

Mildred Mulligan, 99, Was Treasurer For Many Years at Westfield Bank

Mildred Fredrick Mulligan, 99, of Mountainside died on Wednesday, January 3, at home.
 Born in Westfield, she had lived there until moving to Mountainside in 1952.
 Mrs. Mulligan had been Treasurer of the Lincoln Federal Savings and Loan Bank of Westfield before retiring in 1965 after 42 years of service.
 She was a Past Matron, with more than 80 years of membership, of Atlas Chapter No. 99 Order of the Eastern Star of Westfield and Past Grand Officer of the state organization.
 Mrs. Mulligan was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield.
 She was predeceased by her husband, Guy H. Mulligan, in 1980.
 Surviving are two grand nieces, Mrs. Frederick Scarborough and Mrs.

Robert Teeter; a grand nephew, Richard Mulligan, and a goddaughter, Kristen Klaus.
 The funeral service took place on Monday, January 8, at St. Paul's Church. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.
 Arrangements were handled by the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.
 Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Paul's Episcopal Church Memorial Fund.
January 11, 2001

Ammie Howard, 71

Ammie Howard, 71, of Fanwood died on Friday, December 29, at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights.
 Born on January 1, 1929 in King and Queen County, Va., she lived in Fanwood for 43 years.
 She was predeceased by her husband, Ernest Green, and by two daughters, Judith Howard and Michelle Howard.
 Surviving are two sons, Ernest Green, Jr. of Texas and Mark Green of Puerto Rico; four brothers, Sam Howard and Zack Howard, both of Plainfield, Herman Howard of Virginia and Archie Howard of East Orange, and a sister, Mary Ann Coleman of Virginia.
 The funeral was held on Thursday, January 4, at the Warren Temple in Scotch Plains, followed by interment at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.
 Arrangements were handled by the Plinton-Curry Funeral Home in Westfield.
January 11, 2001

Margaret Delmont, 86

Margaret R. Delmont, 86, of Bridgewater died on Saturday, December 30, in Brandywine Assisted Living at Middlebrook Crossing in Bridgewater.
 Born in Stamford, Conn., she had lived in Edison, Richmond, Va. and Mountainside before moving to Bridgewater more than a year ago.
 She was predeceased by her husband, Lawrence Allan Delmont, and by a sister, Mae Fergie.
 Surviving are three brothers, Vito Romano, Salvatore Romano and Frank Romano, and a sister, Carmela DeCamp.
 A Mass was offered on Friday, January 5, in St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church in Union, following the funeral from the Haerberle & Barth Colonial Home in Union. Interment was at Hollywood Memorial Park in Union.
January 11, 2001

Rena Ruffini, 73

Rena D. Bavosa Ruffini, 73, of Berkeley Heights died on Wednesday, January 3, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.
 Born in Westfield, she had lived there until moving to Berkeley Heights in 1968.
 Mrs. Ruffini worked as a teacher aide for the past 14 years at Summit Child Care Center.
 She was predeceased by her husband, Anthony Ruffini, in 1973.
 Surviving are a son, Clyde A. Ruffini; two sisters, Mary Bush and Theresa Gonella, and five brothers, Patrick Bavosa, Caesar Bavosa, Anthony Bavosa, Frank Bavosa and A. Bavosa.
 A Funeral Mass was offered on Tuesday, January 9, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.
 Arrangements were under the direction of the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.
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Candida Lepree, 89, Was PTA Leader; Teacher at Feather Bed Lane School

Candida Lepree, 89, of Monroe Township died on Sunday, December 31, at home.
 Born in Elizabeth, she had lived in Cranford, Westfield and Jamesburg before moving to Monroe Township five years ago.
 Mrs. Lepree had been a teacher at the Feather Bed Lane School in Clark from 1959 until retiring in 1971. She previously taught in the Elizabeth school system.
 She served as President of the Elizabeth Council of Parent-Teacher Associations and was the Chairwoman of the Safety Committee of Monroe Village.
 She graduated in 1930 from Tren-

ton State College, now called the College of New Jersey.
 She was predeceased by her husband, G. Arthur Lepree.
 Surviving are a daughter, Andrea Richel of Berkeley Heights; a son, Robert Lepree of Fanwood; a brother, Theodore Crincoli; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.
 Private services were arranged by the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield.
 Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association of Central New Jersey, Hospice Division, 141 Bodman Place, Red Bank 07701.
January 11, 2001

