

Magnolia Britton, 76, NJ Bell Operator Later Had Her Own Catering Business

Magnolia Brown Britton, 76, of Westfield died on Saturday, April 21, at Overlook Hospital in Summit. Born in Plainfield, she had lived in Scotch Plains for many years prior to moving to Westfield 30 years ago. Mrs. Britton had been a telephone operator with New Jersey Bell Telephone in Plainfield and Westfield for 20 years and later operated her own catering business.

Robert A. Bronson, 41

Robert Anthony Charles Bronson, 41, of Federal Way, Wash., died on Thursday, April 5, at home. Born in New Brunswick, he had lived in Westfield for several years and in Plainfield for 29 years before moving to Federal Way 10 years ago. Mr. Bronson had been employed with the Oliver Brown Trucking Company in Plainfield for eight years and was a self-employed auto mechanic in Federal Way. He was predeceased by his father, George Bronson.

Surviving are his mother, Mary Bronson of Plainfield; a daughter, Marie Crawford Bronson of Somerville; seven brothers, Lester Davis of Fort Dix, Saleem "David" Ali and Ronald Bronson, both of Plainfield; Donald Bronson of New Brunswick, Rayfield Ali of Portsmouth, Va., Cassius Ali of Green Brook and Carlton Andre Bronson of Seattle, Wash., and a sister, Lori Ann Bronson of Plainfield. Services were held on Friday, April 27, at the Trinity Missionary Baptist Church in Plainfield.

Arrangements were under the direction of Brown's Funeral Home in Plainfield.

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James Raymond, Sr.

James Raymond, Sr., 94, of Maplewood died on Monday, April 23, at home. Born in Lebanon, he came to Newark in 1920 and had also lived in Mountainside and Union before relocating to Maplewood five years ago.

Mr. Raymond had been employed in the housekeeping department of Bambergers department store in Newark for 35 years and retired as the supervisor in 1971.

He was predeceased by his wife, Hasna Nader Raymond.

Surviving are two sons, Joseph Raymond and James Raymond; three daughters, Helen Buttros, Dolores Lawrence and Joanne Janish; 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

A Mass was offered on Wednesday, April 25, in Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church in South Orange, following the funeral from the Joseph W. Preston Funeral Home in South Orange.

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She was predeceased by her husband, Peter N. Britton, Sr., in 1987; a son, George Britton, in 1986, and her stepson, Peter N. Britton, Jr., in 2000.

Surviving are a son, Courtney Britton of Westfield; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A funeral service was held on Thursday, April 26, at the Bethel Baptist Church in Westfield. Interment took place at Hillside Cemetery in Scotch Plains.

Arrangements were handled by Brown's Funeral Home in Plainfield.

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Joseph Visceglia, 98, Retired Owner Of Moving and Storage Business

Joseph B. Visceglia, 98, of Easton, Md., died on Saturday, April 21, at William Hill Manor in Easton.

Born in Acquaviva della Fonti, Italy, he had lived in Teaneck, in Mountainside and in Mantoloking before relocating to Easton.

Mr. Visceglia had owned a moving and storage business in Manhattan before retiring.

— Obituaries —

George H. Wiech, 81, Former Chemist; Founding Member of Local Church

George H. Wiech, 81, of Mountainside died on Monday, April 23, at home.

Born in Lowell, Mass., he had lived in Bloomfield and Cambridge, Mass., before moving to Mountainside 44 years ago.

Mr. Wiech had been an insurance salesman with the Prudential Insurance Company in Millburn and Morristown from 1974 until his retirement in 1985.

Prior to that, he had been a chemist with the Celanese Corporation and Tenneco Corporation, both of New York City.

He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering from Harvard University in 1942.

Mr. Wiech had been President of the Polish University Club of New Jersey and the Active Retirees, both of Mountainside.

