

Dianne Weiss, 91, Hadassah Member; Active With CSH and Yiddish Theater

Dianne Weiss, 91, of Westfield died on Monday, September 16, in Clark. Born in Russia, she had lived in New Bedford, Mass. and Philadelphia prior to moving to Westfield 15 years ago.

Mrs. Weiss was a member of Hadassah in New Jersey and Philadelphia.

She was a choir member at Congregation Ahaveth Israel and was active with the Yiddish Theater and Drama Group, both of Philadelphia.

She additionally served as a volunteer with Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph Weiss, and by a sister, Lillian Odessor.

Surviving are a daughter, Arleen W. Kaplan of Westfield; a sister, Esther Divor of Philadelphia; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, September 18, at the King David Memorial Park in Philadelphia.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Rumpf Funeral Home in Carteret.

Esther Horsburgh, 94

Esther Alpaugh Horsburgh, 94, of Fanwood died on Sunday, September 15, at the Greenbrook Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Green Brook.

Born in Summit, she had lived in Fanwood for many years prior to moving to Greenbrook Manor six months ago.

Mrs. Horsburgh was a longtime member of St. Luke's Reformed Episcopal Church in New Providence.

She was predeceased by her husband, George Horsburgh, in 1990; a sister, Ruth Alpaugh, and a brother, Fred Alpaugh.

Surviving are a niece, Suzanne Sukovich of South Plainfield and a nephew, Robert Alpaugh of Summit, N.Y.

A graveside service was held on Monday, September 23, at Union Cemetery in Califon.

The Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood, was in charge of the arrangements.

Michael E. Dunn, 64

Michael E. Dunn, 64, of Scotch Plains died on Tuesday, September 17, at Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown.

Born in East Orange, he had lived in Irvington prior to moving to Scotch Plains in 1971.

Mr. Dunn, an ironworker, was affiliated with Iron Workers Local No. 11 in Bloomfield for many years, retiring in 1990.

He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and was a member of American Legion Post No. 209 of Scotch Plains.

He was predeceased by a sister, Denise Dunn.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara A. Schaeffer Dunn; a son, Brian M. Dunn; a daughter, Christine A. Dunn, and a brother, Anthony Dunn.

The funeral took place on Friday, September 20, from the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains. A Mass followed at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains. A committal service was held at the Rosehill Crematory in Linden.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 1 Bleeker Street, Millburn 07041.

Richard Pietrucha, 54

Richard L. Pietrucha, 54, of Scotch Plains died on Friday, September 20, at the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home in Menlo Park.

Born in Newark, he lived in Scotch Plains since 1957.

Mr. Pietrucha was most recently employed as a clerk with Warrenville Hardware in Warren.

He was a Staff Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps, having served 15 years of active duty, and was a Vietnam War veteran.

He was a member of American Legion Post No. 209 in Scotch Plains.

He was predeceased by his parents, Louis and Sonia Pietrucha.

Surviving are two sons, David R. Pietrucha and James D. Pietrucha; a brother, Steven C. Pietrucha, and a sister, Lois M. Parker.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, September 24, at the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains. Committal took place at Somerset Hills Memorial Park in Basking Ridge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home, in care of the Reverend Mrs. Linda J. Hora, P.O. Box 3013, Edison 08818-3013.

— Obituaries —

DEATH NOTICE

Patricia J. Fast, 60, Was Comptroller; Had Pursued Genealogical Research

Patricia J. (Harper) Fast was born on June 16, 1942 in Plainfield, N.J., the daughter of Richard Wayne and Mary Jane (McHugh) Harper. She met her husband, David Fast, in New York City while they were both working for Chase Manhattan Bank. They were married on January 2, 1967 in Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey.



Patricia J. Fast

In 1968, they moved to Winston-Salem, N.C., where their children, Spencer and Erin, were born. In 1976, they moved to Basking Ridge, N.J., where they resided until they moved to Olathe, Kan. in 1992.

Pat graduated from Westfield High School in Westfield, N.J. in 1960. She graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1964. For over 20 years, she kept the books for International Military Antiques in Gillette, N.J. and after arriving in the Kansas City area, she served as comptroller for EAT Advertising & Design.

In June of 2000, she ceased her financial work to pursue her true avocation and passion — genealogical research, for others as well as her own family heritage. Always in pursuit of additional information, she made frequent trips to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, as well as to Ireland, her ancestral home. Those who knew her will always remember her twinkling eyes and her merry smile.

