

Harry Busch, 82, Founded Company; Was Commander of Power Squadron

Harry Busch, 82, a former long-time resident of Westfield, died on Sunday, May 5, in Palm City, Fla.

Born in Norfolk, Va., he moved with his family to Newark at age 5. He had lived in Westfield for 50 years before moving to Palm City.

Mr. Busch founded ALL-STATE LEGAL, a publisher of legal forms, which today supplies law firms nationwide. The Cranford-based company operates plants in Fort Wayne, Ind., and Los Angeles and distribution centers in Georgia and Texas.

He launched the business, originally known as ALL-STATE Office Supply, with a friend from the basement of his parents' home in Verona, following his military service in World War II.

During the war, Mr. Busch served

Chang Sik Park, 84

Chang Sik Park, 84, of Westfield died on Sunday, May 5, at Rahway Hospital in Rahway.

Born in Korea, he lived in Westfield since arriving in the United States in 1975.

Mr. Park had been President of the Chung Woon Paper Company in Korea for 20 years, prior to retiring.

He was President of the Korean Senior Citizens Association in Jersey City.

Surviving are four daughters, three sons, 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Wednesday, May 8, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

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Celeste Krowicki, 81, Was Head Nurse; Rosarian and Former Army Lieutenant

Celeste A. Krowicki, 81, of Scotch Plains died on Saturday, May 4, at her home.

Born in Elizabeth, she moved to Scotch Plains in 1955.

Mrs. Krowicki had been a school nurse for the Hillsdale Board of Education for 12 years prior to retiring in 1994 at the age of 73.

She also was a head nurse with the outpatient clinic at Overlook Hospital

Joseph L. McCaffrey

Joseph L. McCaffrey of Freeport, Fla., died on Sunday, April 21, at his residence.

Born in Lowell, Mass., he had lived in Mountaintop for many years before relocating to Freeport many years ago.

Mr. McCaffrey worked as a tool-and-die maker, a welding instructor and an engineer with General Motors.

He received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Illinois and a teaching certificate from Rutgers University.

Surviving are two daughters, Margaret A. McCaffrey and Patricia J. Leitch; two sisters, Mary Proctor and Helen Goodwin, and three grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of the National Cremation Society of Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

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— Obituaries —

Michael J. Fedowitz, 55, Had Worked In Auditing For AT&T Stock Transfer

Michael Joseph Fedowitz, 55, of Flemington died on Thursday, May 9, at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Jersey City, he had lived in Westfield and then in Branchburg for 15 years, relocating to Flemington in 2000. He and his wife had spent summers and weekends in Pocono Lake, Pa., since 1994.

Mr. Fedowitz had worked in accounting and payroll for AT&T Stock Transfer in Piscataway, retiring from the company's auditing department after 20 years.

He recently was in charge of the accounting and payroll departments for the Psak, Graziano, Piasecki and Whitelaw law firm in Middlesex; the Cancer Institute for Children in New Brunswick and Sergeantsville, and Somerset Feed and Grain in New Jersey.

He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War, attaining the rank of Sergeant.

Mr. Fedowitz was a member of the American Legion Post of Pocono Lake; a former member and Past Exalted Ruler of Somerville Elks Lodge No. 1068 from 1990 to 1991, and a member of the East Stroudsburg Elks Lodge.

He graduated from St. Mary's High School in Jersey City and attended St. Peter's College, also in Jersey City.

Surviving are his wife of 28 years, Nancy Fedowitz; a son, Michael Peder Fedowitz of Flemington; a daughter, Tanya Michele Fedowitz of Hillsborough Township; his parents, Michael and Gertrude Fedowitz of Jersey City, and a brother, Stephen Fedowitz of Berkeley Heights.

The funeral was held on Tuesday, May 14, at the Cusick Funeral Home in Somerville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Somerville Elks Crippled Children's Center, 375 Union Avenue, Bridgewater, 08807.

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Irwin S. Rice, Jr., 85, Exxon Retiree; Army Captain During World War II

Irwin S. Rice, Jr., 85, of Arbor Glen, Bridgewater, died on Wednesday, May 8, at the Holly Health Center in Bridgewater.

Born in Phillipsburg on July 30, 1916, the son of the late Irwin S. Rice and Edith McCray Rice, he had lived in Westfield from 1953 to 1997, when he moved to Arbor Glen.

Mr. Rice began his business career with Exxon Research and Engineering at its Linden location in 1938 and retired from the firm's Florham Park facility in 1975, after 37 years of service. He specialized in the field of Personnel Administration.

A 1934 graduate of Wilson Boro High School, located in a suburb of Easton, Pa., he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Lafayette College in Easton in 1938.

He was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa and Kappa Phi Kappa Societies and was also a life member of the American Chemical Society.

