

## Raymond B. Foster, 81, Navy Veteran; Served on Mountainside School Board

Raymond B. Foster, 81, of Mountainside died on Thursday, January 24, at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights.

Born in New York City, he had lived in Harrington Park prior to moving to Mountainside 47 years ago.

Mr. Foster had been employed as a packaging safety specialist with Bristol Myers in Hillside, retiring 15 years ago after 12 years of service.

He had taught health and driver's education and coached football at Union Township High School during the early 1970s, and had also taught in Port Jervis, N.Y.

He received a bachelor's degree in education from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, where he played varsity football, and a master's degree in administration from St. Lawrence University in

### Mathilda Meglaughlin

Mathilda Helen Meglaughlin, 89, died on Monday, February 4, at the Willows at Fellowship Village in Basking Ridge.

Born in Bayonne, she was a long-time Westfield resident before moving to Basking Ridge in 1996. She and her family also had a summer home at Culver Lake in Branchville.

Mrs. Meglaughlin was a homemaker and a member of the Senior Auxiliary at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

Surviving are her husband of 68 years, William T. Meglaughlin; two sons, William T. Meglaughlin, Jr. of Flemington and Robert B. Meglaughlin of Westfield; a daughter, Cynthia J. Campbell of Basking Ridge; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be tomorrow, Friday, February 8, from 7 to 9 p.m. only, at the Galloway & Crane Funeral Home in Basking Ridge.

The funeral service will be at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 9, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Basking Ridge, followed by interment at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial donations may be made to Children's Specialized Hospital, New Providence Road, Mountainside 07092 and/or to the United Fund of Westfield, Railroad Station North Avenue, Westfield 07090.

### Elizabeth Perrone DiIorio, 84

Elizabeth Perrone DiIorio, 84, of Bradley Beach died on Saturday, January 26, at her home.

Born in Brooklyn, she had lived in Westfield before relocating to Bradley Beach in 1985.

Mrs. DiIorio was a former Rosarian at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

She was predeceased by her husband, Nicholas DiIorio, in 1993.

Surviving are a son, Joseph DiIorio; a daughter, Marie Tedesco; a brother, Pat Perrone; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Tuesday, January 29, in St. Helen's Church. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

The Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield, was in charge of the arrangements.

Mr. Foster was a United States Navy veteran of World War II, having served aboard the *USS Kalk* destroyer in Tokyo Bay in 1945.

He was a former member of the Mountainside Board of Education and a member of the Chapel Board of Mountainside Chapel for 40 years.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Anna Marie Weidenbacher Foster; a son, Thomas C. Foster; a daughter, Sally Freund; a sister, Millicent Williams, and four grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday, January 29, at Smith and Smith (Suburban) in Springfield.

### Betty Pillo, 87

Betty Porcello Pillo, 87, of Sarasota, Fla., died on Thursday, January 31, at the Life Care Center Nursing Center in Sarasota.

Born in New York City, she had lived in Westfield before moving to Sarasota in 1973.

Mrs. Pillo was a member of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph Pillo, in 1990.

Surviving are two daughters, Julia Marie Neuer and Betty Anne Savard, both of Sarasota; two brothers, Salvatore Porcello of Brooklyn and John Porcello of New York City; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held yesterday, Wednesday, February 6, at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were handled by the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Holy Trinity Church, 315 First Street, Westfield 07090.

### Alfred Del Monaco, 69

Alfred Del Monaco, 69, of South Plainfield died on Thursday, January 31, at the JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Pietra Cupa, Italy, he came to the United States in 1947, settling in Westfield. He relocated to South Plainfield 40 years ago.

Mr. Del Monaco had been a machinist with the former Hyatt Roller Bearing Company in Clark for 30 years before retiring when the company closed in 1982.

He was a member of the United Auto Workers Union Local No. 736 of Linden.

He served with the United States Army during the Korean Conflict era and was stationed stateside during his enlistment.

Surviving are his wife of 40 years, Martha Milo Del Monaco; a daughter, Maria Publik of Readington Township; a son, Richard D. Del Monaco of Bridgewater; a sister, Mary Buscaino of Summit; a brother, Angelo Del Monaco of Westfield, and three grandsons.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 2, from the McCricken Home For Funerals in South Plainfield. A Funeral Mass followed at the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in South Plainfield. Interment took place in the Hollywood Memorial Park Mausoleum in Union.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

## Obituaries

### Dr. Joseph P. DeAlessandro, 71, CEO; Had Long Career in Insurance Field

Dr. Joseph P. DeAlessandro, 71, of Westfield died on Saturday, February 2, at Rahway Hospital.

