

DEATH NOTICE

Dr. Julia Bhasin, 55, Was Educator; Known For Compassion and Spirit

Dr. Julia Irizarry Bhasin, a Westfield resident for 21 years, died at Overlook Hospital in Summit on Sunday, November 17, 2002. She was 55 years old. She belonged to the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield and was a Sunday School teacher there.

Julia grew up in Williamsburg, Brooklyn in a loving Puerto Rican family composed of Papi, Mami (Reyes and Ana Irizarry), sister (Vivian) and brother (Reyes). She was also very close with her older brothers, Justin and Ferdinand Irizarry.

Active in her local church in Brooklyn, the Transfiguration Roman Catholic Church, she never questioned her destiny of going off to Brandeis University. There, she fell in love with a young international student from Bombay, India, Kaval Krishna Bhasin, who she married in 1973.

She delighted in her three sons, Nicholas, Paul and Andy; a screenwriter in Los Angeles, a classical musician in Chicago and a Northwestern University sophomore violinist.

The first in her family to attend college, Julia received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from Brandeis University in 1969; her Master of Arts Degree in Education from Harvard University in 1970 and her Doctorate of Education from Teachers College, Columbia University in 1990.

She focused her original research on the teaching of reading skills and strategies to bilingual students,

a specialty mix of Linguistics, Educational Theory and Practice.

Since 1970, Dr. Julia Irizarry Bhasin taught at Baruch College, City University of New York. With unending devotion to her students, she was a dedicated teacher. For more than 30 years, Julia was a strong influence on her students, who constantly sought her out to tell her how much they learned from her.

Sharing her mother's profound compassion for all living things, Julia rescued and adopted abandoned cats and dogs. Her deep desire to nurture life in every form also inspired her to tend to her garden with love and care.

Like her father, she had a certain joie de vivre. She leaves behind innumerable family and friends to whom she gave her love, her warm laughter and her loyal friendship. She never just added to a group; she helped define, shape and support it.

Funeral services were held yesterday, Wednesday, November 20, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

A Requiem Mass will be offered at 11 a.m. today, Thursday, November 21, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield, at the corner of Westfield Avenue and First Street. All friends and family are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center, Madison, N.J. 07940 or to the Westfield Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 356, Westfield, N.J. 07091.

November 21, 2002

— Obituaries —

DEATH NOTICE

Lois H. Kelly, Involved in Local Groups; Was An Advocate For the Challenged

Lois Harriet (Hudson) Kelly of Stuart, Fla., formerly of Westfield, passed away on Wednesday, November 6, 2002 in Stuart.

Lois was born September 19, 1922, in Brooklyn, N.Y. and graduated from Patchogue High School in Long Island, N.Y. After a year of college and a stint in New York City working in the office of *Esquire Magazine*, Lois married the love of her life, A.J. "Jack" Kelly, Jr., in 1944. They raised their family — four sons — and lived for 30 years (except for two years in London, England and two years in Yokohama, Japan) in Westfield.

During this time, Lois was active in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, bowling (a cham-



Lois Harriet Kelly

pio!) and tennis. After Jack's retirement, they moved to Stuart, where Lois became very active in the Martin County Association for the Rights of the Challenged, with a particular involvement in the California Avenue Men's Group Home, where her son, Torin, resides.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents, Edward Hudson and Ethel Parr Hudson; her brother, Burgess Hudson, and her beloved husband, Jack.

She is survived by her stepmother, Therese Hudson, her brother, Donald Hudson, both of Melbourne Village, Fla.; her sister, June Hudson Johnson of Salt Lake City, Utah; son, Brian Kelly and his wife, Martha, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; son, Kevin Kelly and his fiancée, Georgeanna Warren, both of Lake Oswego, Ore.; son, Alan Kelly and his wife, Colette, of Ottawa, Canada, and son, Torin Kelly of Stuart, Fla. Lois is also survived by five grandchildren, Lance, Tara, Cate, Susanne and Antoine, as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews, close friends and wonderful neighbors.

