

## Ruth Lester, 71, Registered Nurse; Served Church in Many Capacities

Ruth Lester, 71, of Scotch Plains died on Sunday, October 20, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Newark, she lived in Scotch Plains since 1963.

Mrs. Lester, a registered nurse, worked at Overlook Hospital in Summit and as a private duty nurse for the Summit Nurses Registry.

She was a graduate of the nursing school at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

She was a member of the Mothers Board at the Faith Tabernacle Church in Plainfield, as well as a deaconess, trustee, pastor's aide and facilitator of Christian Education at the church.

Surviving are three daughters, Caryl Ann Smith, Helyne T. Smith and Leslie Lester; a sister, Jewrena Earles; two brothers, Donald Holloway and George Holloway, and two grandchildren.

The funeral took place on Friday, October 25, at the Rose of Sharon Community Church in Plainfield. Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Scotch Plains.

Arrangements were under the direction of Brown's Funeral Home in Plainfield.

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## Miriam A. Little, 91

Miriam A. Little, 91, of Fanwood died on Thursday, October 24, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Mount Airy, she had lived in Pennington and then in Marshalls Creek, Pa. before moving to Fanwood in November 2000.

Mrs. Little had been a cafeteria manager in the Hopewell Township School System for several years. Later, she worked as a cashier at Pennington Market prior to retiring 25 years ago.

She was the oldest living member of the Community Presbyterian Church in Mountainside.

She was predeceased by her husband, Clayton K. Little, in 1965.

Surviving are two daughters, Dolores M. Weber and Vivian E. Perkins; three sons, Clayton K. Little, Jr., Samuel R. Little, Sr. and James S. Little; 15 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 2, at the Community Presbyterian Church.

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

Memorial donations may be made to the Community Presbyterian Church, Deer Path and Meeting House Lane, Mountainside 07091.

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## Eugene McCloskey, 81, Army Veteran; Retired From Post Office in Newark

Eugene J. McCloskey, 81, of Davis, Calif. died on Monday, October 21, in Davis.

Born in Newark, he had been a resident of Scotch Plains for 30 years and Basking Ridge for 18 years before relocating to Davis about a year ago.

Mr. McCloskey had been employed by the United States Post Office in Newark for 46 years prior to retiring in 1988.

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

Surviving are two sons, Eugene D.

McCloskey and John McCloskey; two daughters, Laura Reese and Peggy Appezzato; two brothers, John McCloskey and Thomas McCloskey; a sister, Mary McGovern, and eight grandchildren.

The funeral took place on Saturday, October 26, from the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains. A Mass followed at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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## Robert A. Stalknecht, 79, Accountant; Veteran Was Active In Singing Groups

Robert Allan Stalknecht, 79, of Plainfield died on Sunday, October 27, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Oak Park, Ill., he had lived in Westfield prior to moving to Plainfield in 1950.

Mr. Stalknecht had been an accountant, as well as an insurance recruiter for Traveler's Insurance for 15 years, before his retirement.

Educated through the Westfield Public Schools, he attended Drew University in Madison and Columbia University in New York City. He received a bachelor's degree in business.

He served as a Lieutenant (j.g.) in the United States Navy during World War II.

Mr. Stalknecht coached and umpired many Plainfield Little League teams and games.

A former member of Toastmasters, he was also a member of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing

in America Barber Shop Singers; the Westfield Colonial Chorus and the Rahway Valley Jerseyaires for more than 50 years.

He was predeceased by his wife of 41 years, Charlotte Everett Stalknecht, in 1988.

Surviving are two sons, Robert E. Stalknecht of Massachusetts and Donald Stalknecht of Plainfield, and a brother, David Stalknecht of Willow Street, Pa.

Private cremation and graveside services were arranged by the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Memorial donations may be made to the Plainfield Rescue Squad, 700 West Seventh Street, Plainfield 07060.

