

DEATH NOTICE

Wende Devlin, 84

Wende Devlin, 84, of Mountaintop died on Tuesday, August 13, at her home.



Wende Devlin

Born on April 27, 1918 in Buffalo, N.Y., she had lived at her home in Mountaintop for 52 years.

Mrs. Devlin was a graduate of Bennett High School in Buffalo and received a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Syracuse University in 1940.

A painter and writer of great renown, Wende Devlin wrote over 26 children's books along with her late husband, Harry. She also authored humorous poetry for Good Housekeeping and other publications and wrote a cartoon strip with her husband.

Her passion was painting. She had shown throughout the area, most recently at Schering-Plough in Madison, "Harry and Wende Devlin: A Sixty Year Partnership." Her beautiful portraits of children and adults grace homes around the country.

There are 20 grandchildren, Todd N. Devlin and his wife, Deborah, of Medford; Heather N. Devlin of Los Angeles; Megan Jackson of Westfield; Jeffrey Rocks of Hickory, N.C.; Christopher D. Gates of Old Greenwich, Conn.; Bryan M. and Julia W. Gates, both of Westfield; Matthew C. Devlin of New York City; Elizabeth W., Hayley J. and Annabelle L. Devlin, all of Tewksbury; Saxon A. Eldridge of New York City; Sebastian B. Eldridge of Santa Fe, N.M.; Alexandra W. and Lindsey A. Devlin, both of Westfield; W. Sage, Abigail L. and Madeline E. Devlin, all of Mountainville, and Kathryn E. and Laurel A. Devlin, both of Fanwood.

Surviving also are six great-grandchildren, Bradford and Jonathan Devlin of Medford; Taylor Rocks of Hickory, N.C., and Rebecca, Samantha and Dylan Jackson of Westfield.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow, Friday, August 16, at noon at the First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer Street in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Atlantic Home Care and Hospice, 33 Bleeker Street, Millburn, N.J. 07041, with special thanks to Dr. Dennis Lowenthal.

The Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield, is in charge of the arrangements.

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Obituaries

DEATH NOTICE

Dr. John Pennington Warter

Dr. J. Pennington Warter, noted orthopedic surgeon and founder of the Westfield Orthopedic Group in New Jersey, died July 30 in Hinsdale Hospital, Illinois. He was 81.

Dr. Warter was a multifaceted individual with many far-ranging interests. He was born in Kearny, New Jersey on October 2, 1920, where his family had developed a Botanic Beer business. While growing up, he was active as a church acolyte, the ranking member of his high school tennis team and a Boy Scout, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with more merit badges at a younger age than anyone else in the country.



Dr. John Pennington Warter

He was accepted at Princeton University as one of the few public school graduates in his class; majored in biology with a minor in history, and graduated in the class of '42. He studied medicine at Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City and graduated during the war. He had trained as a Navy aviator while at Princeton, but he was enlisted as a First Lieutenant in the medical corps, serving in North Carolina, San Diego and, finally, at St. Albans Hospital in New York before receiving an honorable discharge. He married his childhood sweetheart, Rosemary Squire Crandall, in 1944 while she was attending Wellesley College and they remained happily married for 54 years, until her death in 1998.

After completing his residency at Bellevue Hospital and internship at New York Orthopedic Hospital, Dr. Warter opened a practice in Westfield, New Jersey in 1952. Over the next 30 years, his Westfield Orthopedic Group grew to include five surgeons and over 40 employees and became a pillar of the community. The group evolved into such a family that many of its employees remained for more than two decades.

Concurrently, Dr. Warter became Chief of Orthopedic Surgery at Overlook Hospital in Summit, where he took great pride in having established and trained a "crack surgical team." Although his patients included future and current Olympic and professional athletes, his greatest pride was treating those with the greatest need, children, emergency service personnel and the impoverished.

