

## Helen S. Davison, 85, Had Been Active With Girl Scouts and Church Group

Helen S. Stagg Davison, 85, of Andover died on Saturday, June 9, at Newton Memorial Hospital in Newton.

Born in Bronxville, N.Y., she had lived in Westfield for 55 years before relocating to Scotch Plains in 1988. She had lived in Andover for a year. Mrs. Davison was active with the Westfield Girl Scouts and with the

Presbyterian Church in Westfield, particularly the Circle Group.

She was predeceased by her husband, Raymond Davison, in 1986.

Surviving are two daughters, Jean A. Davison of Blairstown and Paula L. Davison of Totowa, and a son, Philip A. Davison of California.

The funeral service was held in the Chapel of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Interment took place at the East Ridgeway Cemetery in Clifton.

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## George Michael, 71, Retired From A&P; Worked as Technician at Dialysis Clinic

George Louis Michael, 71, of Clearwater, Fla., died on Saturday, June 9, at Mease Hospital in Dunedin, Fla.

Born in Irvington, he had lived in Union and in Scotch Plains from 1957 to 1977, when he relocated to Clearwater.

Mr. Michael was a technician for Gulf Breeze Dialysis Clinic in Clearwater. Prior to that, he had worked for A&P Supermarkets in New Jersey as a manager. He had been assigned to establishing stores in various towns, including Union, before retiring after 30 years in 1977.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge in Dunedin.

Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Adele Michael; three sons, Mark Michael, Gregory Michael and Richard Michael; a brother, Robert Michael,

## Frederick Callahan, 54

Frederick "Rick" Callahan, 54, of Fanwood died on Monday, June 4, at his home.

Born in Bridgeport, Conn., he had lived in Athens, Ohio, in Denton, Tex., and in Hutchinson, Kan., before moving to Westfield and later to Fanwood.

Mr. Callahan was a self-employed cabinetmaker for the past 15 years in all the towns in which he had lived, including Westfield.

He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, June 16, at St. Paul's Church. Interment took place in the Garth at the church following the service.

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

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## W. Robert Dabb, Sr., Army Veteran; Had Been Investigator for OSHA

W. Robert Dabb, Sr., of Scotch Plains died on Friday, June 15, in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Brooklyn, he moved to Scotch Plains in 1954.

Mr. Dabb had been an investigator and inspector for OSHA in Dover before retiring in 1981. He had previously been employed as a personnel manager and security officer for RCA for 27 years.

He attended Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., and United Radio and Television School in Newark.

Mr. Dabb served in the United States Army during World War II. He was a member of the Amateur Radio Relay League, the New Jersey State Police Officers of Emergency Management and the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services of Union County.

Surviving are his wife, Paulette M. Kaymowicz Dabb; three sons, Thomas Dabb, Robert Dabb and Richard Dabb; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on

Monday, June 18, at the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains. Interment took place at Hillside Cemetery in Scotch Plains.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association of New Jersey, 1600 Route 22, East Union, 07083.

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## Patricia Shirk, 38

Patricia Shirk, 38, of Sparta died on Thursday, June 14, at University Hospital in Baltimore.

Born in Puyallup, Wash., she had lived in Maryland, Roselle and Fanwood before relocating to Sparta three years ago.

Surviving are her husband, James R. Shirk; a daughter, Jamie P. Shirk; her mother, Patricia McKissock; two sisters, Catherine Brady and Eileen McKissock; and two brothers, Gregg McKissock and William McKissock.

Services were held on Sunday, June 17, at the Eline Funeral Home in Reisterstown, Md.

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# - Obituaries -

## Lowell Doak, 88, Retired Comptroller; Active With Scouts, Methodist Church

Lowell C. Doak, 88, of Westfield died on Thursday, April 12, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Gallatin, Mo., he had lived in Fulton, Mo., and Chicago, Ill., before moving to Westfield in 1963.

Mr. Doak had been employed as the Comptroller for Rutgers University in New Brunswick for 21 years and also served as a consultant for

two years as Assistant Athletic Director of Finances for the school before retiring in 1984.

Earlier, he had worked for Arthur Anderson and Company in Kansas City, Mo., as a senior accountant and had also headed the Accounting Department at the La Salle Extension University in Chicago prior to moving to Westfield.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Teaching from the Central Methodist College in 1935 and his Master in Business Administration Degree from the University of Chicago in 1948.

Mr. Doak continued his education at the La Salle Extension University and received his Certified Public Accountant License in Kansas.

During World War II, he worked as the Comptroller for the Metallurgical Laboratories at the University of Chicago, where the atomic bomb was developed.

Mr. Doak held executive offices with the Union League Club and the Executives Club, both in Chicago; the Illinois Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Association of Accountants.

He also held offices in the Methodist Church in Chicago and the First United Methodist Church in Westfield, where he served on the Finance Committee and the Gifts Committee.

He was also associated with the Old Guard of Westfield and was a Cub Scout pack leader and later a Scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts.

Mr. Doak was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association and served as Treasurer for the Westfield Tennis Association.

He was a member of the Silver Knights of Rutgers University in New Brunswick and their Twilight Golf League, where he served on the Board of Directors since 1964.

