

### Stanley Kaplan, 69, Owned Company; Volunteer Firefighter in Readington

Stanley C. Kaplan, 69, of Branchburg died on Wednesday, October 31, at his home. Born in Plainfield, he had lived in South Plainfield before moving to Branchburg 38 years ago. Mr. Kaplan owned and operated Stan's Sheet Metal Works in Branchburg for the past 35 years. He was a member of the Calvary Bible Church in Readington and was an active volunteer with the Readington Fire Company. Mr. Kaplan was a United States Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was predeceased by a daughter, Elaine Ruiz, in 1987. Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Eunice E. Bechtel Kaplan; two sons, Steven Kaplan of Whitehouse Sta-

tion and William Kaplan of Flemington; a daughter, Susan Kaplan of Branchburg; two sisters, Julia Kaplan of Florida and Mary Gibney of Mountainside; two brothers, John Kaplan of South Plainfield and Zigmund Kaplan of Bixby, Okla., and seven grandchildren. Memorial services were held on Sunday, November 4, at the Calvary Bible Church. The Branchburg Funeral Home in Branchburg was in charge of the arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to the Readington Volunteer Fire Company, 6 Hillcrest Road, Readington 08889, or to the Branchburg Rescue Squad, 113 River Road, Branchburg 08876. November 8, 2001

### Warren Thompson, 74, Army Veteran; Was American Legion Post Commander

Warren R. Thompson, 74, of Scotch Plains died on Friday, November 2, at his home. Born in Plainfield, he was a life-long resident of Scotch Plains. A heavy equipment operator for many years, Mr. Thompson had worked for Wade Contractors in Linden for 15 years prior to retiring in 1991. During World War II, he served in the United States Army as a Staff Sergeant with Company C, 349th Infantry Regiment, 88th Division. He was a Past Commander and lifetime member of American Legion Post No. 209 in Scotch Plains and a member of the 40 & 8 of Union County. He was predeceased by his wife, Pauline Thompson, in 1989. Surviving are a son, Warren R. Thompson; a daughter, Faith Kessner; a brother, Les Thompson; a sister, Alice Kath; nine grandchildren and

one great-grandchild. Funeral services were held yesterday, Wednesday, November 7, from the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains. Interment took place at Franklin Memorial Park in North Brunswick. November 8, 2001

### Teresa Williams, 83

Teresa M. Williams, 83, of Scotch Plains died on Saturday, October 27, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, she had lived in Newark, Roselle and Bloomfield prior to moving to Scotch Plains. Miss Williams had been employed as a secretary with the Burry Biscuit Company in Newark before retiring in 1974. She had previously been a secretary with the Continental Insurance Company of Newark. Surviving is a brother, John Williams. The funeral took place on Friday, November 2, at the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains. Interment was at St. Mary's Cemetery in Clark. November 8, 2001

### Edward Kucinski, 88

Edward S. Kucinski, 88, of Scotch Plains died on Friday, November 2, at the Woodlands Genesis Eldercare in Plainfield. Born in Newark and previously a resident of Carteret, he had lived in Scotch Plains for 40 years. Mr. Kucinski had been a self-employed insurance agent in Carteret for about 22 years before retiring 36 years ago. He was a member of the Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood. He was predeceased by his wife, Natalie Miles Kucinski, in 1999. Surviving are two daughters, Antoinette K. McLaughlin of Bethesda, Md. and Natalie Miles Kucinski of Scotch Plains; a son, Russell M. Kucinski of Anchorage, Alaska; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Private funeral arrangements were handled by Funeral Service of New Jersey, Inc. in Hillside. Memorial contributions may be made to Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center/Hospice, Park Avenue and Randolph Road, Plainfield 07061. November 8, 2001

### Edward S. Kucinski

Kucinski, Edward S., 88, of Scotch Plains, Beloved husband of the late Natalie (Nee Miles) Kucinski. Devoted father of Antoinette K. McLaughlin, Natalie Miles Kucinski and Russell M. Kucinski. Also survived by three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Private Funeral Arrangements by Funeral Service of New Jersey, Inc., Hillside, NJ. Donations to the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center/Hospice, Park Avenue and Randolph Road, Plainfield, 07061 would be appreciated. November 8, 2001

## Obituaries

### Dorothy Hampton, 83, Was Active With Scouts and Baptist Church

Dorothy Wichern Hampton, 83, of Scotch Plains died on Tuesday, October 30, at the Bridgeway Care Center in Bridgewater. Born in New York City, she was raised in Roselle Park and moved to Scotch Plains 51 years ago. Mrs. Hampton was a Girl Scout troop leader in Roselle Park and a Cub Scout den mother of Cub Pack No. 4 in Scotch Plains. A 50-year member of the First Baptist Church in Westfield, she served as a Deacon, President of the American Baptist Women's Society of the church and a Sunday School teacher. For many years, she was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Roselle. She was predeceased by her parents, Charles Henry Wichern, in