During World War II, Mr. Rice held the rank of Captain in the United States Army, serving as a Liaison Officer for the War Production Board between industry and the Army.

He was a member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield for almost 50 years and had worked for many years with the "Monday Morning Banker's Club."

He and his wife, Doris Schimer

John E. McDonald, 73

John E. McDonald, 73, of North Plainfield died on Thursday, May 9, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Jersey City, he had lived in Weehawken prior to moving to North Plainfield 15 years ago.

Mr. McDonald had been employed by Carey Transportation in Manhattan as a bus driver for 27 years before retiring in 1984.

He was also a retiree of Teamster Local No. 807 in New York.

He served in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict.

He was predeceased by his wife, Helen Lischinsky McDonald, in 1984.

Surviving are two sons, John E. McDonald of Scotch Plains and George McDonald of Howell; a daughter, Karen M. Tighe of North Plainfield; two sisters, Rose Ganley of Jersey City and Katherine Mager of Pennsylvania; 10 grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Funeral services were held on Monday, May 13, at the Higgins Home for Funerals in North Plainfield. Interment took place at the Holy Cross Cemetery in North Arlington.

Memorial donations may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Mid-Jersey Chapter, 28 Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 180, East Brunswick 08816.

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Glendessa Sherman, 86

Glendessa M. Sherman, 86, of Fanwood died on Wednesday, May 8, at her home.

Born in East Orange, she had been a resident of Newark and Union before relocating to Fanwood in 1972.

Mrs. Sherman was a homemaker and a communicant of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains. She was also a member of the local Women's Chit Chat Club for many years.

She was predeceased by her husband, George E. Sherman, Sr., in 1971.

Surviving are a daughter, Glenda M. Insabella; a son, George E. Sherman; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Saturday, May 11, from the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains. A Mass followed at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church. Interment took place at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in East Hanover.

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Michele Di Iorio, 78

Michele Di Iorio, 78, of Westfield died on Friday, May 10, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Pietracupa, Italy, he emigrated to the United States in 1962, settling in Westfield.

Mr. Di Iorio had been employed as a laborer with Weldon Concrete in Westfield for 25 years prior to retiring in 1987.

He served in the Italian Army during World War II and was a prisoner of war in Albania.

He was a member of Amici Della Rocca.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Maria Di Iorio; a son, Hank Di Iorio of Cranford; a sister, Assunta Durante of Italy, and two grandsons.

A Mass of Christian Burial took place on Monday, May 13, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Entombment was at Woodbridge Memorial Gardens in Woodbridge.

Arrangements were handled by the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

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Robert R. Ladue, 83, Was Employed By New York Telephone Company

Robert Reece Ladue, 83, of South Orleans, Mass., died on Saturday, May 11, at his home.

Born in Troy, N.Y., he had lived in Westfield for 17 years and moved to South Orleans in 1978.

Mr. Ladue had been employed as a member of the General Staff of the New York Telephone Company before retiring in 1976.

He was a former Director of the Orleans Taxpayers Association and

Mildred Krusinski, 83

Mildred M. Krusinski, 83, of Westfield died on Sunday, May 12, at the home of her son, Charles Krusinski, in Westfield.

Born in West Hazelton, Pa., she had been a Rahway resident before moving to Westfield two years ago.

Mrs. Krusinski was a member of the Young at Heart of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Rahway.

She was predeceased by her husband, Charles Krusinski, in 1984, and by a daughter, Linda Jurusz, in 1978.

Surviving, in addition to her son, is a grandson, Steven Krusinski.

Funeral services will be held at 9:15 a.m. today, Thursday, May 16, from the Corey and Corey Funeral Home in Rahway. A Funeral Liturgy will follow at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church. Interment will be at St. Gertrude's Cemetery in Colonia.

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Elena M. Lawrence, 86, Was Rosarian; Had Worked in Retail and at Bell Labs

Elena M. Lawrence, 86, of Scotch Plains died on Thursday, May 9, at the Haven Hospice at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Brooklyn, she was a resident of Scotch Plains since 1959.

Mrs. Lawrence had been employed by ARA Services, working in the cafeteria of Bell Labs in Murray Hill, now Verizon, for 15 years prior to retiring in 1994.

She had earlier worked in retail sales with the B. Altman department store in New York City and the Hamilton Shops in Plainfield.

She was a member of the Rosary Altar Society at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Ray Maragni and Martin Maragni.

Surviving are her husband of 60 years, Dominick T. Lawrence; two daughters, Eileen Lynch and Dorothy Guy; a son, William Lawrence; two sisters, Victoria Accardi and Phyllis Ricioppo; a brother, Sal Maragni; eight grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

A funeral service was held yesterday, Wednesday, May 15, from the

Bernard Wechsler, 71, Business Owner; Member of B'nai B'rith of Union County

Bernard Wechsler, 71, of Scotch Plains died on Monday, May 13, at his home.