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## — Obituaries —

### Helen Arbes, 83, Had Been Employed By E.F. Hutton, L'Oreal Cosmetics

Helen Arbes, 83, of Cary, N.C. died on Thursday, October 24, at Western Wake Miracle Center in Cary.

Born in Elizabeth, she had lived in Westfield for 65 years prior to moving to Cary in 1984.

Miss Arbes had been employed as a secretary for E.F. Hutton Stock Brokers in New York City. She later worked for L'Oreal Cosmetics in Clark for many years.

She was predeceased by her parents, James and Fotina Xanthakos Arbes.

Surviving are three brothers, Stephen Arbes of DePere, Wis., Samuel Arbes of Cary and Spero Arbes of Howell Township.

The funeral service was held yesterday, Wednesday, October 30, at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Westfield. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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

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### Dorothy Santo Salvo Gutierrez, 71, National Starch Executive Secretary

Dorothy Santo Salvo Gutierrez, 71, of Scotch Plains died on Monday, October 21, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

A lifelong resident of Scotch Plains, she also maintained a home at North Beach in Long Beach Island.

Mrs. Gutierrez had been employed as the executive secretary to the President of National Starch in Bridgewater for 35 years, retiring two years ago.

She was predeceased by her husband, Michael L. Gutierrez, in 1993 and by a brother, Thomas J. Santo Salvo, in 1999.

Surviving is her mother, Josephine De Francesco Santo Salvo of Scotch Plains. A Funeral Mass was offered on Friday,

October 25, at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

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

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

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### Shane M. Gannon, 25

Shane M. Gannon, 25, of Scotch Plains died on Wednesday, October 23, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Brooklyn, he was a resident of Scotch Plains since 1981.

Mr. Gannon was employed as a serviceman for Greco Carpet Cleaning in Scotch Plains. Earlier, he had been an installer for the Closet Factory in Fanwood.

He was a member of the J & J Billiard League in Scotch Plains.

He was predeceased by his father, Kevin Gannon.

Surviving are his mother, Maureen E. Gannon; two brothers, Deryk Gannon and Devin Gannon, and his grandparents, Doris McLean and William McLean and Muriel Altman.

A Mass was offered on Monday, October 28, at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains. Interment took place at St. Gertrude's Cemetery in Colonia.

Arrangements were handled by the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains.

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### DEATH NOTICE

#### Dorothy Wolfgang, 89

Wolfgang, Dorothy B., age 89, of Apple Valley Healthcare Center, Apple Valley, Minn., on Saturday, October 19, Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, she lived in Westfield from 1947 to 1963. Preceded in death by her loving husband, Paul. Survived by her daughter, Mary Lou Risley; son, J. Robert (Diane); grandchildren Michael Wolfgang and Katie Wolfgang (Carman Lawrick); great-grandchildren Ashley Wolfgang and C.C. Lawrick. A memorial service was held on Thursday, October 24, 2002 at the Cremation Society of Minnesota in Edina, Minn. Memorials preferred to local Alzheimer's Association chapters.

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### Jean M. Garis, 76, Member of AARP, Women's Association at Local Church

Jean M. Garis, 76, of Westfield died on Thursday, October 24, at the Berkeley Heights Convalescent Center in Berkeley Heights.

Born in Perth Amboy, she was a Westfield resident for the past 34 years.

Miss Garis had worked as a licensed practical nurse for the Cranford Health and Extended Care Center in Cranford for 17 years, retiring in 1991.

She was a past member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, where she also was a member of the church's Women's Association. Miss Garis additionally belonged to the Westfield

Area Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons.

Surviving are two sisters, Dorothy Garis of Westfield and Barbara Echtermann of Barnville, N.Y.

The funeral service took place on Saturday, October 26, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 East Broad Street, Westfield 07090.

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### Marie Guarino, 70, Auxiliary Member; Active With Group Benefiting Children

Marie J. Guarino, 70, of Martinsville died on Tuesday, October 22, at her home.

Born in Brooklyn, she had lived in Scotch Plains prior to moving to Martinsville four years ago.