1970, and Elizabeth Lehmann Wichern, in 1988. Surviving are her husband of 59 years, Lewis L. Hampton; two daughters, Judith Hampton Hampson of Bridgewater and Beverly Hampton Klotz of Readington Township; a son, Wayne A. Hampton of Bridgewater, and seven grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Friday, November 2, at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. Interment was private. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 2550 US Highway 1, North Brunswick 08902-4301 or to the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm Street, Westfield 07090. November 8, 2001

### Richard G. Berry, 76, Was Architect; Okinawa Veteran Earned Bronze Star

Richard G. Berry, 76, of Fanwood died on Monday, November 5, at Passaic Beth Israel Hospital in Passaic. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he had lived in Ridgewood, Queens, prior to moving to Fanwood 47 years ago. Mr. Berry received his certificate of architecture in 1952 from Cooper Union in New York City and had worked for Moore & Hutchins in New York City before starting his own firm in Rahway. Over the course of 29 years, he designed many prominent buildings in the area, retiring in 1995. He served in the United States Navy, then the United States Marine Corps, during World War II. A Bronze Star recipient, he served at Okinawa and was among the first Marines to occupy Nagasaki, Japan. Mr. Berry was a Past Grand Knight with Council No. 1711 of the Knights of Columbus in Westfield, as well as a Past Faithful Navigator and Fourth Degree Knight in the Watchung General Assembly. He was a member of American Legion Post No. 3 in Westfield and of the Aviation Museum at the Naval Air Station in Wildwood. Surviving are his wife, Jean Berry; two sons, Richard Berry and James Berry; three daughters, Lynn Berry, Barbara Pastrof and Joanne Sprague; two brothers, Edward Berry and David Berry, and eight grandchildren. The funeral will be held at 9 a.m. today, Thursday, November 8, at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood, followed by a 10 a.m. Mass at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Interment will take place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Fanwood Volunteer Rescue Squad, 218 Forest Road, Fanwood 07023. November 8, 2001

Surviving are his wife, Jean Berry; two sons, Richard Berry and James Berry; three daughters, Lynn Berry, Barbara Pastrof and Joanne Sprague; two brothers, Edward Berry and David Berry, and eight grandchildren. The funeral will be held at 9 a.m. today, Thursday, November 8, at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood, followed by a 10 a.m. Mass at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Interment will take place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Fanwood Volunteer Rescue Squad, 218 Forest Road, Fanwood 07023. November 8, 2001

### Elizabeth Sprague, 93

Elizabeth D. Sprague, 93, of Zephyrhills, Fla., died on Friday, November 2, in Dade County, Fla. Born on August 29, 1908 in Syracuse, N.Y., she had lived in Westfield for many years before moving to Zephyrhills, Fla. Mrs. Sprague was a homemaker and a past member of the First United Methodist Church in Westfield. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Zephyrhills, Fla., and had been an active volunteer with Meals on Wheels and the YMCA. Surviving are a daughter, Joan Morkis of Zephyrhills; two sons, Richard Sprague of Arlington Heights, Ill. and Robert Sprague of North Bergen; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 21, at the First United Methodist Church in Westfield. Arrangements are under the direction of the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hernando-Pasco Hospice, in care of 12107 Majestic Boulevard, Hudson, Fla. 34667. November 8, 2001

### Maria C. Capone, 90

Maria C. Dippolito Capone, 90, of Cranford died on Wednesday, October 31, at her home. Born in Candida, Italy, she came to the United States in 1958. She had lived in Westfield until 1969, when she relocated to Cranford. Mrs. Capone was a homemaker. She was predeceased by her husband, Dominick Capone. Surviving are two sons, Sylvester Capone and Anthony Capone; three grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Friday, November 2, at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church in Cranford. Arrangements were handled by the Dooley Funeral Home, 218 North Avenue, West, in Cranford. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield. November 8, 2001

