

Arthur S. Taylor, Jr., 80, Was Mason; B-17 Pilot and Air Medal Recipient

Arthur S. Taylor, Jr., 80, of Scotch Plains died on Wednesday, April 11, at home.

Born in Plainfield, he had lived there and in North Plainfield before relocating to Scotch Plains in 1957.

Mr. Taylor had been employed as a systems analyst with IBM for 38 years before retiring in 1987.

A B-17 pilot with the 490th squadron of the 8th United States Air Force, he flew 35 missions in Europe during World War II and was awarded the Air Medal with five oak clusters.

He graduated from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., in 1948 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering and received his master's degree from the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Mr. Taylor was a member of the Masonic Lodge for more than 50 years, first with the Scotchwood Lodge in Scotch Plains, then with Atlas Pythagoras Lodge in Westfield.

He also was a member of the Scotch Plains Baptist Church and the Lehigh University Alumni Association and was a former member of MENSAs.

Surviving are his wife, Marguerite Rizzon Taylor; two sons, Alan S. Taylor of Danbury, Conn.; a daughter, Nancy K. Worth of Middlesex; a sister, Elizabeth Gustafson of Scotch Plains, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 14, at the Scotch Plains Baptist Church and were followed by interment at Hillside Cemetery in Scotch Plains.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood.

Memorial donations may be made to the Scotch Plains Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 325, Scotch Plains, 07076.

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Herbert Polkinghorne, 89, Navy Veteran; Was Office Manager for Linden Firm

Herbert A. Polkinghorne, 89, of the Leisure Village East section of Lakewood, died on Sunday, April 8, at his residence.

Born in Cornwall, England, he had lived in West Caldwell and in Westfield before moving to Lakewood in 1985.

Mr. Polkinghorne had been the

William Sendell, 84

William Carhart Sendell, 84, of Sea Girt died on Monday, April 9, at home.

Born in Titusville on September 2, 1916, he had lived in Erie, Pa., and in Westfield from 1956 to 1966 before relocating to Sea Girt.

Mr. Sendell had been employed by the Bendix Corporation for more than 30 years and was the Production Manager of both the Utica, N.Y. and Eatontown divisions before retiring in 1973.

Surviving are his wife of 64 years, Joyce Elizabeth Keane Sendell; three sons, William Sendell, Stuart Sendell and Scott Sendell; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A service attended by family members was held on Thursday, April 12. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were handled by the Rowe-Lanterman Home for Funerals in Morristown.

Memorial donations may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association of Central New Jersey, 67 Main Street, Manasquan, 08736.

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Wayne C. Sigmann, 53

Wayne C. Sigmann, 53, of Fanwood died on Sunday, April 8, at home.

Born in Orange, he had lived in Hackettstown and Maplewood before moving to Fanwood six weeks ago.

Mr. Sigmann was a carpenter for Local No. 620 in Madison since 1970.

He served in the United States Navy during World War II.

Surviving are two brothers, Peter Sigmann and Jay Sigmann, and two sisters, Leslie Magliaro and Robin Terrault.

A Mass was offered on Thursday, April 12, in St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Maplewood, following the funeral from the Jacob A. Holle Funeral Home in Maplewood.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Hospice-VNSS, 354 Union Avenue, Elizabeth, 07207.

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Ella M. Russell, 83

Ella M. Russell, 83, of West Long Branch died on Wednesday, April 11, at home.

Born in Long Branch, she had lived in Westfield and Cranford before moving to West Long Branch in 1986.

Surviving are two sons, William Russell and Stephen Russell; a daughter, Marie Steets; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A Mass was offered on Tuesday, April 17, in St. Jerome's Church in West Long Branch, following the funeral from the Fiore Funeral Home in West Long Branch.

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Frederick A. Meyer, 74, Volunteer; Owned Clothing Store in Westfield

Frederick Albert Meyer, 74, of Boynton Beach, Fla., died on Sunday, April 8, at Bethesda Memorial Hospital in Boynton Beach.

Born in Brooklyn on September 23, 1926, the son of the late Frederick L. and Mary Senger Meyer, he moved with his family to New Jersey as a child.

Mr. Meyer had owned and operated Mac Hugh, Inc., a clothing store for men and women in Westfield, from 1954 until the early 1970s. He was active with the Westfield Jaycees.

He had entered the retail clothing business at B. Altman department store in New York City and later joined Mac Hugh, Inc. in Ridgewood before owning the Westfield store.

