is a former board member of the Westfield YMCA and is a member and past president of the 200 Club of Union County.

Ms. Walsh is an organizational consultant specializing in non-profit board governance, leadership and effectiveness. Involved in the community for over 30 years as a volunteer and professional working with non-profits, she has served many local community organizations in leadership positions, including nine years on the Westfield Board of Education, three as president; 12 years on the Westfield Planning Board; member of the Westfield Town Council; president of the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce; past president of the Westfield Area YMCA Board of Directors; Westfield Optimist Club; Westfield Rotary Club; Westfield Education Fund; and former trustee of the Westfield United Fund and Westfield Foundation.

Her local YMCA involvement earned her a position on the YMCA-USA National Board of Directors. Involved for many years with Westfield public schools, she was instrumental in establishing the Optimist Club Project Graduation BASH for Westfield High School in 1989 and continues to chair the annual all-night event.

The Patriots' Path Council serves more than 16,000 youth in over 400 Scouting units in communities throughout Union, Middlesex, Somerset, Sussex and Morris Counties.

For more information on Scouting, attending the event, and sponsoring an ad in the program journal, contact Jennifer Volz, senior development director, at (973) 765-9322, extension no. 249, and/or jennifer.volz@scouting.org. Information also is available at ppcbsa.org/special-events.

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