He additionally volunteered with the Mountainside Recreation Commission and with the United Way, also in Mountainside. He was a founding member of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountainside, where he was Past President of the Holy Name Society and the Pastoral Council, as well as a lector, Eucharistic minister and choir member.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Josephine Gawarecki Wiech; a son, Gregory Wiech of Andover, Mass.; three daughters, Nancy Robbins of San Francisco, Paula Wiech of Enumclaw, Wash., and Elizabeth Kolts of Scotch Plains, and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Saturday, April 28, from the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield, followed by a Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Center For Hope Hospice, 176 Husa Street, Linden, 07036.

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Alexander Gorski, 89, F&AM Leader; Had Long Career With Fidelity Union

Alexander C. Gorski, 89, of Westfield died on Wednesday, April 25, in Rahway Hospital.

Born and raised in Newark, he was a member of the first graduating class of Westside High School in Newark, in 1927. He had also lived in Irvington and Maplewood before settling in Westfield in 1985.

Mr. Gorski had been employed by Fidelity Union Trust Company, now known as First Union, in the Ironbound section of Newark for 48 years before retiring 24 years ago.

He began his career with the company in Newark and later worked in East Orange before becoming the branch manager in Newark's Ironbound section.

He was a 32nd Degree member, Past Master and Treasurer of the Franklin-Century Lodge No. 10 of the Free and Accepted Masons of South Orange, now merged with Atlas Pythagoras Lodge No. 10 in Westfield.

Mr. Gorski was the past patron of the Livingston chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, formerly known as Mizpah, and a member of the Newark Ironbound Rotary Club for many years, where he also held the office of Treasurer.

He was predeceased by his wife of 61 years, Margaret Birdsall Gorski, on March 2, 1998.

Surviving are two daughters, Carol Ann Loftus of Westfield and Joan

Corbo of Somerset; a sister, Eleanor Ryan of Scotch Plains; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Monday, April 30, in the McCriscin Home for Funerals in South Plainfield. Interment followed at Hollywood Memorial Park Cemetery in Union.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Masonic Home, 902 Jacksonville Road, Burlington, 08016.

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John F. O'Keefe, 82, Letter Carrier; Army Veteran Received Bronze Star

John F. O'Keefe, 82, of Point Pleasant died on Thursday, April 26, in the Medical Center of Ocean County in Brick.

Born in Newark, he had lived in Westfield and South Plainfield before moving to Point Pleasant 20 years ago.

Mr. O'Keefe had been a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service in Plainfield for 32 years before retiring in 1979.

He served as a Master Sergeant with the United States Army in the Philippines during World War II and received the Bronze Star.

Mr. O'Keefe was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Elks Lodge, both in Point Pleasant. He was honored by the lodge as veterans' chairman for eight years and was named Elk of the Year in 1988.

He was predeceased by his wife, Dorothy O'Keefe, in 1980 and by a brother, Michael O'Keefe.

Surviving are his wife of 20 years, Miriam O'Keefe; a daughter, Christine Burgoyne of Glen Gardner; six sons, Mark O'Keefe of Brick, John O'Keefe of Edison, Bryan O'Keefe of North Brunswick, Donald O'Keefe of Randolph, Peter O'Keefe and

Gerardo Mauriz, 89

Gerardo Mauriz, 89, of Springfield died on Wednesday, April 25, in Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Havana, Cuba, he came to the United States in 1960, settling in Miami, Fla. He later relocated to Mountainside and then to Springfield.

Mr. Mauriz had been Vice President of All Trans International in Wayne, where he worked for 12 years before retiring in 1984.

He had previously been a manager with Trans American Transport in Staten Island and also worked for Sea-Land Service in Port Elizabeth.

Surviving are his wife, Dolores Palmer Mauriz; a son, Gerardo G. Mauriz; a daughter, Dolores M. Pimik; two brothers, Carlos Mauriz and Roberto Mauriz; a sister, Sara Mauriz, and four grandchildren.

A memorial Mass was held on Saturday, April 28, in St. James Roman Catholic Church in Springfield. Arrangements were under the direction of Smith and Smith (Suburban) in Springfield.

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Col. Lawrence H. Bryant (Ret.), 76; Developed Programs at Fort Dix

Colonel Lawrence H. Bryant (Retired), 76, of Westfield died on Monday, April 30, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Placerville, Calif., he was a resident of Westfield since 1962.