After selling his business, Mr. Meyer relocated to North Carolina, where he lived first in Glendale Springs and then in Asheville. While in Asheville, he served as a volunteer at St. Joseph Hospital and was active in the WNC AIDS project.

In 1991, he moved to Lantana, Fla., and for the last several years lived in the Palm Beach Leisureville retirement community in Boynton Beach.

Mr. Meyer attended Mount Carmel School in Ridgewood and was a 1944 graduate of St. Joseph's High School in Paterson, where he was President of his senior class. He attended Fordham University and merchandising college in New York City.

Mr. Meyer married the former Marilyn D. Lee on June 10, 1950,



Frederick A. Meyer

and the couple had two children.

Surviving are his companion of 24 years, Larry Shotwell; two sons, Derek (Frederick Albert, Jr.) Meyer of Signal Hill, Calif. and Gary Raymond Meyer of Clinton, N.Y., and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, April 12, at the Cathedral of All Souls in Asheville. Interment took place at the Shepherd Memorial Park Mausoleum in Asheville.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Groce Funeral Home in Asheville.

Flowers are welcome, but in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

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Marian P. Villa, 81

Marian P. Villa, 81, of Westfield died on Friday, April 13, at home.

Born in Garwood, she lived in Westfield for many years and also maintained a home in Hallandale, Fla.

She was a member of the Smart Set Women's Bowling League at the Westfield Recreation Lanes and Clark Lanes.

Surviving are her husband of 60 years, Quin J. Villa; two sons, Quentin J. Villa of Clark and Ronald C. Villa of Westfield; a daughter, Cynthia Villa of Chico, Calif.; a sister, Doris Perine of California, and three grandchildren.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, April 17, at the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside, 07092.

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Margaret E. Davidson, 51, Attorney; Had Lectured and Wrote on ADA

Margaret E. Davidson, 51, of Albuquerque, N.M., died on Friday, March 2, at home.

Born and raised in Westfield, she graduated from Westfield High School in 1968. She earned bachelor and master degrees from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

After teaching oral interpretation at universities in Iowa and North Carolina, Miss Davidson obtained a law degree from Southern Methodist University Law School in Texas in 1982.

She subsequently joined the law firm of Keleher and McLeod in Albuquerque, where she headed the employment law section. Miss Davidson concentrated on employment law, primarily on disability law.

Recognized as a leading attorney in the state of New Mexico on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), she gave many seminars and wrote multiple articles pertaining to the ADA. She also taught as an Adjunct Professor in Advanced Appellate Advocacy at the University of New Mexico Law School from 1990 to 1992.

In 1992, the State Bar Association of New Mexico recognized Miss Davidson with an Outstanding Contribution Award. She was recognized by the Association again last year for her work in disability law. She also worked on the boards of numerous civic service agencies.

She was predeceased by her father, Cuddie E. Davidson, Jr.

Dedication Ceremony To Honor Memory Of Diane R. Williams

The late Diane R. Williams, a 1975 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, will be recalled with the dedication of a tree planted in her honor at Tamaques Park in Westfield. A plaque cast in stone in her memory has also been placed at the park.

The dedication ceremony will take place on Tuesday, April 24, at 10 a.m. in the park. The tree is planted in the corner opposite the main entrance, near the softball fields, just past the basketball courts.

Mrs. Williams, who died on October 27, 1999 at age 42, was the creator and designer of Di's Dolls and the Manager of Business Development for Performance Edge People, Inc. She was also a member of the Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church in Plainfield.

All are welcome to attend and there will be an opportunity for those who are interested to share a few remarks about Mrs. Williams.

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Mary Palmer, 92, Had Been Realtor; Graduate of Katharine Gibbs School

Mary Wallace Palmer, 92, of Far Hills died on Thursday, April 12, in Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Born in Brooklyn on December 20, 1908, the daughter of Ina May Evans and Maurice D. Wallace, she had lived in Darien, Conn., Chappaqua, N.Y., Westfield and Fanwood before moving to Far Hills 20 years ago.

Mrs. Palmer had been the owner of Mary Palmer Realtors in Westfield and Stockton prior to retiring in the 1970s. She was with the Turpin Real Estate Agency in Bernardsville from 1980 until retiring in 1996, concluding a 40-year career in real estate at the age of 87.

A graduate of the Katharine Gibbs School, she had been a typist and stenographer in local and national competitions during the late 1920s, before leaving her secretarial career to raise her family.

Mrs. Palmer was a member of the Professional Standards Committee

of the Hunterdon County Board of Realtors and a member of the Lamington Presbyterian Church in Bedminster.