Charles Holder, 85, Active in Church; Served in Army Intelligence in War

Charles H. Holder, 85, of Rossmoor died on Friday, December 29, in the Princeton Medical Center in Princeton.
 Born in Little Rock, Ark., he had lived there until moving to Westfield in 1946. He relocated to Rossmoor in 1980.
 Mr. Holder had worked as a Personnel Director for the Exxon Corporation, in both Florham Park and Bayonne, for 35 years before retiring in 1976.
 He was awarded his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 1936 and received his master's degree from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1940.
 He joined the United States Army during World War II in 1941, serving in the Army Intelligence Department until 1945, when he was discharged.
 Mr. Holder was a member of SANE, an organization opposed to the Vietnam War, and the Advance Club of Westfield.
 He was also a longtime member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, where he was a Deacon and an Elder.
 He was predeceased by his wife, Edwina Gilbert Holder, in 1996.
 Surviving are a daughter, Deborah Ebert of Westfield, and two grandsons.
 Cremation was private. A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, January 14, at the Meeting House at Rossmoor in Rossmoor. Interment will take place in the spring at the Revolutionary Cemetery at The

Presbyterian Church in Westfield.
 Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.
January 11, 2001

Obituaries

Clayton P. Pritchett, 73, Navy Veteran; Founded Real Estate Counseling Firm

Clayton Page Pritchett, 73, of Charlotte, N.C., died on Tuesday, January 2, at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.
 Born in Orange, the son of the late Virgil and Beatrice Page Pritchett, he had lived in Westfield before relocating to Charlotte in 1984.
 Mr. Pritchett began his career with the International Paper Company in New York City and continued with its Long Bell Division in Kansas City, Mo. He also served for three years with the Real Estate Research Company in Chicago, followed by 13 years with Landauer Associates in New York City.
 After relocating to Charlotte, he founded his own real estate counseling firm, Clayton P. Pritchett, Inc., which he operated until his retirement in 1998.
 He was a member of the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Charlotte and initiated a chapter of Lambda Alpha, an international land economics fraternity.
 Mr. Pritchett earned the designation of Real Estate Counselor and was also a member of the Education Committee of The Shepherd's Center and was Chairman of the Charlotte Chapter of the Concord Coalition.
 He graduated from Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., where he was a member of Sigma Phi Fraternity.
 He served in the United States Navy aboard the *USS Tarawa* during the Korean Conflict.
 Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Marion "Dusty" Miller Pritchett; a son, Clayton Dale Pritchett of Cranford; two daughters, Keren Pritchett of Fredericksburg, Va. and Betsy Pritchett Peterson of Hope; a brother, Robert Pritchett of Palo Alto, Calif.; his stepmother, Beulah Grant Pritchett of Maplewood, and six grandchildren.
 A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 6, at the Covenant Presbyterian Church.
 Memorial contributions may be made to the Mexico Mission of Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1000 Morehead Street, Charlotte, N.C. 28204; to Friendship Trays, 2401 Distribution Street, Charlotte, N.C. 28203, or to The Shepherd's Center, P.O. Box 6052, Charlotte, N.C. 28207.
 Arrangements were under the direction of Harry and Bryant Company in Charlotte.
January 11, 2001

Marilyn G. Weiss, 73

Marilyn G. Weiss, 73, of Scotch Plains died on Saturday, January 6, in Overlook Hospital in Summit.
 Born in Newark, she had lived in Union before moving to Scotch Plains 27 years ago.
 Mrs. Weiss was a member of the Sisterhood of B'nai B'rith of Union County.
 Surviving are a son, Neil Weiss; a daughter, Hildy Levitt; a brother, Herbert Gardiner, and three grandchildren.
 Services were held on Tuesday, January 9, in the Beth Israel Cemetery in Woodbridge.
 Arrangements were under the direction of the Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union.
January 11, 2001

Joseph Barbarise, 86, Was Member Of Audubon and Historical Groups

Joseph Barbarise, 86, of Brandon, Vt. died on Saturday, January 6, in the Rutland Regional Medical Center.
 Born in Madison, he had lived in Westfield and Fanwood before moving to Brandon in 1982.
 Mr. Barbarise had been a supervisor in the mechanical department of Economics Laboratories in Woodbridge and, prior to that, its predecessor company, Magnus Chemical Company in Garwood. He worked for both firms for 44 years before retiring in 1982.
 He was a member of the Rutland County Audubon Society, the Brandon Historical Society, the Brandon Senior Citizens and the Supper Club of the Brandon Congregational Church.
 Mr. Barbarise was additionally a member of the birding clubs Wings and the Summit Nature Club.
 Surviving are his wife of 28 years, Elizabeth Barbarise; a daughter, Joyce