Among many accomplishments, he helped found the Westfield Rescue Squad; was an early advocate of both sports medicine in general and arthroscopic surgery in particular,

and was the first doctor outside of the major research hospitals to do total hip replacements, which he had studied and learned from the procedure's inventors in Europe.

Ironically, he was also one of the first recipients of a total hip. During his career, Dr. Warter was team doctor for the Westfield High School football team and countless other local teams. He additionally supported and coached a Pony League baseball team for almost ten years, winning several town championships.

He was also a mainstay of the Grant School PTA "Talent Show" where, among other parts, he was noted for being the heaviest Peter Pan to ever "fly" in American theater. After his retirement, the town of Westfield presented him and Rosemary with an Official Certificate of Appreciation for their many contributions to the community as part of their fiftieth wedding anniversary celebration.

Dr. Warter had homes in Westfield, Normandy Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and later Boca Raton, Fla., from which he and Rosemary led fundraising efforts for migrant workers in Florida and hosted team picnics at Normandy. Dr. Warter and his wife worked tirelessly to ensure any event would be memorable. In later years, he and Rosemary traveled to many places around the world and they became recognized gourmets, serving as critics for the Mobil Travel Guide.

As a scholar, Dr. Warter was a prolific writer, a well-versed history buff and a dedicated collector. Starting with toy soldiers from his childhood, he also collected American Indian art before it became fashionable. His greatest loves were paintings and sculptures. An eclectic collector, he was a noted authority, occasionally lectured on art history and donated art to Princeton and Overlook Hospital. His later years were devoted to this study.

He is survived by three sons, Larry Warter of Lake Bluff, Ill., Mark Warter of North Kingstown, R.I. and Chris Warter of South Bend, Ind.; a daughter, Penny Longo of La Grange, Ill.; eleven grandchildren; two great-granddaughters and many grateful patients. In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to the Dr. Warter Memorial at the Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation, 150 New Providence Road, Mountaintop, New Jersey 07092.

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DEATH NOTICE

Harold Shahnazarian, 85, Exxon Retiree; Had Served On Manhattan Project

Harold J. Shahnazarian, 85 of Westfield died on Thursday, August 8, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Summit, he was a Westfield resident for the past 51 years. A certified plant engineer, Mr. Shahnazarian retired as Plant Manager in charge of Plant Engineering, Maintenance and Operations at the Exxon Research and Engineering Company Research Center in Linden. He had worked there for 47 years before retiring in November of 1983.

He earned an Associate Chemical Engineering degree from Newark College of Engineering in 1940 and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry from Wagner College in Staten Island in 1945.

Mr. Shahnazarian was a former Vice President, President and National Director of the Purchasing Managers Association of New Jersey.

During World War II, he served on the Manhattan Project of the Corps

of Engineers in Oak Ridge, Tenn. There, he was cited for his efforts as Production Control Manager of the Y-12 Plant and for the separation of Uranium 235 for the production of the first atomic bomb.

His greatest accomplishment, however, was his forever devoted love for his wife of 55 years, Gladys, and his share in raising and loving their three children, Laura Grindlinger, Ellen Mckissick and Robert Shahnazarian. He also has a sister, Grace Barnes, and seven grandchildren, Adam, Meredith, Scott, Lauren, Megan, David and Stephen.

A memorial service was held on Monday, August 12, at the First United Methodist Church in Westfield.

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

August 15, 2002

John Maher, 78, Former FBI Agent; Was Navy Veteran of World War II

John F. Maher, 78, of Westfield died on Thursday, August 8, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Manchester, N.H., he lived in Westfield since 1960.

Mr. Maher had been a Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation for 27 years in Portland, Ore., Chicago and New York City before retiring in 1978.

He was a communicant of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield and a member of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI.

He graduated in 1948 from the University of New Hampshire.