Colonel Bryant's military career began right after high school, when he served as a Sergeant in the 4th Armored Group in the Pacific Theater. After the war, he joined the New Jersey National Guard, serving with the Reconnaissance Battalion stationed in Westfield.

The colonel's National Guard career spanned 34 years, during which he commanded three cavalry troops, two combat arms battalions and served as a battalion, brigade and state level training officer.

Commissioned a Lieutenant on June 20, 1950, the last cavalry officer commissioned by the State of New Jersey, he retired with the rank of full colonel.

As the Guard's state training officer during the early 1970s, he worked to expand the use of Fort Dix as a weekend training enclave for National Guard units.

During the 1980s, while a senior planner of office and policy in the New Jersey Department of Defense, he helped develop the present Training and Training Technology Battle Lab at Fort Dix. He retired on February 28 after 10 years at his last job as a civilian Concept Planner with the Force Projection Directorate at Fort Dix.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Helen Donnell Bryant; two sons, Laurens Patrick Bryant of Warrenville, Ill. and Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Henry Bryant of Madison, Ala., and three granddaughters.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, May 3, at the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield. Services will take place at 10 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, May 4, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad, 335 Watterson Street, P.O. Box 356, Westfield, 07091.

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Dennis J. James, Sr., Was Employed By Housing Authority of Plainfield

Dennis J. James, Sr., 77, of Plainfield died on Friday, April 27, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Hertford, N.C., he lived in Plainfield for 50 years.

Mr. James was employed by the Housing Authority for the City of Plainfield for many years. He was a self-employed carpenter for 10 years and also worked as a grinder for 20 years at R & Hoe Company in Dunellen.

He was an active member of the Nation of Islam Mohammad's Mosque 80 in Plainfield.

He was predeceased by his wife, Mildred James, and by three brothers, Thomas James, Jr., Rosco James and Murray James.

Surviving are his mother, Eula Cross James of Elizabeth City, N.C.; two sons, Dennis J. James, Jr. of Plainfield and Dr. Milton L. James of Scotch Plains; four sisters, Jenny V. Freshwaters and Eula Etheridge, both of Elizabeth City, N.C.; Doris Greene of Hertford, N.C. and Hazel Leggett of Raleigh, N.C.; four brothers, L.J. James and Gaither James, both of Hertford; Johnny James of Elizabeth City and Paul James of Plainfield; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were handled by the O'Brien Funeral Home in Brick. Memorial contributions may be made to the Veterans Committee at the Elks, 820 Arnold Avenue, Point Pleasant Beach 08742.

May 3, 2001

Christine Nieves, 38

Christine Nieves, 38, of North Plainfield died on Tuesday, April 24, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

She was born in Plainfield.

Mrs. Nieves was employed by the North Plainfield Board of Education for four years as an administration assistant.

She graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and the Drake School of Business and was attending Somerset County Vo-Tech for cosmetology.

Surviving are her husband, William Nieves; two daughters, Briana W. Nieves and Lori Ann Nieves, both of North Plainfield; a son, Nicholas W. Nieves of North Plainfield; her mother, Pat Gonzalez of Plainfield; her father, Robert Gonzalez of Massachusetts; two sisters, Tressy Peterson of Pennsylvania and Tonja Henderson of Newark; two brothers, Derrick Gonzalez of Scotch Plains and Craig Gonzalez of Plainfield; her grandmother, Ruth Gonzalez of Massachusetts, and her grandfather, the Reverend Willie Fowler of Scotch Plains.

Services were held on Monday, April 30, in the Rose of Sharon Community Church in Plainfield.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Plinton Curry Funeral Home in Westfield.

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Anna R. Osiecki, 92

Anna R. Jurczyk Osiecki, 92, of Scotch Plains died on Thursday, April 26, in Haven Hospice at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Newark, she lived in Scotch Plains since 1953.

She was predeceased by her husband, Sidney Osiecki.

Surviving are two sons, Edward Osiecki and Sidney Osiecki; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Monday, April 30, in the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains. Interment was at St. Gertrude's Cemetery in Colonia.