Schmalzigan; a brother, Anthony Barbarise; a sister, Mary O'Conne; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.
 Services will be held at 11 a.m. today, Thursday, January 11, in the Brandon Congregational Church.
 Arrangements are being handled by the Miller and Ketcham Funeral Home in Brandon.
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Carlos E. Arguello

Carlos E. Arguello of Scotch Plains died on Tuesday, January 2, in Jersey City Medical Center in Jersey City.
 Born in Costa Rica, he had lived in Irvington before moving to Scotch Plains in 1997.
 Mr. Arguello was a driller's apprentice for the Summit Drilling Company in Bound Brook.
 He had previously been a maintenance worker at the Great Swamp Greenhouses in Gillette.
 Surviving are his wife, Rocio Benavides Arguello; a son, Efrain Arguello; a daughter, Luisa Arguello; two brothers, Melvin Arguello and Ronald Arguello, and two sisters, Norma Arguello and Mayra Arguello.
 Arrangements were handled by the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains. Interment was scheduled to take place in Costa Rica.
January 11, 2001

Marguerite Isbrecht, 87

Marguerite H. Isbrecht, 87, of Westfield died on Friday, December 29, in the Clark Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Clark.
 Born in Milwaukee, Wis., she had lived in Newark before relocating to Westfield 25 years ago.
 Mrs. Isbrecht was a graduate of the Katherine Gibbs School in New York City.
 She was a member of the Westfield Stamp Club.
 She was predeceased by her husband, Frederick William Isbrecht, in 1985, and by a son, Wayne F. Isbrecht.
 Surviving are a son, Richard W. Isbrecht; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
 Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 6, in the Higgins Memorial Home in Freehold, followed by interment at the Old Tennent Cemetery in Tennent.
January 11, 2001

Shmalzigan; a brother, Anthony Barbarise; a sister, Mary O'Conne; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.
 Services will be held at 11 a.m. today, Thursday, January 11, in the Brandon Congregational Church.
 Arrangements are being handled by the Miller and Ketcham Funeral Home in Brandon.
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Nancy Mastrogiovanni

Nancy K. Mastrogiovanni, 57, of Edison died on Thursday, January 4, at the JFK Medical Center in Edison.
 Born in Rahway, she had lived in Fanwood during her childhood. She subsequently lived in Piscataway for 21 years and in Ellenton, Fla. for six years.
 She was a homemaker.
 Surviving are a son, Michael Mastrogiovanni of Branchburg; a daughter, Laura Kiernan of Alexandria Township; her mother, Florence Long of Bradenton, Fla.; two brothers, Emil Long of Cape Coral, Fla. and John Long of Bradenton; a sister, Patricia Garlinghouse of Dickerson, Tex., and four grandchildren.
 Services were held on Saturday, January 6, at the Middlesex Funeral Home in Middlesex. Interment took place at St. Bernard Cemetery in Bridgewater.
January 11, 2001

Genevieve Church, 85

Genevieve W. Church, 85, of Scotch Plains died on Friday, January 5, in Overlook Hospital in Summit.
 Born in Newark, she had lived in Irvington before relocating to Scotch Plains in 1948.
 Mrs. Church had worked in the accounts receivable department of American Hoechst Corporation in Bridgewater for 15 years before retiring in 1981. Earlier, she had worked for Weston Electric in Newark.
 She was a member of the Mountainside Active Retirees, the Y Squares of Clark and Senior League Bowling.
 Surviving are her husband, LeRoy A. Church; a son, Dennis L. Church; a daughter, Sharon E. Church; two brothers, Richard Weber and John Weber; a sister, Ruth Higgins, and a grandchild.
 Private services were arranged by the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains.
 Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, New Jersey Division Inc., 70 Grove Street, Somerville, 08876.
January 11, 2001

Matthew Pomo, Interior Designer; Served in Army National Guard

Matthew R. Pomo of Mountainside died on Tuesday, January 2, in Overlook Hospital in Summit.
 Born in Newark, he lived in Mountainside for 35 years.
 Mr. Pomo had been an interior designer, associated with East Orange Mill End Company, for many years before retiring six years ago.
 He attended Seton Hall University in South Orange and graduated from the Whitman School of Interior Designs in New York City.
 He served in the United States Army