She is survived by her husband, David Spencer Fast, of Olathe, Kan.; her son, Spencer Alan Fast and his wife, Kathryn Clar O'Connor, of San Francisco, Calif.; her daughter, Erin McHugh and her husband, John Bernard Kopf, 3rd of Powell, Ohio; her mother, Mary Jane (McHugh) Harper of Toms River, N.J.; her sisters, Mary Sharon Moore of Toms River and Kathleen Anne Thorsen of Blacksburg, Va., and six nieces and nephews.

Interment was held on Monday, September 23, at the Mount Vernon Cemetery in Atchison, Kan. A memorial service followed the interment on Monday at St. Michaels and All Angels Episcopal Church in Mission, Kan.

Another memorial service will take place at noon on Saturday, October 19, 2002 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 140 South Finley Avenue, Basking Ridge, N.J.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made in her memory to the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, P.O. Box 29153, Houston, Tex. 77297, or they may be sent in care of the Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home, 800 Kansas Avenue Atchison, Kan., which is handling the arrangements.

September 26, 2002

Bobbie Jean Speights, Social Worker; Award Recipient Had Helped the Blind

Bobbie Jean Speights of Scotch Plains died on Monday, September 16, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Jacksonville, Fla., she had lived in Newark prior to moving to Scotch Plains.

Ms. Speights had been employed by the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired for 22 years before retiring last year.

While there, she served as preschool vision screener, performing vision screenings at day care centers, and also provided in-service training on blindness prevention to community groups and other social service agencies.

An acting allied supervisor and social worker, she supervised nurses, instructors, social workers and drivers' aides, as well as trained employees. She also conducted case conferences for blind clients.

Earlier in her career, she had been a social worker with the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services in the Foster Home and Adoption Resource Center.

Ms. Speights was the first Founder's Day Chairwoman and the Women's Day Chairwoman of the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in Newark, where she additionally served on the Scholarship Committee and the Department of Christian Education.

She graduated from Jersey City State College and attended Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Fla. and Essex County College in Newark.

She was a member of the Hillside Lioness and served as shop steward for the Communication Workers of America Local No. 1037.

Ms. Speights was also a member of the Education Opportunity Fund Community Advisory Board at Bloomfield College and received its Dedication and Service Award.

She additionally was the recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award from the City of Newark.

Surviving are three daughters, Phyllis Jarrell, Stephanie Smith and Tracy Speights; two sons, Michael Speights and Keith Speights; her mother, Frances Turner; her father, Dr. Henry Speights; a sister, Jackie Wright; four brothers, Henry Speights, Jr., Terry Gray, Perry Gray and Anthony Turner; two stepbrothers, Eric Speights and James Speights; a stepdaughter, Monet Speights; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Saturday, September 21, at the Fellowship Baptist Church.

Arrangements were handled by the Whigham Funeral Home in Newark.

September 26, 2002

Clara M. Gillikin, 77, Lifelong Resident; Parishioner at St. Bartholomew Church

Clara M. Gillikin, 77, a lifelong resident of Scotch Plains, died on Saturday, September 21, at the General Hospital Center in Passaic.

Mrs. Gillikin was a communicant of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

She was predeceased by two sisters, Amalia Di Francesco, Josephine Sanguiliano and Antoinette Dinkel.

Surviving are her husband of 55 years, Roy M. Gillikin; three sons, Michael Gillikin of Toms River, Brian Gillikin of Long Valley and Gerald Gillikin of Scotch Plains; four daughters, Barbara Seiter of Poquoson, Va.,

Department of Christian Education. She graduated from Jersey City State College and attended Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Fla. and Essex County College in Newark.

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Michael P. Siegel, 44, Private Detective; Magician Had Opened For Celebrities

Michael Paul Siegel, 44, of Westfield died at home on his birth day, Sunday, September 22.

Born in Schenectady, N.Y., he lived most of his life in Westfield.

Mr. Siegel was a self-employed private detective with the United States Search Team in Clark for four years. Earlier, he had worked for various detective agencies. He was also a Bail Enforcement Agent.

Most recently, he and his daughter, Jenny, were one of the first father and daughter bounty hunters featured on primetime television.

Also a magician, he was best known for his part in The Mike and Mike Show for more than 20 years. He was the opening act for many celebrities.

Mr. Siegel was a member of the National Association of Bail Enforcement Agents, the International Magicians Society, the Society of American Magicians and the National Bounty Hunters Association, as well as many other organizations.

Educated through the Westfield school district, he also attended the Lackawanna Police Academy in Lackawanna, Pa. As a teenager, he had worked for the Auxiliary and Junior Police in Westfield. He also served on the Cranford, Garwood and Plainfield rescue squads.

