

George Antonak, 91, Shipping Manager; Served in Aleutian Island Campaign

George Henry Antonak, 91, of Scotch Plains died on Thursday, June 6, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Evelyn Jones Williams, 86, Active With Church in South Carolina

Evelyn Jones Williams, 86, of Scotch Plains died on Tuesday, June 4, at Rumlens Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Frances Louise Antonak; two sons, George H. Antonak, Jr. of Auburn Hills, Mich. and Richard F. Antonak of Terre Haute, Ind., three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Dolly Circhirillo, 91

Dolly Circhirillo, 91, of New Providence died on Tuesday, June 4, at the Glenside Nursing Home in New Providence.

Leo J. Sobell, 78, Was Navy Veteran; Chemical Engineer and Altar Server

Leo J. Sobell, 78, of Westfield died on Saturday, June 8, at University Medical Center in Newark.

Obituaries

DEATH NOTICE

Grayce Farley Hayden, 98

Grayce Farley Hayden, 98, died on Tuesday, May 7, 2002 at her home in Linden.

Mrs. Hayden was employed by New Jersey Bell Telephone Company for 38 years before retiring in 1968. She was a supervisor in the Raritan Division plant manager's office in Elizabeth.

Leo J. Sobell, 78, of Westfield died on Saturday, June 8, at University Medical Center in Newark.

Mrs. Sobell had been a chemical engineer with BASF in Parsippany from 1982 to 1992. Prior to that, he was employed with American Cyanamid for 37 years, working in Bound Brook, Wayne and New York City before retiring in 1981.

From 1968 to 1971, he was a managing director of a Dutch company in the Netherlands owned by American Cyanamid.

Thomas F. Cieslik, 75, Singer Retiree; Was Garden Enthusiast and Volunteer

Thomas F. Cieslik, 75, of Rahway died on Sunday, June 9, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Mr. Cieslik had been employed for many years as a tool and die maker for the Singer Manufacturing Company in Elizabeth before retiring in 1977.

Walter G. Huebner, 82

Walter G. Huebner, 82, of Scotch Plains died on Friday, May 24, at his home.

Mr. Huebner had worked for Western Electric in Kearny for 45 years before retiring as a manufacturing manager in 1985.

He was an altar server at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield at the 7:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday and a member of the Plainfield Country Club since 1958.

Surviving are his wife, June Rollins Sobell; two daughters, Barbara Skillman and Christine Sobell; a son, James Sobell; a brother, Henry Sobell; a sister, Florence Colaianni, and five grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered yesterday, Wednesday, June 12, at the Holy Trinity Church.

Estabel Levine, 95

Estabel Perlman Levine, 95, of Mountaintide died on Friday, June 7, at Brighton Gardens in Mountaintide.

Born in Burlington, Vt., she had lived in New Rochelle, N.Y., and in Westfield before relocating to Mountaintide seven years ago.

Mrs. Levine had been employed in the administration department of the New Rochelle school system for 20 years prior to retiring in 1972.

She was a member of the Sisterhood of Temple Emanu-El in Westfield and of Hadassah of Westfield.

She was predeceased by her husband, Alan Levine, and by a daughter, Sheila Miner.

Surviving are three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, June 9, from Temple Emanu-El. Interment took place at the Mount Lebanon Cemetery in Iselin.

Arrangements were handled by Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union.

Nicole I. Thibaud, 61, Was Translator For French Consulate in New York

Nicole I. Thibaud, 61, of Whitehall, Pa., died on Thursday, June 6, at her home.

Born in Cannes, France, she had been a resident of Westfield and Manhattan before moving to Whitehall.

Mrs. Thibaud was a translator at the French Consulate in New York City. She also owned and operated a travel and translation business in the metropolitan area.

Frederick Townsend, 89

Frederick Winner Townsend, 89, of Mountaintide died on Sunday, June 9, at Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown.

Born in Westfield, he had lived in Elizabeth for a few years, relocating to Mountaintide 55 years ago.

Mr. Townsend had been employed with New Jersey Bell Telephone in Woodbridge as a Staff Supervisor for 44 years before retiring in 1978.

He was predeceased by a son, Frederick Winner Townsend, Jr., in 1968.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Emma L. Townsend; a son, Robert Townsend of Kinnelon, and a granddaughter.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. today, Thursday, June 13, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Memorial donations may be made to the Mountaintide Rescue Squad, Mountaintide 07092 or to the Woodbine Developmental Center, 1175 Dehirche Avenue, Woodbine 08270.

Robert A. Watson, 43

Robert Allen Watson (Bob), age 43, died on Saturday, June 1, 2002 at his home in Sante Fe, N.M.

He was born in Austin, Tex., and moved to Westfield, N.J. in 1960, coming to Sante Fe eight years ago.

He graduated from Westfield High School in 1976 and from Gettysburg College in 1980.

Bob lived life to the fullest and his passions were cooking, skiing, traveling, the outdoors, his dogs and, most importantly, his partner, Charles Michael.

He is also survived by his mother, Charlotte Heuer de Serio and brother, William Russell Watson, one aunt, one uncle, numerous cousins and their families.

