

## Jo Anne Reilly, 72, Teacher of Deaf; Had Been Awarded Papal Honor

Jo Anne Reilly, 72, of Mountainside and Avon-by-the-Sea, died on Saturday, October 13, at her home.

Born in East Orange, the daughter of Helen and Joseph McDermott, she was a former resident of Newark. She maintained dual residences in Mountainside and Avon-by-the-Sea for 44 years.

A certified specialist in speech pathology and audiology, she had been a teacher of the deaf at the Bruce Street School in Newark from 1951 to 1962. She was a member of the American Speech and Hearing Association.

Mrs. Reilly also created the Catechetical School for Deaf Children in Newark under the auspices of

the Mount Carmel Guild and served as supervisor of the school. In recognition of her efforts, she received the Cross Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice, conferred upon laity by Pope John XXIII, in 1960.

A founding member and communicant of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountainside, she also served as Recording Secretary for the Rosary Altar Society for 25 years and taught Confraternity of Christian Doctrine for many years. She was also a Girl Scout leader in Mountainside.

Mrs. Reilly graduated from Barringer High School in Newark in 1947 and was awarded a bachelor's degree in education from Newark State Teachers College, now Kean University, in 1951. She received a master's degree in special education from Columbia University's Teachers College in New York City in 1954.

Surviving are her husband of 44 years, John J. Reilly, Jr.; two daughters, Maureen Papke of Bridgewater and Christine Reilly of Hoboken; a brother, Creighton "Buddy" McDermott of Ocean Grove; a sister, Helen Dignan of Roseland, and two grandsons.

A Mass was offered on Wednesday, October 17, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, following the funeral from the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield. Interment was at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in East Hanover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the McDermott Family Scholarship Fund at St. Patrick's School, 509 Bramhall Avenue, Jersey City 07304.

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## Manuel Macapinlac, 84

Manuel B. Macapinlac, 84, of Fanwood died on Monday, October 15, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in the Philippines, he had lived in Cerritos, Calif., before relocating to Fanwood in 1998.

Mr. Macapinlac was a retired tailor. He was a communicant of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

He was predeceased by his wife, Maria Macapinlac, in 1994.

Surviving are four daughters, Erlinda Lizarondo and Teresita Mallillin of the Philippines, Cecilia Valera of Fanwood and Rebecca Andres of Guam; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services and interment were held in the Philippines.

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

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## Margaret Trapp, 81

Margaret Trapp, 81, of Westfield died on Monday, October 15, at home.

Born on November 18, 1919 in Philadelphia, she attended St. Matthew African Methodist Episcopal Church there, where she sang in the choir and taught Sunday School.

After serving in the United States Army for a year and a half, Mrs. Trapp moved to Jersey City in 1947. She began her nursing career at Poly Clinic Hospital in New York City and was also employed by Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City as a private duty nurse.

She moved to Westfield in 1952 and in 1955 began assisting Alexander Trapp, her future husband, with his taxi and limousine service.

Mrs. Trapp was a member of St. Luke's African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Westfield, where she sang in the gospel choir and was later appointed to the Stewardess Board.

She was predeceased by her husband in August.

Surviving are a cousin, Joyce Phipps; three sisters-in-law, Sarah Banks and Madge Murphy of Jacksonville, Fla., and Mildred Trapp of Miami, Fla., and a brother-in-law, Walter Banks of Jacksonville.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, October 18, at St. Luke's Church. Interment took place on Friday, October 19, at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were handled by the Plintone-Curry Funeral Home in Westfield.

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## — Obituaries —

### Margaret Buonanno, 86, Was Owner Of Central Sweet Shop in Westfield

Margaret Pazur Buonanno, 86, of Medford died on Saturday, October 20, at her residence.

Born in Knox Township, Pa., she had lived in Westfield and Linden for many years before moving to Medford nine years ago.

Along with her late husband, Gus Buonanno, Sr., she had owned and operated the Central Sweet Shop in Westfield from 1955 to 1978.

She later worked part-time for several years as a cashier for the Cranford Pharmacy in Cranford.

She was predeceased by her husband in 1995.