National Guard for eight years.
 He was predeceased by his wife, Eve I. Irene Pomo.
 Surviving are two sons, Matthew R. Pomo, Jr. and Mark Pomo; a daughter, Karen Diggins; a sister, Emma Pomo, and four grandchildren.
 A Mass was offered on Thursday, January 4, in Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountainside, following the funeral from the Galante Funeral Home in Union.
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Carol S. Cox, 65, Managed Claims; Active With United Fund and JLEP

Carol S. Cox, 65, of Westfield died on Sunday, December 31, in Bridgeway Nursing Care in Bridgewater.
 Born in Masetown, Pa., she had lived in Bayonne before moving to Westfield 40 years ago.
 Mrs. Cox managed insurance claims for various insurance companies in New Jersey.
 She was the captain of the United Fund of Westfield and a member of the Westfield Committee of the New Jersey Symphony.
 She was also the task force chairwoman of the Junior League of Elizabeth and Plainfield.
 Mrs. Cox received a bachelor's degree from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa.
 She was predeceased by her parents, H. Clyde Sechler and Clara Lee Sechler.
 Surviving are two daughters, Nancy van de Sande of Elizabeth City, N.C. and Sandra McFeeley of Albrightsville, Pa.; two sons, David Cox of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. and Matthew Cox of Bridgewater; two sisters, Nancy Bogan of Arvada, Colo. and Patricia Reed of Lady Lake, Fla., and nine grandchildren.
 The funeral service was held on Friday, January 5, at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield.
 Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, New Jersey Division Inc., P.O. Box 815, Elizabeth 07207-0815.
 In addition, funds for a scholarship to be established in her memory may be sent to the Westfield College Woman's Club, P.O. Box 2694, Westfield, 07091.
January 11, 2001

Ernest G. Gebler, 78

Ernest G. Gebler, 78, of Toms River died on Sunday, December 31, in the Community Medical Center in Toms River.
 Born in Bayonne, he had lived in Fanwood before relocating to Toms River in 1989.
 Mr. Gebler had been a guidance counselor at Burnet Junior High School in Union for 35 years before retiring in 1984.
 He served in the United States Naval Coast Guard during World War II.
 He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 8886 and of the Golf Association at Greenbrier Woodlands in Toms River.
 Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth Gebler; two sons, Guy Gebler and Kurt Gebler; a daughter, Robyn Reichert, and six grandchildren.
 Services were held on Thursday, January 4, at the Silverton Memorial Funeral Home in Toms River.
January 11, 2001

Douglas Closterman, 2nd

Douglas Victor Closterman, 2nd, 64, of St. Petersburg, Fla. died on Monday, December 25, at home.
 Originally from Scotch Plains, he had lived there for many years. He relocated to Seminole, Fla. in 1973.
 Mr. Closterman was a member of United Association Plumbers, Local No. 103 of Plainfield, and had been employed for many years by Plainfield Plumbing Inc. of Plainfield as a Field Superintendent.
 He had been employed at the Bay Pines Veterans Hospital in St. Petersburg as a maintenance supervisor for the Plumbing, Heating/Air Conditioning and Painting departments. Mr. Closterman retired from the Veterans Administration in 1990.
 He was a United States Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post No. 273 of Madeira Beach, Fla.
 Surviving are three sons, Douglas V. Closterman, 3rd, Timothy Closterman and Jeffrey Closterman; a daughter, Michele Tobin, and three grandchildren.
 Services were held on Thursday, December 28, at the E. James Reese Funeral Home in Seminole. Interment took place in the Bay Pines Veterans Cemetery on Tuesday, January 2.
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DEATH NOTICE

ROBISON, SUSAN JANE DOWELL, wife of Alvin L. Robison, died at home on January 3. She was 62 years old and had been ill for many years with Multiple Sclerosis. Susan was an accomplished and inspiring musician. She sang beautifully and was in a select and small singing group during her years at Westfield High School. She was also a sensitive and excellent pianist.


Susan was actively involved with the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside for several years and received awards for outstanding character and service. She was also an avid and loyal Brooklyn Dodgers baseball fan.

Susan attended the University of Colorado and Penn State University where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority. She was a member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. In addition to her husband, Alvin Robison, she is survived by three sisters: Mary Louise Stevenson of Lincolnshire, Illinois; Barbara Kellogg of Fayetteville, New York and Caroline Duax of Snyder, New York, as well as four nieces, five nephews, three grand nieces and four grand nephews. A memorial service will be held in the spring.


Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street, Westfield, N.J.

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