

Challice I. Weiss, 88, Served on BOE; Active In University Women's Group

Challice I. Weiss, 88, of Hendersonville, N.C., died on Monday, July 15, at Life Care Center of Hendersonville.

A native of Rochester, N.Y., she was a daughter of the late Walter B. and Reka Warner Ingelwood. She had lived in Westfield before moving to Henderson County almost 30 years ago.

She earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Rochester in Rochester, N.Y.

A charter member of the Hendersonville Chapter of the American Association of University Women, she served as President of the chapter from 1983 to 1984. She also was a member of the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville.

While in Westfield, she was a member of the Board of Education and President of the Westfield High

School Parent-Teacher Association.

Surviving are two sons, Gregory A. Weiss of New York City and Peter C. Weiss of Coconut Creek, Fla.; a daughter, Valerie Gay Weiss of Lincoln, Mass.; a sister, Mourine Killips of Brooksville, Fla.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, July 20, at the Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Thos. Shepherd & Son Funeral Directors and Cremation Memorial Center in Hendersonville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Trinity Presbyterian Church, 900 Blythe Street, Hendersonville, N.C. 28791 or to the YMCA, 810 6th Avenue West, Hendersonville, N.C. 28739.

July 25, 2002

Elizabeth Jensen, 89, School Nurse; Had Served in U. S. Army Air Corps

Elizabeth "Betty" Jensen, 89, of Westfield died on Sunday, July 21, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in New York City in 1913, she grew up in rural Connecticut and had lived in Staten Island before moving to Westfield 52 years ago.

She had been the school nurse at Edison Junior High School in Westfield, now Edison Intermediate School, for 20 years prior to retiring in 1982.

Mrs. Jensen, who joined the United States Army Air Corps in 1936, rose to the rank of Captain. She served as a nurse during World War II, traveling aboard DC-7 airplanes that transported wounded soldiers from the front lines in the Philippines and Okinawa to Honolulu, Hawaii.

She was stationed in Germany and England after the war, retiring from the service in 1948.

Prior to her military career, she was employed as a nurse on cruise ships journeying to South America.

She was trained as a nurse at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, Mass.

She was predeceased by her husband, Haakon Jensen, in 1992 and by a brother, Gregory Ringwald, in 1986.

Surviving are a daughter, Paula Jensen; three sons, Peter Jensen, Eric Jensen and David Jensen, and six grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 11:30 a.m. today, Thursday, July 25, at the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a favorite charity.

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DEATH NOTICE

Omer E. Miller, 88

Omer Edward Miller, 88, of Myrtle Beach, S.C. died on Friday, July 19, at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center in Myrtle Beach.

He was born in June of 1914 in Dayton, Ohio, a son of the late Joseph and Catherine Frei Miller.

Mr. Miller was a graduate of General Motors Institute, now Kettering University in Flint, Mich. He served during World War II in the United States Army Air Corps in the Pacific Theater and retired from the United States Air Force Reserves as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1974.

Mr. Miller was the founder of Portasoft Water Conditioning Company in Westfield, N.J. He was granted 11 United States patents in the water treatment field.

He moved to Myrtle Beach in 1970, and became a partner in Possum Trot and Heather Glen Golf Club. He was granted four United States patents on golf training devices.

He was a member and served two terms on the Board of Directors at the Dunes Golf and Beach Club in Myrtle Beach. He was a Past President of the Rotary Club of Westfield and was a Paul Harris Fellow. In 2002, he received an Honorary Doctorate of Engineering from Kettering University.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Joan L. Miller; one son, Byron E. Miller and his wife, Joyce, of Scotch Plains, N.J.; three daughters, Catherine Gray and her husband, Sam, of Marion, N.C., Elaine Geouge and her husband, Edward, of Buckhorn, N.M., and Christine Andersen and her husband, Jim, of Ashford, Conn.; a sister, Esther O'Brien of St. Petersburg, Fla.; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held yesterday, Wednesday, July 24, at the McMillan-Small Funeral Home in Myrtle Beach, with the Reverend Michael O'Brien officiating.