She was predeceased by her husband of 33 years, George Harry Palmer, in 1962 and by a daughter, Polly Palmer Pelletier, in January of 2000.

Surviving are a son, James Palmer of Durham, N.C.; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, April 17, at the Lamington Presbyterian Church. Private interment took place at Somerset Hills Memorial Park in Basking Ridge.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Layton Funeral Home in Bedminster.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lamington Presbyterian Church Habitat for Humanity, 300 Lamington Road, Bedminster, 07921.

April 19, 2001

Henry J. Treger, Sr., 94, Engineer Helped ABC Enter Television Era

Henry J. Treger, Sr., 94, of Scotch Plains died on Saturday, April 14, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Jersey City on January 30, 1907, the son of Louise and Louis Treger, he had lived in Plainfield before moving to Scotch Plains 62 years ago.

Mr. Treger had been employed as a radio and television engineer by the American Broadcasting Company in New York City for more than 36 years before retiring in 1972. His career included helping the network make the transition into the television era.

Earlier, he had served with the Merchant Marine as a radio officer. He was stationed on the SS *Drive* in 1935 when it was grounded off the Florida Keys with 350 passengers on board while en route from New Orleans to New York City. Mr. Treger climbed the ship's smoke stack to rig an emergency antenna and sent the "S.O.S." signal.

He later worked at radio stations WAAT and WJZ.

He was a member of the Tri County Radio Association of Scotch Plains;

the First Class Operations Club of England; the Society of Wireless Pioneers in New York and the American Radio Relay League of Hartford, Conn.

He graduated from Dickenson High School in Jersey City and attended RCA Technical Institute of New York City.

He was predeceased by his wife, Mary Treger.

Surviving are two sons, Henry J. Treger, Jr. of Westfield and Herbert L. Treger of Kampala, Uganda; a sister, Lillian Masterson of Margate, Fla., and a granddaughter.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield on Wednesday, April 25.

The Funeral Service of New Jersey, Inc. in Hillside is in charge of the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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Joan Grady Diehl, 76

Joan Grady Diehl, 76, of Scotch Plains died on Sunday, April 15, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Duluth, Minn., she had lived there and later in Port Cartier, Quebec, Canada before moving to Scotch Plains in 1964.

She was predeceased by her husband, Judson Pond Diehl, in 1998.

Surviving are two sons, John Diehl of Princeton and Daniel Diehl of Chester, Calif.; a daughter, Sally Gentile of Westfield; three brothers, Jim Grady, Frank Grady and Charles Grady; a sister, Susan Mills-Moriarty, and seven grandchildren.

Private funeral services were arranged by the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood.

Memorial donations may be made to the Scotch Plains Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 325, Scotch Plains, 07076.

April 19, 2001

Joeva Leheld, 71

Joeva Katherine Leheld, 71, of Westfield died on Thursday, April 12, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Alpha, Iowa, she had lived there before moving to Secaucus, where she lived for 17 years. She relocated to Westfield in 1968.

Mrs. Leheld graduated from Central College in Pella, Iowa, where she earned a degree in education. She taught in the Pella school district for two years.

While living in Westfield, she was employed as a substitute teacher by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education and also by the Cranford and Garwood school districts for 30 years before retiring in 1999.

Mrs. Leheld was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Westfield, where she was a member of the Senior Adventurers Committee; the Worship, Music and Arts Committee and the Martha Circle. She also worked extensively with Homeless Hospitality and the Food Pantry.

She additionally performed volunteer work for the American Cancer Society in Westfield.

She was predeceased by her husband of 40 years, George W. Leheld, in 1992.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara J. Jones of Chester, Conn. and Alane Moysich of Kolbermoor, Germany; a son, Douglas Leheld of Readington Township; a brother, Joseph TerLouw of Washington; two sisters, Harriet Mendenhall of Utah and Nivale Sopher of Iowa, and two grandsons.

A memorial service was held on Monday, April 16, at the First United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

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TREGER, SR., Henry J., 94, of Scotch Plains, on April 14, 2001. Loving Husband of the late Mary Treger. Devoted Father of Henry, Jr., and Herbert L. Treger. Dear Grandfather of Beth, Beloved Brother of Lillian Masterson. A Memorial Service will be held at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, Chapel, 140 Mountain Avenue, Westfield, on Wednesday, April 25th at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated. Arrangements by Funeral Service of New Jersey, Inc., Hillside, New Jersey.

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