Born in Brooklyn, he had lived in Westfield for many years.

Dr. DeAlessandro began his career in the insurance industry, specializing in automobile and fire insurance. He worked for various firms, including American Insurance Company, from 1952 to 1960; Century Insurance Company, from 1960 to 1962, and St. Paul Insurance Company, from 1962 to 1967.

He became President of National Union Fire Insurance Company in 1967 and Director and Senior Vice President of American International Underwriters in 1970.

He was named Executive Vice President and Director of American Home Insurance Company in 1973, and was also President and Director of American International Global Assistance Corporation; Chairman of the Board of American International Group Political Risk, Inc., and President and Director of both American International Group Entertainment and American International Group Assistance Incorporated.

Dr. DeAlessandro additionally was Director of the United Guarantee Company and Senior Vice President of American International Underwriters.

The majority of the innovations with which he was involved were developed in the 20 years he spent at the American International Group, Inc.

During that time, he and his team at the AIG subsidiary, National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., where he became President, helped nurture directors and officers liability coverage from a fledgling product to indispensable insurance protection for corporations; created Employee Retirement Income Security Act fiduciary liability coverage; developed kidnap and ransom insurance for bankers, and developed private political risk insurance in the United States.

Dr. DeAlessandro, who retired from AIG in the mid-1980s, subsequently helped Sanford Weill build Commercial Credit into the Travelers Group through a series of takeovers.

After retiring again, he became a partner in the early 1990s in American European Group, which specializes in taking over and turning around insurance companies, including Kentucky National Insurance Company and Rutgers Casualty Insurance Company.

Dr. DeAlessandro was President and Chief Executive Officer of both companies.

He was a founding member and Director of the Town Bank of Westfield.

He was presented with the Professional Liability Underwriting Society's 1992 PLUS 1 Award. Appointed to the President's Council of Brandeis University in 1990, he received the Brandeis Distinguished Community Services Award in 1988.

He was Elected Knight Commander, Order of Saint John and Knight Commander Grand Cross of Honor and Merit. Dr. DeAlessandro was additionally named Man of the Year by the UJA Federation in 1987 and by UJA Jericho, N.Y. in 1986.

He received an Honorary Doctorate in Fine Arts from the Culinary Institute of America in 1999.

He was predeceased by his wife, Dorothy DeAlessandro, and by his parents, Peter Charles and Lucy Rose DeAlessandro.

Surviving are a brother, Frank DeAlessandro; a sister, Barbara, and his companion, Jeanette Drapchak.

A Holy Mass will be offered at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, February 7, at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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

Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association.



Dr. Joseph P. DeAlessandro

## Margaret Fuchs, 90, Former Teacher In Scotch Plains-Fanwood Schools

Margaret G. Fuchs, 90, of Edison died on Tuesday, January 29, at Norwood Terrace in Plainfield.

Born in Philadelphia, she had lived in Berkeley Heights before moving to Edison in 1987.

Mrs. Fuchs had taught in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood public schools for 36 years prior to retiring in 1972.

She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education from Kean College.

Mrs. Fuchs was a member of the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains for over 45 years.

She was predeceased by two husbands, August Reibis, in 1958, and Leo G. Fuchs, in 1976.

Surviving are a son, Colonel (Dr.) John Winthrop Fuchs of Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.; a daughter, Beverly Ellen Fuchs of Yakima, Wash.; a granddaughter and a great-granddaughter.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, January 30, at the Willow Grove Church. Interment will be held at a later date.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church Anniversary Fund, 1961 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains 07076.

## Anna Fischer, 91, Was Past President Of Rosary Society and Women's Club

Anna Kluge Fischer, 91, a former Scotch Plains resident, died on Friday, February 1, at Seacrest Village in Little Egg Harbor.

Born in Brooklyn, she had lived in Westfield and Scotch Plains before moving to Little Egg Harbor in 1999.

Mrs. Fischer had worked as an administrative assistant at the Scotch Plains Public Library for more than 28 years prior to retiring in 1983.

She had earlier worked for Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside and was an executive secretary for the Clyde Mollary Steamboat Lines in New York City.