There will be a memorial service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield on Saturday, June 15, at 1 p.m., followed by his burial in St. Paul's Garden of Remembrance.

Community News

Fitness Workshops On Tap at YMCA

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA and NDEITA, a non-profit fitness professional association, will co-sponsor two upcoming events.

A Group Fitness Certification Workshop will be held on Saturday, July 27, at 8 a.m. Potential and current fitness instructors will learn basic academic and practical application of teaching group exercise.

No college, science or teaching background is required.

Workshop registration includes a full-day review, written examination, two-year certification and NDEITA membership.

A Cardio Mix Workshop, to take place on Sunday, July 28, at 8 a.m., will review the principles of aerobic music and choreography building essentials.

Participants will learn to mix Step, Hi-Lo and Cardio-Sculpt movements.

The workshops will take place at the YMCA, located at 1340 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains. Individuals are asked to pre-register by calling 800-AEROBIC (908) 237-6242 or visiting www.ndeita.com.

Local Practice Purchases AED

WESTFIELD - Advanced Physical Therapy Associates, in Westfield, is now equipped with an automated external defibrillator (AED).

Timothy O'Kay, Clinical Director, stated, "Advanced Physical Therapy Associates is perhaps the first outpatient private practice in the state equipped with AED technology and a fully trained professional staff."

The AED is credited with saving hundreds of lives nationwide. When used by trained personnel, the AED monitors the heart rhythm of heart attack victims and will administer a life-saving electrical shock when indicated.

Girl Scout Council Offers July Tickets To Great Adventure

WESTFIELD - Great Adventure tickets for Saturday, July 20, are available for purchase at a discounted price at the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council in Westfield.

Everyone is welcome. Tickets are \$41 per person and include admission to the Six Flags Great Adventures Theme Park, an all-you-can-eat, buffet style lunch in a private picnic area and access to the Wild Safari Animal Park.

Tickets and information may be obtained at the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council Service Center, located at 201 Grove Street, East, in Westfield.

The telephone number is (908) 232-3236.

Kidney Foundation Appeals To Public To Donate Vehicles

AREA - The Kidney and Urology Foundation of America is accepting donations of cars, vans and trucks, 1989 models and newer, throughout New Jersey and New York.

Funds raised from the Foundation's Used Car Campaign enables the organization to support research into the causes, treatments and cures of prostate, kidney and urologic disease, as well as hypertension.

Vehicle donations also benefit the Foundation's public and professional education programs, patient services and pediatric enrichment programs.

The Foundation will provide timely, free pickup of vehicles and provide participants with a letter that they may use for tax deduction purposes.

For more information on the Foundation or donating a vehicle, please call (800) 63-DONATE. Individuals may also visit www.kidneyurology.org on the Internet to learn more about the Foundation.

Dr. Levin B. Hanigan, 85, Had Been Mountaintide Schools Superintendent

Dr. Levin B. Hanigan, 85, of Mountaintide died on Wednesday, June 5, at his home.

Born in Chester, Pa., he had lived in Arlington, Va., prior to moving to Mountaintide in 1960.

Dr. Hanigan had been the Superintendent of Schools for the Mountaintide school district for 20 years before retiring in 1980.

He had also taught courses at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

Earlier, he was an elementary school and high school teacher, principal and administrator in Pennsylvania and Virginia, where he coached baseball, football and basketball.

Dr. Hanigan was the author of educational articles and textbooks, including "The School Principal and the Reading Program" and "Handwriting in the Primary Grades."

The recipient of a bachelor's degree from West Chester State Teachers College in Pennsylvania in 1938, he earned a master's degree in 1940 from the University of Pittsburgh and a doctorate in 1950 from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Emilie B. O'Connor, Past President Of Knights Council Ladies Auxiliary

Emilie B. O'Connor of Scotch Plains died on Tuesday, June 4, at her home.

Born in Trenton, she was a resident of Scotch Plains for the last 52 years.

Mrs. O'Connor was a Past President and member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Monsignor H. J. Watterson Council of the Knights of Columbus in Westfield.

She was also a former member of the Columbiettes in Westfield and a member of the Woodsman of the World in Elizabeth.

Surviving are her husband, Joseph P. O'Connor; a daughter, Barbara A. Verdic of Scotch Plains and a grandson.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Friday, June 7, at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

Entombment followed at St. Gertrude's Cemetery in Colonia.

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

A life member of the National Education Association, Dr. Hanigan chaired the Northeast Regional In-Service Education Program for 800 teachers of kindergarten through grade 12 and the Northeast Regional Superintendents Planning Group.

He also served as Chairman of curriculum committees for reading, mathematics and social studies for the Union County Regional High School District.

A United States Navy veteran of World War II, he served as a Chief Engineer aboard several vessels, becoming a lieutenant.

Surviving are his wife of 43 years, Patricia Hanigan; two sons, Jay Hanigan and Keith Hanigan; two daughters, Patricia Scroggs and Leigh Anne Cascio; a sister, Frances Ryan and 10 grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, June 9, at the Community Presbyterian Church in Mountaintide.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund, 1459 Deer Path, Mountaintide 07092.

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