He was on the accrediting commission of the National Home Study Board in Washington, D.C. and was active as the Treasurer of the school moneys for the Jersey City, East Orange and West Essex boards of education.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Katherine Bethke Doak; two sons, Wesley Doak of Marshfield, Wis. and Edwin Doak of Las Vegas, Nev.; two brothers, Kenneth Doak of Murrayville, Pa. and Thomas Doak of Stamford, Conn.; two sisters, Helen Schoene of Alton, Ill. and Barbara West of Columbia, Mo., and two granddaughters.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, June 16, at the First United Methodist Church in Westfield.

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

## Anna M. Comolli, 91

Anna M. Comolli, 91, of Westfield died on Wednesday, June 13, in the Westfield Center, Genesis ElderCare Network, in Westfield.

Born in New York City, she had lived in Plainfield before relocating to Westfield 12 years ago.

Mrs. Comolli was a member of the Catholic Daughters and the Rosary Society of St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church in Plainfield.

She had also been active with the Women's Auxiliary of Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center TWIG in Plainfield.

Surviving are three daughters, Joan Simon, Jean Forlano and Barbara McCann; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A Mass was offered on Monday, June 18, in St. Bernard's Church, following the funeral from the Higgins Home for Funerals in Watchung. Interment took place at Somerset Hills Memorial Park in Basking Ridge.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater New Jersey Chapter, 400 Morris Avenue, Suite 251, Denville, 07834-1365.

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## Audrey Ewing, 79

Audrey Pettersen Ewing, 79, of Louisville, Ky., died on Thursday, May 24, in Nashville, Tenn.

Born in Brooklyn and raised in Cranford, she had lived in Scotch Plains for more than 50 years before moving to Louisville in 1994.

Mrs. Ewing had worked as a bookkeeper in New York City and at the Union County Technical Institute in Scotch Plains.

She was predeceased by her husband, David Goodwin Ewing, in August of 1997, as well as by her brother, Eugene "Bill" Pettersen, and her sister, Olive Storr.

Surviving are a son, Thomas Ewing of Louisville; two daughters, Jacquie Johnson of Louisville and Rachel Tate of Franklin, Tenn., and five grandchildren.

Memorial services were held on Tuesday, June 5, at the Southeast Christian Church in Louisville.

Another service was held on Friday, June 15, at Calvary Tabernacle in Cranford. Interment took place the same day at Rosedale Cemetery in Linden.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Audrey Ewing Memorial Fund, in care of National City Bank, 12009 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, Ky. 40223.

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## Paul S. Mittl, 75

Paul S. Mittl, 75, of the Lyons Head South section of Brick Township, died on Tuesday, June 12, in the JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Passaic, he had lived in Mountaineer for many years before moving to Brick eight years ago.

Mr. Mittl had been employed by the New Jersey Semiconductor Products Company in Springfield before retiring in 1990.

A United States Army veteran of World War II, he served in the European Theater and saw action at the Battle of the Bulge. He was an interpreter for the military.

Surviving are his wife of 42 years, Johanna Halozan Mittl; a brother, Robert Mittl, and a sister, Catherine DeMarco.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday, June 19, in the Neary-Quinn Funeral Home in Manasquan. Interment followed at the Atlantic View Cemetery in Manasquan.

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## Lewis B. Howarth, 79

Lewis B. Howarth, 79, of Scotch Plains died on Monday, June 11, at his home.

Born in Westfield, he had lived there until relocating to Belle Mead in 1980. He resided in Belle Mead for 21 years before moving to Scotch Plains this year.

Mr. Howarth had been employed as an office worker for Thomas and Betts Company in Elizabeth for 44 years, retiring in 1986. He was a member of the company's 25-year club.

He was a member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield for 63 years.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Elizabeth Larsen Howarth; two daughters, Claudia Hefner of Scotch Plains and Joyce Freed of Flemington, and five grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on Wednesday, June 13, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Atlantic Hospice, 33 Bleeker Street, Millburn, 07041.

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## Margaret P. Burke, 80, Former Teacher Of Home Economics at Union Catholic

Margaret P. McNamara Burke, 80, of Annandale died on Wednesday, June 13, at the Twinning Village Nursing Home in Holland, Pa.

Born on September 16, 1920 in Orange, the daughter of the late Carl T. McNamara and Margaret Seymour McNamara, she had lived in Scotch Plains for many years before relocating to Annandale.

Mrs. Burke had been a home economics teacher at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains for 13 years before retiring.

She graduated from Georgian Court College in Lakewood in 1943 and then went to work for Bishop Fulton Sheen in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Burke was a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

She was predeceased by her husband, William Harold Burke, in 1997;

two sisters, Elizabeth McNamara and Catherine Brady, and a brother, John McNamara.

Surviving are two daughters, M. Patricia Linney of Annandale and Mary Sector of Stow, Ohio; a son, Michael Burke of Miami, Fla.; eight grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

A memorial Mass was offered on Saturday, June 16, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Annandale.

Arrangements were handled by the Martin Funeral Home in Clinton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 299 Cherry Hill Road, Suite 305, Parsippany, 07054, or to Chandler Hall Hospice, 99 Barclay Street, Newtown, Pa. 18940.

