

## Henry Marcantonio, 82, Exxon Retiree; Was Active With St. Anthony's Church

Henry Marcantonio, 82, of Elizabeth died on Sunday, February 10, in the Center for Hope Hospice Father Hudson House in Elizabeth.

Born in Westfield, he moved to Elizabeth 53 years ago. Mr. Marcantonio had been a mechanic with the Exxon Bayway Refinery in Linden for 35 years prior to retiring in 1981. He was a member of the Exxon Annuitants Club.

He was a member of the Festival Committee, Senior Citizens Society and Finance Committee, all of St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church in Elizabeth.

He was also Chairman of the St. Anthony's Bingo Committee; established and served as President of the church's Credit Union and was a Past President of the Usher Society.

Mr. Marcantonio was a former member of the Holy Name Society of St. Anthony's Church and Treasurer of the Parent-Teacher Association of St. Anthony's School.

He was a member of the Union County Adoration Society and Treasurer of the Sierra Club of Union County Eastern Chapter. He also was a member of the Men's and Ladies

Retirement Club of Elizabeth. Mr. Marcantonio served in the United States Army during World War II.

He was predeceased by his wife, Sally Picaro Marcantonio; two sisters, Rose Grillo and Marie McCabe, and a brother, Joseph Marcantonio.

Surviving are three sons, John Marcantonio, Henry Marcantonio and Steve Marcantonio; three brothers, Vero Marcantonio, James Marcantonio and Eugene Marcantonio; a sister, Olga Scordo, and five grandchildren.

A Mass will be offered at 10:30 a.m. today, Thursday, February 14, at St. Anthony's Church in Elizabeth, following the funeral at 9:30 a.m. from the Petrucci Funeral Home in Elizabeth. Interment will be at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Newark.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Anthony's Church, 853 Third Avenue, Elizabeth 07202 or to the Center for Hope Hospice, 176 Husa Street, Linden 07036.

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## Mildred E. Baker, 75

Mildred E. Baker, 75, of Springfield died on Sunday, February 10, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Westfield, she had lived in Millburn prior to moving to Springfield 35 years ago.

Mrs. Baker had been a hostess at Lord & Taylor in Short Hills for many years before retiring eight years ago.

She was predeceased by her husband, George E. Baker, and by a son, John L. Baker.

Surviving are two sisters, Doris M. Lee and Ruth A. Treusch, and two grandchildren.

The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. today, Thursday, February 14, at the All Saints' Episcopal Church in Scotch Plains. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the All Saints' Episcopal Church, 559 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains 07076.

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## Marilyn Marshall, 38

Marilyn P. Marshall, 38, of Westfield died on Friday, February 1, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Plainfield, she had resided in Cranford and Bridgewater prior to moving to Westfield seven years ago.

Ms. Marshall worked as a receptionist and bookkeeper with the law firm of Jeffrey Marshall in Westfield for five years.

She was predeceased by her parents, James A. and Patricia Rue, and by a brother, Thomas H. Rue.

Surviving are a daughter, Shana Elizabeth Marshall; a brother, James A. Rue, and two sisters, Daphne Schmatz and Deborah Daffrey.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday, February 5, from the Mastapeter Funeral Home in Roselle Park. Interment was at Graceland Memorial Park in Kenilworth.

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## Frances Cully, 81, Registered Nurse; Was Lieutenant in Canadian Army

Frances E. Cully, 81, of Scotch Plains died on Wednesday, February 6, at Rahway Hospital in Rahway.

### Clare Stoner, 86

Clare Stoner, 86, of Westfield died on Monday, January 28, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Austria-Hungary, she came to the United States in 1958, settling in New York City. She had also lived in Kansas City, Kan., and North Miami Beach, Fla., before moving to Westfield two years ago.

Mrs. Stoner was a bookkeeper for Ottawa University in Kansas for 15 years prior to retiring in 1975.

She was a member of Hadassah and Amid Women, both of North Miami Beach.

She was predeceased by her husband, Dr. Adrian Stoner.

Surviving are a daughter, Elizabeth Cowburn of Westfield, and two grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on Wednesday, January 30, at Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union.

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Born in Alberta, Canada, she had lived in Queens and then Westfield before relocating to Scotch Plains in 1995.