Mrs. Guarino was a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the JFK Medical Center in Edison, as well as a host mother and fund raiser for Healing the Children in Butler.

Surviving are her husband of 41 years, Dr. Lawrence A. Guarino; four daughters, Lisa Bonaccorso of Clark, Maria Mineo of Branchburg, Teresa Ray of Warren and Tina Guarino of New York; a son, Lawrence Guarino, Jr. of South Plainfield; three brothers, Gennaro Cangiano and Salvatore Cangiano, both of Virginia, and Carmen Cangiano of Florida, and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Saturday, October 26, at the Walter J. Johnson Funeral Home in Clark. A Mass followed at St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church in Clark. Interment took place at St. Gertrude's Cemetery in Colonia.

Memorial donations may be made to Healing the Children, P. O. Box 420, Butler 07405 or to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 1 Kalisa Way, Suite 205, Paramus 07652.

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### DEATH NOTICE

#### Lorraine Colehamer

Lorraine Hazel (nee Ludlow) Colehamer, 79, of Chatham died on Saturday, October 26, 2002 at the Holly Manor Nursing Home in Mendham after a short illness.

Born in Newark, she had lived the past 12 years in Chatham, moving there from Westfield. She had previously lived in Morris Township and Livingston.

Mrs. Colehamer graduated from Beaver College in Pennsylvania, now known as Arcadia University, in 1943 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics.

She had taught Home Economics and Family Living at Theodore Roosevelt Junior High School in West Orange for 25 years, retiring in 1988. Mrs. Colehamer received the Outstanding Teacher Award from the West Orange Board of Education in 1987.

She was active in the Parent Teacher Association, the Women's Club and the Presbyterian Church of Livingston. More recently, she was a member and an Ordained Deacon at the Presbyterian Church in Morristown, where she served on the Board of Presbyterian Women and was a Circle Leader.

She was an active member and officer of Chapter H of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, an international Philanthropic Education Organization.

She was predeceased by her husband, W. Merritt Colehamer, and by a sister, Bernice L. Appert.

Surviving are a daughter, Diane L. Anderson and her husband, the Reverend Dr. John J. Anderson of Morris Township, and her son, Glenn L. Colehamer and his wife, Jennifer Coleson, and their children, Travis and Kierstin, all of Huntington Beach, Calif.

The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, October 31, 2002 at the Presbyterian Church, Park Place, Morristown. Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were handled by the Dangler Funeral Home, 600 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains. Memorial donations may be made to the Commemorative Fund of the Presbyterian Church, South Street, Morristown 07960.

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### Carmelina DiIorio, 84

Carmelina Delmonaco DiIorio, 84, of Raritan died on Saturday, October 26, at Somerset Medical Center.

Born and raised in Pietrucupa, Italy, she came to the United States in 1946, settling in Westfield. She lived in Raritan since 1999.

Mrs. DiIorio had been a seamstress for Hilton Clothiers in Linden for 22 years, retiring in 1983.

She was predeceased by her husband, Felice A. DiIorio, in 1986.

Surviving are a daughter, Aggie Pecoraro of Raritan, and three grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered yesterday, Wednesday, October 30, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Burial 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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### Martha Patterson, 79

Martha C. Patterson, 79, of Scotch Plains died on Monday, October 21, at her home.

Born in Bracey, Va., she was a Scotch Plains resident for 35 years.

Mrs. Patterson had been employed as an inspector for the RCA Corporation in Somerville for 10 years prior to retiring.

She was a member and Past President of the Women's Fellowship Club at the Bethel Baptist Church in Westfield.

She was predeceased by her husband, Lee Patterson, and by a daughter, Lorraine Patterson.

Surviving are four sisters, Virginia Scott, Eleanor Bryant, Isabelle Tisdale and Carrie Mae Hudgins.

The funeral service was held on Thursday, October 24, at the Bethel Baptist Church in Westfield.

The Judkins Colonial Home in Plainfield was in charge of the arrangements.

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