Surviving are a son, Gus Buonanno, Jr., of Westfield; a daughter, Gail Antoniewicz of Medford; two sisters, Catherine Lovi of Edison and Julia Bielinski of Whitening; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Tuesday, October 23, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Westfield Volunteer

Rescue Squad, 335 Wattersson Street, Westfield, 07090.

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### Harold E. Peer, Sr., 86

Harold E. Peer, Sr., 86, of Holiday City at Berkeley in Berkeley Township died on Wednesday, October 10, at the Holiday Care Center in Toms River.

Born in Irvington, he had lived in Westfield before moving to Beachwood in 1953. He relocated to Holiday City at Berkeley in 1997.

Mr. Peer had been employed as a chemical operator by Ciba-Geigy in Toms River from 1953 until retiring in 1977.

He was predeceased by his wife, Rose Peer, in April of 2000.

Surviving are a son, Harold E. Peer, Jr. of Berkeley Township, and a brother, Russell I. Peer of Toms River.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, October 13, at the Anderson and Campbell Funeral Home in Toms River. Interment took place at Ocean County Memorial Park in Toms River.

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### Patricia Petruzzell, 78, Former Teacher; Lifelong Westfield Library Member

Patricia Petruzzell, 78, a lifelong resident of Westfield, died on Friday, October 19, at the Westfield Center, Genesis ElderCare Network in Westfield.

Miss Petruzzell had taught third and fifth grades at Holy Trinity Gram-

mar School in Westfield for 12 years before retiring in 1957.

Earlier, she taught fourth grade at St. Bernard's School in Plainfield from 1944 to 1945.

Miss Petruzzell was a lifelong member of the Westfield Memorial Library.

She was predeceased by her parents, Patrick Petruzzell and Laura Mary Bavosa Petruzzell Intelisano; her stepfather, Vincent Intelisano, and two brothers, Caesar A. Petruzzell and Frank S. Intelisano.

Surviving are two sisters, Mary Intelisano of Westfield and Teresa Chambers of Bouse, Ariz.

A religious service was held yesterday, Wednesday, October 24, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 28, at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. Visitation will take place that day from 1 to 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Center For Hope Hospice, 176 Husa Street, Linden 07036.

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### DR. GLENN MICHAEL THATCHER

Dr. Glenn Michael Thatcher, 63, of Pine Knoll Shores, NC, died Sept. 21 at Carteret General Hospital in Morehead City, NC. A Memorial Service will be held Sunday, November 4, at 2:00 p.m. in room 228, University Center, on Kean University Campus with a reception to follow in University Center. Dr. Thatcher was retired from a 23 year career as Coordinator of Technology and Professor at Kean University in Union, NJ. He was a resident of Basking Ridge.

Dr. Thatcher is survived by his wife, Muriel Burger Thatcher, a former math teacher in SPF for 25 years; a daughter Laura Thatcher Grace and husband John of Newport, NC, and 3 grandchildren, Jesse, Melissa and Amanda; a son, Scott Thatcher and wife Jean of Greenville, NC; a brother, Denton Cramer of Sacramento, CA. and a sister, Patricia Main of Upper Sandusky, OH.

Glenn Thatcher grew up in Canton, Ohio where he was inducted into the All America National Interscholastic Swim Team as a high school junior. He was an All American University Swimmer at Florida State University. A member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity at FSU, Glenn continued these contacts throughout his life and was editor of the Alumni Newsletter for the Chapter. This year he was nominated for an award as a Significant Sigma Chi, an international award. Glenn received his BA from Florida State University, his MS from Appalachia State University and his PhD from Southern Illinois University.

After teaching industrial arts in St. Petersburg, FL, he spent 23 years as a college professor at Kean University in Union, NJ. Dr. Thatcher was Department Chair in Industrial Technology, member of Faculty Senate, designed and coordinated the bachelors degree study for the Mechanical Contractors Association, a middle management program which was the only one of its kind in the country. A student remarked that he was a college professor who "projected an image, a professionalism and most importantly, a role model."

Glenn moved to Pine Knoll Shores, NC, in 1991 where he pursued furniture making, basketry and scrimshaw. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Morehead City. His family and friends were a very special part of his life. His pride and joy were in his wife, children and grandchildren. The family prefers donations to FSU Sigma Chi Foundation, Inc., c/o Ray Kickliter, 4117 Covenant Lane, Tallahassee, FL 32308.