Memorials may be made to S.O.S. Healthcare, P.O. Box 7136, Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29572. An online guest book is available at www.msfn.net

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DEATH NOTICE

Judith Sommerstein, 61 Hospital Pharmacist

Mrs. Judith Sommerstein, 61, died at her home in Warren, N.J., on Friday morning, July 12. Funeral services were private. The cause of death was metastatic breast cancer.

Judy, as she was known to friends and family, was a clinical pharmacist at Rahway Hospital and was also a certified consultant pharmacist.

Among her duties at Rahway Hospital was her work on the pain team, which sought to address the issue of adequate pain reduction for inpatients.

She previously worked at Union Hospital, Children's Specialized Hospital and Fair Oaks Hospital.

In 2000, she received the Cheers Award — a commendation for setting standards to prevent medical errors — from the Institute of Safe Medication Practices. She was a member of the New Jersey Society of Health System Pharmacists.

Born in Newark and raised in Maplewood, N.J., she was a graduate of Columbia High School and Rutgers College of Pharmacy in 1962, a class which had only a handful of female graduates.

Mrs. Sommerstein lived in Westfield for 16 years and moved to Warren in 1994. She was a congregant of Temple Emanu-El in Westfield and a lifelong member of Hadassah. She was a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician with the Warren Rescue Squad before becoming ill.

Surviving are her husband of 40 years, Harry; her son, Adam of Arlington, Va.; daughter Carly of Weehawken, N.J.; son Paul of New York City; brother Dr. Steven Liner of Richmond, Va., and sister Gloria Anne Liner-Hauck of Mendocino, Calif.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Hospice of Rahway Hospital, Rahway, N.J., in her memory are requested by the family.

July 25, 2002

Jule Kutsop, Was Assistant Librarian; Had Formerly Worked For Prudential

Jule M. Kutsop of Mountainside died on Sunday, July 21, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born and raised in Newark, she lived in Mountainside since 1952.

Mrs. Kutsop had been Assistant Librarian at the Mountainside Public Library for 20 years, prior to retiring in 1977.

During the 1940s, she had worked for the Prudential Insurance Company in Newark.

A 1939 graduate of Barringer Evening High School in Newark, she was President of the senior class and received the Bamberger Scholarship

Medal, which was presented to the student with the highest academic ranking. She also attended Rutgers University.

Surviving are her husband of 60 years, Walter Kutsop, Sr.; a son, Walter Kutsop, Jr.; a daughter, Joyce Kennedy; a sister, Nina Herzog; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held yesterday, Wednesday, July 24, at Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountainside. Entombment took place at Hollywood Memorial Park in Union.

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

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DEATH NOTICE

Charles Schroth, Jr.

Charles "Chuck" W. H. Schroth, 83, of Fort Myers, Fla., died Tuesday, June 11, 2002 at Health Park in Fort Myers.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jeanette (Jean), of Shell Point Village. Other immediate family include his son, William, and daughter-in-law, Carolyn, and their children Andrew, Lindsay and Victoria; also son Richard and daughter-in-law Linda, and their children, Alison, Jon and Brian; also his sister, Margaret Schupeltz.

A memorial service for Shell Point residents was held in the chapel at Shell Point on June 12, 2002. Another memorial celebration of his life will be held in Spencertown, N.Y. this summer for family and friends in the north.

Chuck was a pilot of a B-24 Liberator in World War II, and was shot down and spent a year in a German prison camp. He retired in 1984 from Blessings, Inc., where he was Assistant Treasurer. He was a member of the American Ex-Prisoners of War.

Over the years, he was involved in many charitable associations, including Boy Scouts of America, Congress of Concerned Citizens, Princeton Avenue Civic Association, American Red Cross and Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

He and Jean lived in Westfield from 1963 to 1972, first on Quantuck Lane and then on Boulevard.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Boy Scouts of America (www.give2bsa.org) or to the Salvation Army (www.salvationarmy.org).

July 25, 2002

John Savorgiannakis, 71, Lithographer; Was Member of Pancretan Association

John Michael Savorgiannakis, 71, of Garwood died on Tuesday, July 16, at the home of his daughter, Effie Kambourakis, in Montville.