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## Edward Tindall, 94, Former Executive At Sugar Company in New York City

Edward Tindall, 94, of Bernardsville died on Sunday, June 17, in Morrisview Memorial Hospital in Morristown.

Born in Philadelphia, he had also lived in Westfield and Boca Raton, Fla., moving to Bernardsville in August of 2000.

He had been Vice President of Sales for the American Sugar Company of New York City before retiring in 1972 after 49 years of service. He held the Vice President's position for the last 10 years of his career.

Mr. Tindall got his start in the sugar industry at age 16 as a messenger boy with McCann Sugar of Philadelphia. He served as President of the New York Sugar Club from 1968 to 1969 and was named Man of the Year by the club in 1970.

He attended the University of Pennsylvania and the Wharton School of Business in Philadelphia.

## Robert A. Miller, 81, Army Veteran; Retired Senior Engineer Technician

Robert A. Miller, 81, of Mountaineer died on Tuesday, June 12, at his home.

Born in Duluth, Minn., he had been a resident of Mountaineer for 44 years.

Mr. Miller had been employed as a senior engineer technician for Airco, later BOC Gases, in Murray Hill for 35 years before retiring in 1985.

He was a United States Army veteran of World War II, having served as a gunner aboard the *Queen Mary*.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Janet Ehlen Miller; a son, Richard Miller of Doylestown, Pa.; a daughter, Lynne Pruitt of Reidsville, N.C.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Friday, June 15, in the Community Presbyterian Church in Mountaineer.

## Rolla Wheaton, Jr., 83

Rolla William Wheaton, Jr., 83, of Southern Pines, N.C., died on Tuesday, May 29, at First Health Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst, N.C.

Born on August 22, 1917 in Newark, he had lived in Westfield before relocating to Southern Pines.

Mr. Wheaton was a member of the Golden K Kiwanis and the Elks Lodge, both in Southern Pines, and was an active member of the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, also in Southern Pines. He was a former member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

He served in the United States Air Force.

Surviving are his wife, Phyllis "Pat" Thonet Wheaton; two daughters, Genie Wheaton Barnard of Graham, N.C. and Wendy Wheaton Kern of Basking Ridge; two sons, Rolla W. Wheaton, 3rd of Mountaineer and James Thonet Wheaton of Thomasville, N.C.; a sister, Nancy Wheaton of Clarks Summit, Pa.; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, June 2, at the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Building Fund, 330 S. May Street, Southern Pines, N.C., 28387.

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## Mary C. Gurske, 85

Mary C. Gurske, 85, of Scotch Plains died on Tuesday, June 12, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Pennsylvania, she had lived in Jersey City before moving to Scotch Plains in 1950.

Mrs. Gurske, a homemaker, was a communicant of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains. She was also a former President of the Mother's Club of the church's school.

She was predeceased by her son, Thomas Gurske, in 1987, and by seven brothers and sisters.

Surviving are her husband of 61 years, Charles A. Gurske; a son, Robert Gurske; a daughter, Ilona Swell; five brothers and sisters, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 16, from the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains, followed by a Mass at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church. Interment took place at St. Gertrude's Cemetery in Colonia.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Scotch Plains Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 325, Scotch Plains, 07076 or Hope Worldwide, 12 Essex Street, Andover, Mass. 01810.

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## Hazel Nolte Ingram

Hazel Nolte Ingram of Clark died on Thursday, June 14, at Rahway Hospital in Rahway.

Born in Westfield, she was a lifelong resident of Westfield and Mountaineer.

Mrs. Nolte Ingram was active with the Westfield TWIG volunteers of Overlook Hospital in Summit and with the Mountaineer school system.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Westfield.

Surviving are a daughter, Janet Nolte of Clark; two sons, Richard Nolte of Clark and Bernard Nolte of Pennsylvania; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Monday, June 18, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Memorial donations may be made to the Occupational Center of Union County, Cox Street, Roselle, 07203.

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## Antoinette Ronckovitz

Antoinette Ronckovitz, 88, of Scotch Plains died on Saturday, June 16, in the Westfield Center, Genesis ElderCare Network, in Westfield.

Born in Newark, she had lived in Irvington before moving to Scotch Plains in 1951.

Mrs. Ronckovitz had been employed by Stirling Plastic Company in Mountaineer and Tung-Sol Lamp Works in Bloomfield before retiring in 1978.

She attended the Newark Business School.

Surviving are her husband, Charles Ronckovitz; two sons, Charles Ronckovitz, 3rd, and Thomas Ronckovitz, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held yesterday, Wednesday, June 20, from the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains. A Mass was offered at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains. Interment took place at St. Gertrude's Cemetery in Colonia.

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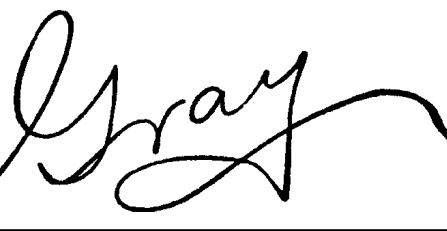
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