A registered nurse, Mrs. Cully had worked at Catholic Medical Center in Queens for 30 years prior to her retirement.

She graduated from McGill University in Montreal, Canada, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing and served as a Lieutenant in the Canadian Army during World War II.

She was a longtime member of the McGill University Alumni Association.

She was predeceased by her husband, New York Fire Department Deputy Fire Chief John J. Cully, in 1969.

Surviving are a daughter, Doris F. Cully; four brothers; four sisters and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Monday, February 11, from the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. A Mass followed at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Scotch Plains.

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## Obituaries

### George R. Voget, 83, Army Veteran; Served on Waterfront Commission

George R. Voget, 83, of Toms River died on Sunday, February 3, at his daughter's home in Piscataway.

Born in Newark, he had lived in Scotch Plains before relocating to Toms River in 1980.

In 1953, Mr. Voget went to work for the Waterfront Commission for New York Harbor, retiring as Assistant Director of the Commission in 1980. Earlier, he had been a police officer in Irvington.

He was a United States Army vet-

eran of World War II. After the war, he served in the reserves for many years before being discharged as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Mr. Voget was a past State Commander of the AmVets in Irvington and a member of American Legion Post No. 209 in Scotch Plains. He was also a member and Past President of the Scotch Plains Booster Club and served on the Scotch Plains Recreation Commission.

He was predeceased by his wife, Dorothy Donohue Voget, in 1996, and by a son, George L. Voget, in 1998.

Surviving are another son, Michael Voget; a daughter, Mary Ellen Miller, and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Thursday, February 7, from the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. A Mass followed at Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church in Piscataway. Interment was at the Resurrection Cemetery in Piscataway.

Memorial donations may be made to the Community Visiting Nurse Association, 586 East Main Street, Bridgewater 08807.

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### Vincent Picaro, 88

Vincent J. Picaro, 88, of Westfield died on Sunday, February 3, at Trinitas Hospital in Elizabeth.

Born in Wilmington, Del., he had lived in Elizabeth for 60 years before moving to Westfield seven years ago. He left school to go to work during the Depression and eventually earned his high school diploma at age 65.

Mr. Picaro retired as a federal employee in 1978, having worked at the Bayonne Naval Base for 20 years. Earlier, he had been a textile worker for an Elizabeth leather manufacturer.

He was a lifelong communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church in Elizabeth and a member of the Peterstown Italian Men's Club for many years.

He was predeceased by a brother, Anthony Picaro, and two sisters, Florence Madonia and Sally Marcantonio.

Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Lillian Valentine Picaro; a daughter, Union County Freeholder Mary P. Ruotolo; a brother, Joseph Picaro; a sister, Mary LaBraccio, and three grandchildren.

A Mass was offered on Wednesday, February 6, at St. Anthony of Padua Church, following the funeral from the Petrucci Funeral Home in Elizabeth. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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

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### Elaine Gardner, 80

Elaine Gardner, 80, of Westfield died on Thursday, February 7, at her home.

Born in Camden, S.C., on April 14, 1921, she moved to Westfield about 45 years ago.

She was a member of the Mothers Club at the Westfield Community Center in Westfield.

She also was a New Jersey Sunday School teacher at St. John's Baptist Church in Scotch Plains.

Surviving is a son, Albert Gardner. The funeral took place on Monday, February 11, at the St. John's Baptist Church. Interment was at Graceland Memorial Park in Kenilworth.

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

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### Dorothy Mueller, 84, Deacon and Elder; Was Customer Service Representative

Dorothy H. Mueller, 84, of Scotch Plains died on Wednesday, February 6, at the Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Philadelphia, she lived in Scotch Plains since 1956.

Mrs. Mueller had been employed as a customer service representative for Mine Safety Appliances in Mountainside for 15 years, retiring in 1982.

She was a member of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church in Fanwood, where she served as an Elder and a Deacon.

She was predeceased by her husband, Carl W. Mueller.

Surviving are a son, Robert C. Mueller of East Brunswick, and a brother, Bruce Hofmann of Philadelphia.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 16, at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of the J.C. Prall Inc. Funeral Home in Scotch Plains.

Memorial donations may be made to the Deacons Fund of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church.