Mr. Maher was a United States Navy veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Virginia Maier Maher; three sons, William P. Maher of New Lisbon, Commander John M. Maher, M.D. of San Diego, Calif. and James J. Maher of Westfield; two daughters, Dr. Elizabeth A. Maher of Bronxville, N.Y. and Anne M. Maher of Westfield, and five grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Monday, August 12, at St. Helen's Church. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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

August 15, 2002

Helen Spooner, 82, Active in Ministry; Senior Tax Advisor for H&R Block

Helen McConnell Spooner, 82, of Scotch Plains died on Saturday, August 10, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born on November 10, 1919 in New Rochelle, N.Y., she grew up in Bronxville, N.Y. and moved to Scotch Plains in 1948.

Prior to retiring, Mrs. Spooner had been a senior tax advisor for H&R Block for 20 years. She served as office manager for the Scotch Plains office.

Earlier, she had worked in a production laboratory for DuPont.

She graduated in 1943 from Wellesley College in Wellesley, Mass., where she majored in botany.

Mrs. Spooner was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Westfield for more than 40 years. Among many other activities at the church, she was involved with the Stephen Ministry, a lay ministry of caregiving for persons in crisis.

She was also active in various local

clubs and charities, including the Scotch Plains Women's Club, the Scotch Plains College Club, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Scholarship Foundation, Gnosis and PEO.

She was predeceased by her husband, Franklin Maine Spooner, in 1978. The couple was married on September 28, 1947. Mrs. Spooner was also predeceased by a sister, Mary Kellock.

Surviving are two sons, Arthur Spooner of Oak Park, Ill. and Donald Spooner of Philadelphia; a daughter, Marjorie Rehmet of Williamsport, Pa.; three brothers, Graham McConnell of Spokane, Wash., John McConnell of Sandpoint, Idaho and David McConnell of East Lansing, Mich., and five grandchildren.

A memorial service was held yesterday, Wednesday, August 14, at the First United Methodist Church. Interment was private.

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

Memorial donations may be made to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Scholarship Foundation, in care of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, 641 Westfield Road, Scotch Plains 07076 or to the First United Methodist Church, 1 East Broad Street, Westfield 07090.

August 15, 2002

Dorothy Bossert, 77

Dorothy A. Russomano Bossert, 77, of Scotch Plains died on Tuesday, August 13, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Newark, she had lived for a short time in Maplewood prior to moving to Scotch Plains in 1951.

Mrs. Bossert had been employed as a legal secretary for the Home Insurance Company in Newark for many years before retiring in 1952.

She had been involved with the Parent-Teacher Association in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school system and with the Girl Scouts in Scotch Plains.

She was predeceased by her husband, Arthur G. Bossert, on August 2, 1988. Surviving are two daughters, Christine B. Ihling of Neshaan Station and Lori B. Alty of Basking Ridge, and two granddaughters.

Visitation will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, August 15, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

A Mass will be held at 10 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, August 16, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Interment will be at Hollywood Memorial Park in Union.

August 15, 2002

William M. Bockus

William M. Bockus of Mountaintop died on Friday, August 9, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Summit, he had lived in Westfield prior to moving to Mountaintop 12 years ago.

Mr. Bockus was a volunteer worker at Overlook Hospital for 10 years.

He was a graduate of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in Scotch Plains.

He was predeceased by a sister, Kristen Resch.

Surviving are his parents, Harry N. and Sally Hickok Bockus of Mountaintop; three sisters, Susan Brown of Palo Alto, Calif., Carol Anderson of Mendham and Anne Bousquet of Ethiopia, and three brothers, Paul Bousquet of Cambridge, Mass., Paul Bockus of Bosman, Mont. and Chris Bousquet of Rutland, Vt.

A memorial service was held yesterday, Wednesday, August 14, at the First Congregational Church in Westfield.

The Brough Funeral Home in Summit was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd Street, New York 10016.

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DEATH NOTICE

Samuel Everett Jones, Jr.