### Grace E. Hill, 86

Grace E. Hill, 86, of Basking Ridge died on Friday, November 2, in Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown. Born in Highland Park, she had lived in Scotch Plains and Brielle before moving to Basking Ridge. Mrs. Hill was a member of the Manasquan River Golf Club. She was predeceased by her husband, Warren Hill, in 1999, and by a daughter, Nancy Jane Hill, in 1951. Surviving are a son, Richard Hill of Warren; a granddaughter and two great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held yesterday, Wednesday, November 7, at the Wilson Memorial Union Church in Watchung. Interment took place in the Scotch Plains Baptist Church Cemetery in Scotch Plains. Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia Society of America, North Jersey Chapter, 45 Springfield Avenue, Springfield 07081. November 8, 2001

### Clyde D. Sharkey, 74, Was Editor; SHU Graduate and Tennis Player

Clyde D. Sharkey, 74, of Coral Springs, Fla., died on Sunday, October 21, in Coral Springs Medical Center. A former resident of Maplewood, he graduated cum laude from Seton Hall University in South Orange. Prior to retiring in 1989, Mr. Sharkey had been an editor and executive aide in the public relations and human resources department at AT&T and Bell Telephone Company, which he joined in 1955. He had worked as a reporter for the *Newark Evening News* from 1950 to 1955. A United States Army veteran from 1944 through 1946, he was stationed in the Philippines and Korea. Mr. Sharkey played on his high school and college tennis teams and was a member of the Berkeley Tennis Club of Orange and the Orange Lawn Tennis Club of South Orange. Surviving are his wife, Ruth Sharkey; two sons, James Sharkey of Raleigh, N.C. and Robert Sharkey of Brooklyn; two daughters, Nancy Wilson of South Orange and Lynn Barra of Coral Springs; a brother, Donald Sharkey of Mountainside, and a sister, Jean Crain of Manasquan. A Memorial Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, November 16, at the Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church in South Orange. November 8, 2001

### Gabriel W. Baksa, 84, Local Mason; Was Retired Construction Engineer

Gabriel W. Baksa, 84, of Scotch Plains died on Thursday, November 1, at Overlook Hospital in Summit. Born in Carteret, he had lived there prior to moving to Scotch Plains 48 years ago. After attending Newark College of Engineering, Mr. Baksa had worked for Foster-Wheeler in Carteret. He had been employed as a construction engineer with United Engineers, which later became Raytheon, in Newark for many years before retiring in 1988. He was a member of the All Saints' Episcopal Church in Scotch Plains and Lafayette Lodge No. 27 Free and Accepted Masons in Rahway. Surviving are his wife, Dorothy Schroeder Baksa; a son, Richard Baksa of Ambler, Pa.; a daughter, Janet Oppel of Stamford, Conn., and two grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 10, at the All Saints' Church. Arrangements are 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. November 8, 2001

### Helen L. McSorley, 66

Helen Louise McSorley, 66, of Scotch Plains died on Sunday, November 4, at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston. Born in Plainfield on May 13, 1935, the daughter of the late Frank and Loretta Pearly Pascale, she had lived in Avenel for 20 years before relocating to Scotch Plains. Mrs. McSorley was a 1953 graduate of Plainfield High School and a homemaker. She was predeceased by two sisters, Francine Pascale, in 1958, and Florence Pascale, in 1984. Surviving are her husband, James F. McSorley; three brothers, Frank Pascale, Jr. of North Plainfield, Joseph Pascale of Somerville and Lawrence Pascale of Toms River, and four sisters, Amelia Hazelwood of Middlesex, Patricia Mazza of Warren, Ginny Romanelli of Readington and Dolores Santo of Toms River. A Mass of Christian Burial was held yesterday, Wednesday, November 7, at St. John's Roman Catholic Church in Dunellen. Interment was at the Holy Redeemer Cemetery in South Plainfield. The Sheenan Funeral Home in Dunellen was in charge of the arrangements. November 8, 2001

### Gloria Granick, 78, Was Employed As Personnel Director For Saks

Gloria Granick, 78, of Bridgewater died on Tuesday, October 30, at her home. Born in New York City, she had lived in Mountainside for 10 years, New York City for six years and Belleville, Ill., for two years, before relocating to Bridgewater 14 years ago. Mrs. Granick worked for Jalm Boutique in Bernardsville. Previously, she had been the Personnel Director at Saks Fifth Avenue in Springfield. She received her certificate in merchandising from the Laboratory Institute of Merchandising in New York City. She was predeceased by her husband, Herbert Granick. Surviving are a son, Charles Granick; a daughter, Gail Levy; a brother, Mel Konwiser, and three grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Thursday, November 1, in the Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union. Interment took place at the Beth Israel Cemetery in Woodbridge. November 8, 2001