Born in Kerame, on the island of Crete in Greece, he had lived there until he was 15 years old. He then moved to Athens, Greece. He came to the United States in 1966, settling in Garwood.

Mr. Savorgiannakis had been a lithographer with Creative Color Lithographers in Garwood for 25 years prior to retiring in 1990.

He was a member of the Pancretan Association of America, White Mountains Chapter in New Brunswick.

Also surviving is his wife of 47 years, Kalliroe Vosinakis Savorgiannakis; another daughter, Doniki Ibrahim of Whitehouse Station; a son, Michael Savorgiannakis of Westfield; two sisters in Greece and six grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, July 20, at the Holy Trinity

Greek Orthodox Church in Westfield. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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

Memorial donations may be sent to Mrs. Kalliroe Savorgiannakis, 403 Myrtle Avenue, Garwood 07027. All contributions will be forwarded to St. Panteleimon Church in Kerame, Crete, Greece.

July 25, 2002

Helen A. Ptashinski, 88

Helen A. Ptashinski, 88, of Scotch Plains died on Saturday, June 29, at her home.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., she was a resident of Scotch Plains since 1963.

Mrs. Ptashinski took part in the weekly rosary recital in the convent chapel of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

She was predeceased by her husband, Alphonse Ptashinski.

Surviving are two daughters, Helen V. Lucas and Barbara A. Kwiatkowski; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A Mass was offered on Wednesday, July 3, at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, following the funeral service from the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains. Interment was at St. Mary's-Stony Hill Cemetery in Berkeley Heights.

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

July 25, 2002

Iola A. Smeltzer, 80

Iola A. Smeltzer, 80, of Metuchen died on Wednesday, July 17, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Plainfield, she had resided in Scotch Plains for 14 years before moving to Metuchen four years ago.

Mrs. Smeltzer had been a secretary in the shipping department at Gulton Industries in Metuchen for 10 years prior to retiring in 1968.

She was predeceased by a daughter, Lynne Barbara Smeltzer, in 1963. Surviving is a son, Thomas J. Smeltzer of Scotch Plains.

Funeral services were held yesterday, Wednesday, July 24, at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Metuchen.

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Anna Lombardo, 71, AARP Member; Worked at Bamberger's For 41 Years

Anna Lombardo, 71, of Scotch Plains died on Friday, July 19, at her home.

Born in Millburn, she had lived in Newark and Irvington before relocating to Scotch Plains in 1960.

Miss Lombardo had been employed in the accounting department of Bamberger's Department Store in Newark for 41 years prior to retiring in 1990. She was a member of the American Association of Retired Persons.

She was predeceased by two brothers,

Fred S. Lombardo and Angelo Lombardo, and by a sister, Maria Mandaglio.

Surviving are two sisters, Gloria Dedinsky and Josephine Klein.

The funeral was held on Tuesday, July 23, 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 Holy Cross Cemetery in North Arlington.

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Terrence P. Feeley, 58, Navy Veteran; Was Member of Teamsters and Elks

Terrence P. Feeley, 58, of Branchburg died on Monday, July 22, at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in Elizabeth, he grew up in Westfield. He had lived in Springfield before moving to Branchburg three years ago.

Mr. Feeley was employed as a truck driver for APA Transport in North Bergen for 18 years.

He served in the United States Navy in the late 1950s.

He was a member of the Teamsters and the Springfield Elks.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy McCurrie Feeley; a son, J. Ryan Feeley; two daughters, Jodi Feeley Mraz and Jaime Feeley Francini; a brother, Donald Feeley; a sister, Margaret Pittenger, and four grandchildren.

Amy Ranelli, 87

Amy Ranelli, 87, of Fanwood died on Friday, July 19, at the Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Scotch Plains.

Born in New York City, she had resided in Amityville, Long Island for 20 years prior to moving to Fanwood four years ago.

She was predeceased by her husband, Vincent J. Ranelli, in 1998. Surviving are a son, Vincent A. Ranelli of Fanwood, and a sister, Vincenza Cangianella of Sayville, N.Y.

The funeral took place on Monday, July 22, from the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. A Mass followed at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains. Entombment was at St. John's Cloister in Middle Village, N.Y.

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