Memorial donations may be made to Haven Hospice, in care of JFK Medical Center, Foundation, 65 James Street, Edison 08818.

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Sabina Baber, 92

Sabina Madi Baber, 92, of Mountainside died on Wednesday, April 25, in Union Hospital.

Born in Nurnberg, Germany, she lived in Mountainside since 1935.

Mrs. Baber was a member of the Senior Citizens Club of Mountainside.

Surviving are two sons, Werner Baber and Gordon Baber of Mountainside.

Graveside services were held on Friday, April 27, in Graceland Memorial Park in Kenilworth.

Arrangements were handled by the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield.

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Florence M. Zotti, 80

Florence M. Di Donato Zotti, 80, of Summit died on Saturday, April 28, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born and raised in Scotch Plains, she relocated to Summit 61 years ago.

Mrs. Zotti had been a cafeteria worker with the Celanese Corporation in Summit for 25 years before retiring 30 years ago.

She was predeceased by her husband, Robert P. Zotti, Sr.

Surviving are two sons, Frank Zotti of Somerset and Robert P. Zotti, Jr. of Summit; a daughter, Donna Adams of Summit; a sister, Julia Cantillo of Scotch Plains; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A Mass was offered on Tuesday, May 1, in St. Teresa of Avila Roman Catholic Church in Summit, following the funeral from Paul Ippolito Summit Memorial in Summit. Interment took place at St. Teresa's Cemetery.

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Bernard Lerner, 78

Bernard Lerner, 78, of Morristown died on Friday, April 27, in Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown.

Born in Newark, he had lived in Scotch Plains before relocating to Morristown 30 years ago.

Mr. Lerner was President of the Lerner International Import Export Company in Morristown.

He served on the Board of Directors of the New Philharmonic and was a volunteer with the Neighborhood House in Morristown.

Surviving are his wife, Frances Lerner; a daughter, Linda Lerner; a son, Elliot Lerner; a brother, Dr. Joseph Lerner; a sister, Harriet Rosenthal, and three grandchildren.

Services were held on Sunday, April 29, in Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union.

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Emma Serino, 95

Emma Eydam Serino, 95, of Westfield died on Friday, April 20, at the Cranford Health and Extended Care Center in Cranford.

Born in North Bergen, she had lived in Union City and in Jersey City before moving to Westfield in July of 1989.

Mrs. Serino had worked for AT&T before her marriage.

She was an associate member of the First Reformed Church in Union City.

She was predeceased by her husband of 54 years, Joseph Serino, in 1981.

Surviving are a daughter, Joan Villane of Westfield, and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in July.

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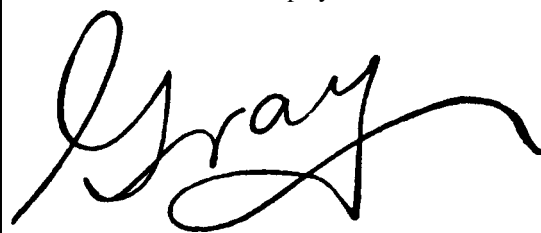
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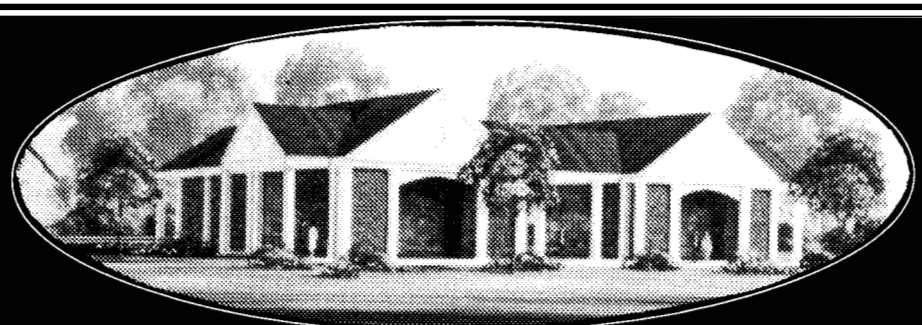


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