Born in Newark, he had lived in Linden, Clark and New York City prior to relocating to Scotch Plains 10 years ago.

Mr. Wechsler had owned and operated Path Liquors in Somerville and Coran, Long Island, for 25 years before retiring in 1993.

He received a bachelor's degree from Pace University in New York City.

He was a United States Army vet-

Nicola Nardone, 64, Headed Cranford's Downtown Management Committee

Nicola Nardone, 64, of Westfield died on Sunday, May 12, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born and raised in Campolattaro, Italy, he came to the United States in 1965, settling in Westfield.

Mr. Nardone had been head of the Downtown Management Committee for the Township of Cranford for 10 years, retiring in 2001.

Earlier, he had been a forklift operator with Beckley Perforating in Garwood for more than 20 years.

He served in the Italian Army during peacetime.

Mr. Nardone was a member of the

the Orleans Improvement Association and was a former vestryman at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Orleans, Mass. Mr. Ladue also served as Vice Chairman of the Orleans Cable Advisory Group.

He was a First Lieutenant in the United States Army Corps of Engineers, serving in England, France and Belgium during World War II.

He graduated from Lansingburgh High School in Troy and The Peddie School in Hightstown, and received his bachelor's degree from Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y. Mr. Ladue was a member of Theta Chi National Fraternity.

He was predeceased by his wife of more than 50 years, Jean Ibbot Ladue, in 1998.

Surviving are two daughters, Suzanne Johnson of Denver, Colo., and Nancy Ladue of Orleans; a son, Peter Ladue of Needham, Mass., and three grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, at the Church of the Holy Spirit. Interment will be at the church cemetery.

Nickerson Funeral Homes of Orleans, Mass., was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Cape Cod, Route 6A, Yarmouthport, Mass. 02675 or to the Orleans Rescue Squad, 58 Eldridge Parkway, Orleans, Mass. 02653.

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Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains, followed by a Mass at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church. Entombment took place at Somerset Hills Park in Basking Ridge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 325, Scotch Plains 07076.

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Josephine Casiere, 90

Josephine E. Casiere, 90, of Westfield died on Thursday, May 2, at Westfield Center, Genesis ElderCare Network, in Westfield.

Born in Newark, she had lived in Bloomfield and Jamesburg prior to moving to Westfield 10 years ago.

She was predeceased by her husband, Angelo J. Casiere, and a son, Robert D. Casiere.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara DeMasi; a brother, Henry Swakopf of Freehold; three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The funeral service was held on Monday, May 6, at the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield. Interment took place at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in East Hanover.

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Mr. Wechsler was a member of B'nai B'rith in Union County.

Surviving are his wife, Xiao Mei Lu; two sons, David Wechsler and Michael Wechsler; a daughter, Sherry Varian; a sister, Elaine Schneider, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held yesterday, Wednesday, May 15, from the Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union. Interment took place at Beth Israel Cemetery in Woodbridge.

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Italian American Club in Westfield. Surviving are his wife, Ida Ciullo Nardone; a son, Giuseppe Nardone of Westfield; a daughter, Tina Nardone of Westfield; two brothers, Enrico and Vittorio, both of Italy; a sister, Giovanna, and six grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered yesterday, Wednesday, May 15, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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

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More Community News

Junior Woman's Club Awards Annual Grants

WESTFIELD - The Junior Woman's Club of Westfield recently awarded two Westfield High School seniors, Marie Tracy and Wan Tin Chen, with a \$1,500 scholarship for each.

Both pupils hold a high grade point average, as well as high SAT scores. Marie Tracy is actively involved with music, church activities, sports

Certificates Awarded To Local Residents

SUMMIT - Local students enrolled in the junior school and high school Latin classes at Oratory Preparatory School in Summit have again exhibited outstanding performances on the National Latin Exam.

An Outstanding Achievement certificate was given to eighth grader Thomas Fitzgibbon of Fanwood, while an Achievement certificate was garnered by Joseph Cepparulo of Scotch Plains.

and the Student Council. She will attend Fordham University.

Wan is the International Club treasurer and is an assistant at the Union Chinese School. She will attend Union County College in the fall.

Yoffie Selected For Second Scholars Class at Duke

WESTFIELD - The Robertson Scholars Program, an innovative joint merit-based scholarship program at Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will soon begin its second year with 32 top high school seniors, including Westfield resident Adam Yoffie.

A winner of the four-year scholarship, Adam is a student at Westfield High School. He is President of the Junior Optimist Club, a volunteer/founder Food Bank Volunteer, Founder and Administrator of NFFY T.A.G. (Teens Against Guns).

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