Samuel E. "Skip" Jones, Jr., 77, of Hollowell, Me. died on Monday, August 12, 2002 at the Maine General Medical Center in Augusta, Me. Sam was born December 1, 1924 in New York City, the son of Samuel and Shirley (Hatch) Jones.

Sam was raised in New Jersey and enjoyed summers vacationing with family in the region of Boothbay Harbor, Me.

He graduated from Summit High School, N.J. in 1943 and then entered military service, operating with the Army Signal Corps in India during World War II.

Upon his discharge, Sam was admitted to college, graduating from the University of Orono in Maine in 1949. He married June Hildreth in August that year. In 1950, he earned his master's degree in education from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J.

Sam's career as an educator spanned more than three decades, as he was a valued history instructor in the Westfield, N.J. school system. He retired to Maine in 1982, living first in Boothbay and then Hollowell.

Sam is remembered as a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was also a devoted teacher and loyal friend. He enjoyed his family, friends and new acquaintances. He especially loved everything about the Maine lifestyle.

His hobbies included amateur photography, music, Scouts, travel, sports and books. Sam is best known for his

easy humor, congenial manner and joy in sharing everyone's family traditions.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, June Jones; two sons, Matthew and his wife, Mary Jones, of Danville, Calif., and David and his wife, Gail Jones, of Loomis, Calif.; two daughters, Stephanie and her husband, Peter O'Connell, of North Plainfield, N.J. and Kathy Ann and her husband, Joseph Shaw, of Augusta; three grandchildren, Michael O'Connell of Plainfield, N.J., Shannon Campbell of North Plainfield, N.J. and Sarah Jones of Danville, Calif.; one great-grandson, Owen Campbell of North Plainfield, N.J.; three cousins, James Clark of Augusta, Arthur Clark of Belgrade Lakes and Frances Gowen of Augusta; as well as many more relatives and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held tomorrow, Friday, August 16, at 4 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church, 20 Union Street, Hollowell. A reception at the church will follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to: Hubbard Free Library, 115 Second Street, Hollowell, Me. 04347 or the University of Maine Alumni Association, Attention Jeffrey Mills, in care of University of Maine, Croswam Alumni Center, Orono, Me., 04469.

Arrangements are in the care of Knowlton & Hewins Funeral Home, 68 Second Street, Hollowell, Me. 04330.

August 15, 2002

Victor Karlen, 83, Accounting Manager; Was Chamber of Commerce Director

Victor J. Karlen, 83, of Westfield died on Sunday, August 11, at Union Hospital in Union.

Born in Ansonia, Conn., he had lived in Elizabeth before moving to Westfield seven years ago.

Mr. Karlen had been an accounting manager for Engelhard Industries for 38 1/2 years, retiring from the firm's Metropark-Edison facility in 1985.

He was a United States Army veteran of World War II, serving in New Guinea and the Bismarck Archipelago.

He was a 1946 graduate of Upsala College in East Orange, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration.

Mr. Karlen was a former director of the Union County Chamber of Commerce

and a member of the Union County Accountants Association and the National Association of Accountants.

A past member of the St. Genevieve's Roman Catholic Church Holy Name Society and the St. Genevieve's Leisure Group in Elizabeth, he had also belonged to the Holy Trinity Leisure Group in Westfield.

Surviving are his wife, Leona Metz Karlen; a daughter, Dr. Janice Karlen, and a sister, Mary Sandy.

The funeral was held yesterday, Wednesday, August 14, from the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield. A Mass of Christian Burial followed at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Interment took place at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in East Hanover.

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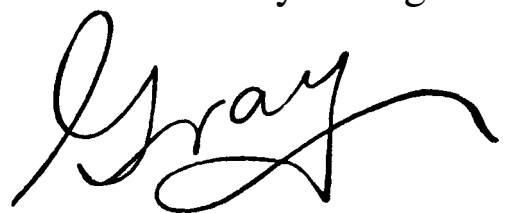
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