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## Clemente John Di Nizo, 101, Mason; Was Army Veteran of World War I

Clemente John Di Nizo, 101, of Fanwood died on Wednesday, October 17, at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights.

Born in Montazzoli Province of Chiete, Italy, he originally came to the United States in 1923 and returned to Italy in 1933. He came back to this country in 1955 and settled in Fanwood.

Mr. Di Nizo, a mason, had worked for Mauro Novello Contractors in Scotch Plains for many years before retiring in 1965.

He served with the Italian Army during World War I.

He was predeceased by his wife, Concetta Di Francesco Di Nizo, in 1979.

Surviving are two daughters, Elena Di Fiore and Josephine Iarussi; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 20, from the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains. A Mass followed 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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## Nancy L. Reina, 62, Job Technician; Was Active With Two Area Parishes

Nancy L. Reina, 62, of North Plainfield died on Saturday, October 13, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Elizabeth, she lived in North Plainfield for many years.

Mrs. Reina had been a job technician for the Association for Retarded Citizens of Somerset County before recently retiring.

A communicant of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in North Plainfield, she was also active in St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church in Plainfield, where she founded the Christmas Wish Tree, was a member of the choir and cooked for the homeless.

She was predeceased by her father, Sam L. Murphy.

Surviving are her husband, C. Douglas Reina; her mother, Helen Hargis Murphy of Scotch Plains; two sons, Scott Reina of Bridgewater and Brett Reina of Holland Township; a daughter, Mindy Davie of North Plainfield; a sister, Judith Franco of North Plainfield, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held yesterday, Wednesday, October 24, at the Higgins Home For Funerals in Watchung. A Mass followed at St. Joseph's Church.

Memorial donations may be made to the Neuro-Blastoma Children's Society, P.O. Box 957672, Hoffman Estates, Ill. 60195-7672 or to the American Cancer Society, 600 First Avenue, Raritan 08869-1346.

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### Hilde K. SchAAF, 88

Hilde K. SchAAF, 88, of Scotch Plains died on Thursday, October 18, in the Westfield Center, Genesis ElderCare Network in Westfield.

Born in Germany, she had lived in Newark before moving to Scotch Plains in 1944.

Mrs. SchAAF had been employed as a sales clerk at Hahn's department store in Westfield for 10 years, retiring in 1987.

She was a member of the Senior Citizens in Scotch Plains.

She was predeceased by her husband, Alfred SchAAF, in 1961.

Surviving are a son, Alfred W. SchAAF; a daughter, Shirley A. Stetser; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on Monday, October 22, from the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains.

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

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### Chester S. Gerdes, 93

Chester S. Gerdes, 93, of Westfield died on Tuesday, October 16, at her residence.

Born in the Richmond County Section of Staten Island, N.Y., she had lived in Scotch Plains before relocating to Westfield in 1962.

Mrs. Gerdes had been employed as a secretary for Proctor and Gamble in Port Ivory, Staten Island, for 42 years, retiring in 1969.

She was a member of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church and the American Association of Retired Persons, both of Westfield.

She was predeceased by her husband, William E. Gerdes, in 1961.

Surviving is a sister, Lottie Carney of Staten Island.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, October 20, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. Interment was at St. Gertrude's Cemetery in Colonia.

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### Agatha Rodriguez, 86

Agatha Mathilda "Tillie" Rodriguez, 86, of Scotch Plains died on Saturday, October 20, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Pittsburgh, she had lived in Newark for 20 years before moving to Scotch Plains in 1965.

Mrs. Rodriguez was a homemaker and a communicant of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph Rodriguez, in 1989, and by her sister, Catherine Sanchez.

Surviving are a daughter, Carmen Kasulis; a son, Frank Galan; two brothers, Ted Smikovec and Harry Smiles; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Tuesday, October 23, at the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains. A Mass followed at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church. Interment took place at Holy Cross Cemetery in North Arlington.

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### Marjorie A. Swalm, 90

Marjorie A. Swalm, 90, of Mountainside died on Sunday, October 14, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Newark, she lived in Mountainside since 1960.

She was predeceased by her husband, Clarence D. Swalm.

The funeral service was held on Wednesday, October 17, at the McCracken Funeral Home in Union.

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

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