### Bernice E. Keppler

Bernice E. Keppler of Westfield died on Saturday, November 3, in John E. Ruml's Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights. Born and raised in Plainfield, the daughter of the late Peter and Christine Marky, she relocated to Westfield 39 years ago. Mrs. Keppler had worked for the Muller Machinery Company in Metuchen for several years, retiring in 1974. She was employed by the R. Hoe Company in Dunellen as a secretary during World War II. Mrs. Keppler was a member of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield and was also a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary No. 0003 in Westfield for 46 years. She was predeceased by her husband, Ernest C. Keppler, Jr., in December of 1980, and by three brothers and four sisters. Surviving are many nieces, nephews and cousins. A Funeral Mass was offered yesterday, Wednesday, November 7, at the Holy Trinity Church. Interment took place at the Holy Redeemer Cemetery in South Plainfield. Arrangements were under the direction of the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield. Memorial donations may be made to the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad, 335 Watterson Street, P.O. Box 356, Westfield 07091. November 8, 2001

### Paul L. Yuhos, 85, Air Corps Veteran; Founding Partner of Plate Glass Firm

Paul L. Yuhos, 85, of Scotch Plains died on Friday, November 2, at Rahway Hospital in Rahway. Born in Jersey City, he had lived in Linden most of his life before relocating to Scotch Plains 18 years ago. Mr. Yuhos was a glazer for 40 years and a founding partner of Union County Plate Glass in Elizabeth. He was a United States Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Linden Elks Lodge and the Linden Moose Lodge. Surviving are his wife, Margretha Williams Yuhos; two sons, Raymond T. Gardner and Paul R. Yuhos, and two grandchildren. The funeral service was held on Tuesday, November 6, at the Werson Funeral Home in Linden. Interment was held at St. Gertrude's Cemetery in Colonia. November 8, 2001

He was a member of the All Saints' Episcopal Church in Scotch Plains and Lafayette Lodge No. 27 Free and Accepted Masons in Rahway. Surviving are his wife, Dorothy Schroeder Baksa; a son, Richard Baksa of Ambler, Pa.; a daughter, Janet Oppel of Stamford, Conn., and two grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 10, at the All Saints' Church. Arrangements are 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. November 8, 2001

### Eli Wright, Jr., 77

Eli Wright, Jr., 77, of South Plainfield died on Thursday, November 1, at Hartwyck at Edison Estates in Edison. Born in Smithville, N.C., he had lived in Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield 25 years ago. Mr. Wright had been employed as a chemical operator for Huls America in Elizabeth for 29 years, retiring in 1989. He later worked at the Polish National Home in South Plainfield. He was predeceased by two sisters, Annie Wright and Margaret Upshaw, and a brother, William Wright. Surviving are two sons, Jerry Williams, Jr. of San Francisco and Ronald B. Williams of Scotch Plains; six daughters, Carolyn Washington of Piscataway, Joan Field of Dallas, Tex., Phyllis Williams of Houston, Tex., Patricia J. Soto of San Francisco and Christine Spivey and Diane Ryles, both of Plainfield; a brother, John Wright of Hellertown, Pa.; 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Services were held yesterday, Wednesday, November 7, at the Judkins Colonial Home in Plainfield. November 8, 2001

**Lina J. Con**  
Lina J. Con, 86, of Carmel, Ca. and formerly of Westfield, passed away unexpectedly on October 29, 2001. She was born January 18, 1915 in Amsterdam, Holland. She first immigrated to the United States with her husband, Jacques, in 1958, living in New York and New Jersey. In 1971, they returned to Holland. After the death of Jacques in 1978, Lina immigrated again to the United States, living first in Westfield, NJ and then, in 1989, moving to Carmel, CA. She was a survivor of the Holocaust and spent several years in hiding during the Nazi occupation of The Netherlands during World War II. She is the author of "7-70," a biographical account of the Holocaust years, her family's struggle for survival and her life after the war. Lina was an avid reader, well versed and knowledgeable of history and world affairs. She was a supporter of the arts and lover of classical music. She spent much of her time doing volunteer work for libraries and numerous charitable organizations. While in New Jersey she volunteered at the Springfield and Summit Public Libraries, Children's Specialized Hospital and for Spalding, an adoption agency for difficult to place children. In California, she continued volunteering and was one of the founders of the Magic Circle Center of the Arts in Carmel Valley Village. She is survived by her two children, Lily Harvitt of Canaan, NY and Dr. Elsa Con of Carmel Valley, CA; her three grandchildren, Eric Harvitt of Warren, NJ; Renee Harvitt of Chatham, NY and Dr. Daniel Harvitt of Oakland, CA, and four great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family requests any donations be sent to one of Lina's favorite charities, the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW, Washington, D.C. 20024-2126. November 8, 2001

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