Lois was known for her many colorful hats and her outrageously elegant earrings. All who knew Lois mourn the loss, yet celebrate her joyous life. A service of interment will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, November 23, 2002, in the Garth (center courtyard) of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Martin County Association for the Rights of the Challenged, in care of Steven Swann, Suite 102, 1000 SE Monterey Commons Boulevard, Stuart, Fla. 34996.

November 21, 2002

Louis Branch, 86

Louis Branch, 86, of Westfield died on Thursday, November 14, at Rahway Hospital in Rahway.

Born in Montclair, he was a Westfield resident for many years.

Mr. Branch had worked for many years as a freight loader for the Jersey Central Railroad Company in Elizabeth prior to retiring.

He was a United States Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are a niece, Veronica Hart of Elizabeth, and two nephews, Edward Mitchell of Aurora, Colo. and Cornelius Branch of Sherman Oaks, Calif.

Services were held on Tuesday, November 19, at the Bethel Baptist Church in Westfield.

Arrangements were handled by the Hicks Funeral Home in Elizabeth.

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M. Raleigh McCarroll, 81, Sergeant; Held Leadership Roles In Presbytery

M. Raleigh McCarroll, 81, of Scotch Plains died on Friday, November 15, at his home.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., he had lived in Elizabeth prior to moving to Scotch Plains many years ago.

Mr. McCarroll had been employed with the Union County Sheriff's Office for many years, retiring as a sergeant in 1976.

He was also Chief of Security at Green Brook Hospital in Green Brook and a sergeant in internal security for the New Jersey Sports Authority at the Meadowlands.

He graduated from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania in 1947 and from the Union County Police Chiefs Training Academy in 1954.

Mr. McCarroll served for three years in the United States Army during World War II. He spoke several languages, and his fluency in German led to a job as an interpreter during the Nuremberg war crimes trials.

He served as a ruling elder, deacon, trustee, financial secretary, treasurer and church school teacher at the Siloam-Hope Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth.

Additionally, he was a longtime council member of the Elizabeth Presbytery Judicatory and commissioner to the Synod of the Northeast and General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). He also was vice moderator, moderator and past mod-

erator.

Mr. McCarroll was a board member of the Elizabethport Presbyterian Center and the Jefferson Park Day Care Center.

He was a life member of the New Jersey Policemen's Benevolent Association, the Retired Police and Firemen's Association and the Lincoln University Alumni Association.

Mr. McCarroll received the university's Alumni Award in 1982 for his contributions to the university and his community. He was also presented with the 1993 Omega Man of the Year Award from the Omicron Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., and was recognized at the 1998 Founder's Day.

He was predeceased by his wife, Bernice Petty McCarroll; a son, Keith R. McCarroll, and a sister, Dolores Sampson.

Surviving are a sister, Verne Oliver of New York, and two brothers, Othello McCarroll of Cranford and the Reverend Bobby McCarroll of Illinois.

Services were held yesterday, Wednesday, November 20, at the Siloam-Hope Presbyterian Church. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

The Nesbitt Funeral Home in Elizabeth was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

November 21, 2002

Roslyn Boerer, B'nai B'rith Member; Was Co-Owner of BZ Fashion Shop

Roslyn Boerer of Westfield died on Tuesday, November 12, at her home.

Born in Newark, she had been a resident of Hillside and Union prior to moving to Westfield 43 years ago.

Mrs. Boerer was co-owner, with her husband, of BZ Fashions, a women's specialty store located in Linden.

She earned a degree in fashion from Pratt Institute in New York City. She was a member of the Organiza-

tion of Rehabilitation through Training; the B'nai B'rith Women and the Sisterhood at Temple Emanu-EL, all of Westfield.