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### Dorothy Ann Hood, 79

Dorothy Ann Becker Hood, 79, of Westfield died on Wednesday, January 30, at her residence.

Born in Chicago, she moved to Westfield in 1960.

Mrs. Hood graduated from De Paul University in Chicago with a bachelor's degree in education. She was a school teacher for a short time before raising her children.

She was a volunteer with many local organizations in Westfield.

Surviving are her husband, Charles R. Hood; three sons, Charles R. Hood, 3rd of Brooklyn Heights, N.Y., Thomas R. Hood of Simsbury, Conn., and John W. Hood of Wood Dale, Ill., and five grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass was offered on Friday, February 1, at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Westfield Day Care Center, 140 Mountain Avenue, Westfield, 07090.

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### Mary Nester, 93

Mary Nester, 93, of Scotch Plains died on Thursday, February 7, at her home.

Born in Russia, she had lived in Maplewood before moving to Scotch Plains 16 years ago.

Mrs. Nester had been an adjuster for Western Electric in Kearney for 20 years, retiring in 1965.

She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers and the Clark Senior Citizens.

She was predeceased by her husband, John Nester, and by a son, Nikolas Nester.

Surviving are a daughter, Nina Reynolds of Clark; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on Monday, February 11, at the Walter J. Johnson Funeral Home in Clark. Interment was at Hollywood Memorial Park in Union.

Memorial donations may be made to the Scotch Plains Volunteer Rescue Squad, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains 07076.

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## Dorothy G. Gage, 87, School Nurse; Member of Squad's Ladies Auxiliary

Dorothy G. Gage, 87, of the Waretown section of Ocean Township, died on Sunday, February 10, at her home.

Born in Kingston, N.Y., she had lived in Rahway and Scotch Plains before relocating to the Skippers Cove section of Waretown in 1980.

Mrs. Gage had been a registered school nurse with the Rahway Board of Education for the Roosevelt School, prior to retiring in 1980.

She graduated from the Muhlenberg School of Nursing in Rahway in 1955.

### Helen N. Sobolta, 73

Helen N. Sobolta, 73, of Fanwood died on Sunday, February 3, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Hillside, she had lived in Linden before moving to Fanwood 35 years ago.

Mrs. Sobolta had been employed in the quality control department of the L'Oreal Corporation in Clark for 10 years prior to retiring in 1992.

She served in the Women's Army Corps during the Korean Conflict.

Mrs. Sobolta was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans of New Jersey and a member of the Women's Army Corps, Garden State Chapter No. 52.

Surviving are her husband, Joseph E. Sobolta; three brothers, John M. Nycz of Summerville, S.C., Theodore Nycz and Joseph A. Nycz, both of Onancock, Va., and a sister, Sophia Smeraglia of Rahway.

The funeral was held on Friday, February 8, from the Krowicki McCracken Funeral Home in Elizabeth. A Mass followed at St. Adalbert's Roman Catholic Church in Elizabeth. Interment took place at St. Gertrude's Cemetery in Colonia.

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### John K. Lauer, 80

John Kenneth Lauer, 80, of Green Brook died on Sunday, February 10, at the Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Newark on December 9, 1921, the son of the late William and Madeline Reihing Lauer, he had lived in Irvington and Clarksburg before relocating to Green Brook 18 years ago.

Mr. Lauer had been employed as a brewery worker for Pabst Brewery in Newark for 42 years prior to retiring in 1984.

Surviving are his wife, Theresa Lauer; two daughters, Darlene Palumbo of Maplewood and Pamela Hoffman of Victoria, Va.; a brother, Wilbur Lauer of Brick Township; a sister, Audre Gaffney of Westfield; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A religious service was held yesterday, Wednesday, February 13, at the Sheenan Funeral Home in Dunellen. Interment was at St. Mary's Cemetery in Rahway.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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### Ellis E. Jones, 63

Ellis E. Jones, 63, of Plainfield died on Tuesday, January 29, at John F. Kennedy Hospice Center in Edison.

Born in Plainfield, he had lived in Newark before returning to Plainfield 15 years ago.

Mr. Jones was employed as a truck driver for Allied Waste Management in South Plainfield for 47 years.

He was a lifelong member of the Warren Temple in Scotch Plains and a member of Union Local No. 945 of Wayne.