She was a high school graduate of Holy Trinity Catholic School in Westfield and also graduated from Newark Normal School State College with a degree in education.

Mrs. Fischer was a Gray Lady at

### Elsie Baldwin, 79

Elsie Johansen Baldwin, 79, of Westfield died on Friday, February 1, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Esopus, N.Y., she had lived in Hoboken before moving to Westfield 25 years ago.

Mrs. Baldwin had been employed as a licensed practical nurse at Clara Maass Medical Center in Belleville for 15 years, retiring in 1982. She had previously been a grid lathe operator for RCA in Harrison.

She graduated in 1967 from the Bergen County Vocational and Technical School.

She was predeceased by her husband, Charles Baldwin.

Surviving are a daughter, Patricia Regenber; three sons, Dr. Craig Baldwin, Jeri Baldwin and Johnathan Marc Baldwin; a sister, Esteri Harpham; 16 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Monday, February 4, at the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

Memorial donations may be made to People for Animals in Hillside.

## Francis E. Miller, 79, Photo Engraver; Assistant Scoutmaster in Westfield

Francis E. Miller, 79, of Westfield died on Wednesday, January 30, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Queens, he lived in Westfield for many years.

Mr. Miller had been employed as a photo engraver at *The News Tribune* in Woodbridge for 30 years before retiring in 1985.

He was an Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop No. 72 and Troop No. 276 of the Boy Scouts of America, both of Westfield.

He was also a member of the Calvary Lutheran Church in Cranford.

Mr. Miller served in the United States Army in World War II, with

Camp Kilmer and a canteen worker at Lyons Veterans Administration Hospital in Bernardsville after World War II.

She was Past President of the Rosary Altar Society at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains. She was also Past President and Treasurer of the Scotch Plains Women's Club.

Mrs. Fischer was selected in 1975 as one of 10 Women of the Year by the Scotch Plains Women's Club and in 1996 was honored for 50 years of membership in the club.

She was Past President of the Past Presidents Club of the Sixth District, New Jersey State Federation of Woman's Clubs.

She was predeceased by her husband, George Fischer.

Surviving are two sisters, Harriet Smith and Kathryn Donald.

The funeral took place on Monday, February 4, at the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains, followed by a Mass at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church. Interment was at St. Gertrude's Cemetery in Colonia.

### Samuel Rabinowitz, 84

Samuel Rabinowitz, 84, of Mountainside died on Wednesday, January 30, at his home.

Born in Newark, he was a Mountainside resident for 37 years.

Mr. Rabinowitz had worked for the United States Post Office in Newark prior to retiring about 10 years ago.

He was predeceased by a brother, Charles Rabinowitz.

Surviving are his wife, Muriel Pinsky Rabinowitz, and a brother, Ben Rabinowitz.

Graveside services were held on Friday, February 1, at the Floral Park Cemetery in Deans.

Arrangements were under the direction of Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union.

## Joseph Koza, 87, Founder and Trustee Of Ukrainian Catholic Church in Hillside

Joseph Koza, 87, of Mountainside died on Friday, February 1, in the Cornell Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Union.

Born in Carteret, he had lived in Hillside before relocating to Mountainside 28 years ago.

Mr. Koza had been a precious metals assayer with U.S. Metals in Carteret for 43 years prior to retiring 25 years ago.

He was a founder of the Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church in Hillside and was a Trustee

and member of its Holy Name Society.

He was also a member of Knights of Columbus Council No. 3197 in Hillside.

He was predeceased by his wife, Stella Pelikan Koza; a sister, Mary Ference, and a brother, Nicholas Koza.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara Koza, and a sister, Nadie Plotecia.

The funeral was held on Monday, February 4, from the Union Funeral Home-Lytwyn and Lytwyn in Union. A Mass followed at the Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church. Interment was at St. Gertrude's Cemetery in Colonia.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Immaculate Conception Church, Bloy Street and Liberty Avenue, Hillside 07205.


### Joseph Casterline, 88

Joseph E. Casterline, 88, of Mountainside died on Thursday, January 24, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., he had lived in Union before moving to Mountainside several years ago.

Mr. Casterline had been employed as a machinist with the Elastic Stop Nut Company in Union prior to retiring many years ago.

Services were held on Monday, January 28, at the Harold C. Snowdon Funeral Home in Shavertown, Pa.



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