Surviving are her husband, George Boerer, and two daughters, Bonnie Boerer and Nyda Boerer.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, November 14, from the Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union. Interment took place at the Mount Lebanon Cemetery in Iselin.

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DEATH NOTICE

Doris Bryant, Hood College Alumna; Was Active in Westfield Garden Club

Doris Bailey Bryant, 86, of Redding, Conn., died at home on Wednesday, November 13, after a long illness.

Born in Elizabeth on June 19, 1916, daughter of Ralph W. and Nellie West Bailey, Mrs. Bryant was raised in Westfield and was graduated from Westfield High School and Hood College, where she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics. She was the wife of the late William W. Bryant, who died in 1981.

Prior to moving to Redding six years ago, Mrs. Bryant lived in Fitzwilliam, N.H. and had spent every summer of her life on Atlantis Island in Chippewa Bay, N.Y.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and was active in the Westfield Garden Club, the Fitzwilliam Historical Society and the Chippewa Yacht Club.

Surviving are two daughters, Jeanne Bryant Wyland and Susan G. Bryant, both of Redding, Conn.; a son, William W. Bryant, Jr. of Green-

wich, Conn.; three granddaughters, Nancy Bryant Herget of Darien, Conn., Laura Bryant Birchall of Stevenson Ranch, Calif. and Kristin G. Bryant of Greenwich, Conn.; four grandsons, William W. Bryant, 3rd of Fairfield, Conn., Daniel J. Bryant of Stevenson Ranch, Calif., Douglas E. Bryant of New Canaan, Conn. and William R. Wyland of Redding, Conn., and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Saturday, November 16, at Christ Church of Redding, Conn., with the Reverend Richard R. Wyland officiating. Interment was in the family plot at Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Hammond, N.Y.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Bouton Funeral Home in Georgetown, Conn.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hood College Annual Fund, Hood College, 401 Rosemont Avenue, Frederick, Md. 21701 or to Save the River, 409 Riverside Drive, Clayton, N.Y. 13624.

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Ella M. Herron, 91, Liturgical Deacon; Active In D.A.R. and Children's Home

Ella Marie Herron, 91, of Hockessin, Del. died on Wednesday, November 13, at the Franciscan Eldercare Center in Hockessin.

Born in Meadville, Pa., the daughter of the late William V. and Clyda Ellis Stearns, she had lived in Buffalo, N.Y. and Wilmington, Del. before moving to Hockessin.

Mrs. Herron served as the first woman liturgical deacon at the Parkside Lutheran Church in Buffalo. She was a Past President of the Women of Parkside; a member of the Buffalo Mothers' Club; a board member of the Niagara Lutheran Children's Home and Co-Chairwoman of the Parkside Sunday Evening Club.

She served as regent and New York State visitor for the Abigail Fillmore Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Additionally, she was a member of the Colonial Dames of the XVII Century, New England Women and the National Society of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Herron received the Distinguished Service Medal of the Sons of the American Revolution.

She was predeceased by her husband, Robert Leslie Herron, in 1979; a son, Robert W. Herron, in 1992; a brother, William V. Stearns, Jr., and her sisters, Jeannette S. Robelen and Allene A. Stearns.

Surviving are a daughter, the Reverend Jeanne H. Linderman of Hockessin; seven grandchildren and

17 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held yesterday, Wednesday, November 20, at the Lakeview Cemetery in Jamestown, N.Y.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Homes in New Castle, Del.

Memorial contributions may be made to Parkside Lutheran Church, 2 Wallace Avenue, Buffalo, N.Y. 14214.

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Thea Illene Kluge, 45

Thea Illene Kluge, 45, of Spring Lake died on Thursday, November 14, in the Medicenter of America in Neptune City.

Born in Bayonne, she had lived in Westfield prior to moving to Spring Lake two years ago.

Mrs. Kluge had been employed as a legal assistant for the firm of Michals, Wahl, Silver, Leitner, Tortant DeFazio in Woodbridge for five years before retiring two years ago.