Surviving are three sons, Ellis E. Jones, Jr. of Plainfield and Jerome Jones and Gary Jones, both of Scotch Plains; a daughter, Gwendolyn S. Jones of Scotch Plains; seven sisters, Mattie Mae Adams of Pasadena, Calif., Alice Green and Corine Hardy, both of Plainfield; Geraldine Onque and Elizabeth Harvey, both of Union; Juanita Thomas of Ladysmith, Va., and Shirley Ann Jones of Scotch Plains; two brothers, Joseph C. Jones of Plainfield and Willie Jones of Rahway, and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, February 3, at the Warren Temple.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Judkins Colonial Home in Plainfield.

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### Margaret V. Tarte, 89

Margaret V. Tarte, 89, of Westfield died on Monday, February 4, at Rahway Hospital in Rahway.

Born in New York City, she had lived in Plainfield for many years before moving to Westfield in 1992.

Mrs. Tarte had been employed for many years as a secretary for Butler Brothers and General Electric, both in New York City.

She later worked in the same capacity for her husband, John W. Tarte, a Certified Public Accountant, prior to retiring in 1995.

She was a communicant of St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church in North Plainfield and a member of the Cosmopolitan Club of Plainfield.

She was predeceased by her husband in 1996.

Surviving are a son, Robert J. Tarte of Westfield, and a daughter, Joan C. Wilde of Cranford.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Thursday, February 7, at St. Joseph Church. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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Plainfield in 1935.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church of Waretown in Waretown and a member of the Skipperettes and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Waretown First Aid Squad.

She was predeceased by her husband, Herbert W. Gage, Sr., in 1988.

Surviving are a son, Herbert W. Gage, Jr., of South Plainfield; three daughters, Virginia Battilla of Lanoka Harbor, Lacey Township, Judith Stavitz of Toms River and Joanne Ganjion of Brick; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held yesterday, Wednesday, February 13, from Layton's Home For Funerals in Lacey Township. Interment followed at Rahway Cemetery in Rahway.

Memorial donations may be made to either the Waretown United Methodist Church or to the Vandye Hospice at Community Medical Center in Toms River.

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### William A. Feick, 78

William A. Feick, 78, a lifelong resident of Westfield, died on Saturday, February 9, at his home.

Mr. Feick had worked for the General Motors Training Facility in Union for many years as a maintenance engineer. He was later employed as a foam operator for the Clark Door Company in Cranford for 25 years before retiring in 1985.

He graduated from the Drake Business School in New York City with a degree in drafting.

Mr. Feick was a member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

He was predeceased by his wife, Jean Feick, in January of 2001.

Surviving are two daughters, Lisa Ann Feick of Westfield and Melanie Miles of Easton, Pa., and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 12, in the Chapel of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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

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### Katherine Harring, 84

Katherine Harring, 84, of Scotch Plains died on Wednesday, February 6, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., she had lived in Elizabeth before moving to Scotch Plains 55 years ago.

Surviving are her husband of 61½ years, Charles Harring; two sons, Robert Harring and Dennis Harring; two daughters, Charlotte Teese and Barbara Kirschmann; two sisters, Gertrude Sine and Helen Sabastion; a brother, William Sine; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 16, at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Westfield.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 229 Cowperthwaite Place, Westfield 07090.

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### Richard F. Durett, 54

Richard F. Durett, 54, of Westfield died on Thursday, January 31, at his home.

Born in Elizabeth, he had lived in Clark for many years before moving to Westfield in 1984.

Mr. Durett worked in the reinsurance industry and was employed with American International Group in Manhattan.

He graduated from LaSalle University in Philadelphia in 1970.

He was predeceased by his father, Theodore Durett.

Surviving are his wife, Virginia Hand Durett; a son, James T. Durett; his mother, Frances Durett of Scotch Plains; a sister, Nancy J. Durett of Scotch Plains, and a brother, Daniel J. Durett of Scotch Plains.

A Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, February 5, at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield, following the funeral from the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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

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### George J. Bechtle, 55

George J. Bechtle, 55, of Westfield died on Sunday, January 20, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Summit, he was a lifelong resident of Westfield.

Mr. Bechtle, who attended Westfield public schools, was employed as