Surviving are his wife, Lynn Marie (Clark) Siegel, whom he married on Saturday; two daughters, Michelle Jennifer Siegel of New Brunswick and Jacquelyn Lisa Siegel of Westfield; his mother, Selma Siegel of Lakewood; a brother, Dr. Fred Siegel of Brooklyn; two stepsons, Michael J. Biggs and Brian J. De Cristofaro, both of Westfield; a stepdaughter, Katherine M. Clark, also of Westfield, and a grandson.

The funeral service was held yesterday, Wednesday, September 25, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial donations may be made to The Oceans Of Love (for children with cancer), 1709 Route 37 East, Toms River 08753.

September 26, 2002

Henry W. Nichols, Jr., 78, Attorney; Active With Workers Compensation

Henry W. Nichols, Jr., 78, of Edmond, Okla. died on Thursday, September 12, at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Born and raised in Westfield, he moved to Oklahoma in 1952. He had lived in Oklahoma City before relocating to Edmond in 1968.

Mr. Nichols was a senior partner with the law firm of Looney, Nichols, Johnson and Hayes in Oklahoma City. He served in the United States Army Air Corp during World War II.

He was a graduate of Wesleyan University in Connecticut and the University of Virginia Law School.

Mr. Nichols was a member of the State Workers' Compensation Task Force and chaired the Oklahoma Bar Association's Workers Compensation Committee.

He was recently honored by the Oklahoma County Bar Association for 50 years of service.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Anne Jordan Nichols; his parents, Henry W. Nichols, Sr. and Bertha Bell Nichols; a sister, Anita Nichols Turner, and a son-in-law, Mark M. Kidd.

Surviving are his wife, Yvonne Cravens Nichols; three daughters, Barbara Green of Plano, Tex., Leslie Kidd and Carolyn Lamiell, both of Edmond; a son, Bill Nichols of Edmond; two stepsons, Del Sparger

Ernestine Moore of Fanwood died on Monday, September 16, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Birmingham, Ala., she had lived in Philadelphia prior to moving to Fanwood 33 years ago.

Mrs. Moore had worked at Arista Medical Marketing in Clark before retiring in 2000.

She was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Plainfield, where she served on the Altar Guild, and was also a member of the Democratic Club of Fanwood.

Surviving are her husband, Theodore Moore; two daughters, Carla Y. Thermond of Houston, Tex. and Angela M. Young of Croyston, Pa.; a son, Ivan A. Moore of Pittsburgh, Pa.; three sisters, Ruby Phillips of Lithonia, Ga., Lena Miles of Philadelphia and Margaret Hall of North Fort Myers, Fla., and six grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, September 21, at St. Mark's Church. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were handled by Brown's Funeral Home in Plainfield.

September 26, 2002

Louise Schenck, 93

Louise Schenck, 93, of Westfield died on Saturday, September 21, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Oakville, Ontario, Canada, she had resided in Glen Cove, N.Y. and in Richmond, Va. prior to moving to Westfield five years ago.

She was predeceased by her husband, Harry J. Schenck; a daughter, Nancy Ann Schenck; a sister, Anna McEvoy, and two brothers, Anton Mum and George Mum.

Surviving are many nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. The funeral was held yesterday, Wednesday, September 25, from the Smith and Smith Funeral Home in Springfield. A Mass followed at St. Rose of Lima Church in Short Hills. Interment took place at Hollywood Memorial Park in Union.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Nancy Ann Schenck Memorial Scholarship Fund, Dayton University, Dayton, Ohio 45469.

September 26, 2002

Tillie I. Fantone, 93, Retired Seamstress; Worked For Manufacturers in Manhattan

Tillie I. Fantone, 93, of Linden died on Monday, September 23, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Pesaro, Italy, she had lived in Manhattan, Westfield and Colonia prior to moving to Linden 40 years ago.

Mrs. Fantone had been a seamstress for various garment manufacturers in Manhattan for many years before retiring in 1979. She was a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union in New York City.

She was predeceased by her husband, Fred F. Fantone; a son, Alfred G.

Fantone, and a sister, Malvina Piccolo. Surviving are a daughter, Dorothy A. Kitson, and two grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 9:15 a.m. today, Thursday, September 26, from the Werson Funeral Home in Linden. A Mass will be at 10 a.m. at St. John the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Clark-Linden. Entombment will be at St. Gertrude's Cemetery in Colonia.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Kidney Foundation.

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