Surviving are her parents, William and Marian Cosmas Michals; a daughter, Adara Michals; a sister, Lauren Michals-Bharadwaj, and a brother, William P. Michals, Jr.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Monday, November 18, at St. Catharine's Roman Catholic Church in Spring Lake.

Arrangements were under the direction of the O'Brien Funeral Home in Wall.

Memorial donations may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 341 W. 38th Street, 10th Floor, N.Y. 10018.

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William F. Higgins, 78, Representative For Oil, Chemical, Atomic Workers

William F. Higgins, 78, of Scotch Plains died on Saturday, November 16, at the Father Hudson House in Elizabeth.

Born in Scranton, Pa., he had been a resident of Iselin for 25 years before relocating to Scotch Plains 28 years ago.

Mr. Higgins had been an international representative of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union in Union for 23 years, retiring in 1990. He had previously worked in maintenance for 25 years at the Reichhold Chemical Company in Elizabeth.

He was a United States Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Higgins was a member of the Old Guard in Westfield.

Anna T. Castellano, 82, Had Worked For Several Companies in Newark

Anna T. Castellano, 82, of Westfield died on Thursday, November 14, at Rahway Hospital in Rahway.

Born in Newark, she had been a resident of North Arlington prior to moving to Westfield.

Mrs. Castellano had been employed as a cafeteria helper at the Howard Savings Bank in Newark before retiring in 1970. Earlier, she had been a supervisor at Fluid Chemical Co. and Tiffany & Co., both in Newark.

She was a member of the Immacu-

late Conception Church Senior Citizens in Newark.

Surviving are her husband, Alphonse Castellano; two sons, John Castellano and Carl Castellano; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral took place on Monday, November 18, from the Megaro Memorial Home in Belleville. A Funeral Mass followed at the Immaculate Conception Church in Newark. Interment was at Glendale Cemetery in Bloomfield.

November 21, 2002

Rose Natale, 75, Belonged to Chapters Of Deborah Hospital and Red Cross

Rose M. Natale, 75, a lifelong resident of Scotch Plains, died on Wednesday, November 13, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Mrs. Natale was a member of the West Mount Chapter of Deborah Hospital and the Plainfield chapter of the American Red Cross.

She was predeceased by her husband, Dominick W. Natale.

Surviving are a daughter, Andrea Hruska; two sons, Dennis Natale and

Dominick Natale; two sisters, Susan Di Francesco and Angelina Filicciolo; two brothers, Nicholas Checchio and Mauro Checchio; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A Mass was offered on Monday, November 18, at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains, following funeral services at the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains. Entombment took place at Somerset Hills Memorial Park in Basking Ridge.

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

November 21, 2002

Rosemary Tweedle, 79

Rosemary Tweedle, 79, formerly of Westfield, died on Monday, November 11, at the Westminster Nursing Facility in Manassas, Va.

Born and raised in Indiana, she had previously lived in Michigan and in Westfield for 23 years. She moved to Manassas in 1993, following her retirement.

Mrs. Tweedle had been a Licensed Practical Nurse for Overlook Hospital in Summit. She had attended Overlook Hospital's School of Nursing.

She was a graduate of Union County College and Kean University, where she received a degree for medical records. She also earned a realtor's license in the State of New Jersey.

Surviving are her husband of 53 years, Frank Tweedle; two sons, Russell Rogers of Milton, Fla. and Allan Tweedle of Garwood; three daughters, Kathleen Dean of Seattle, Wash., Patricia Hull of Woodbridge, Va. and Connie Baker of North Plainfield; a sister, Audrey Morgan of West Point, Ind.; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A memorial Mass was held on Thursday, November 14, at the Manassas Presbyterian Church in Manassas.

The Miller Funeral Home and Crematory in Woodbridge, Va. was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Garwood Fire Department, Liberty Hose Co. No. 1, 415 South Avenue, Garwood 07027.

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