

DEATH NOTICE

Louis Teitelbaum, Jr., 81, Family Man; Had Served on Westfield Rescue Squad

Louis Teitelbaum, Jr., 81, of Brick, N.J. died peacefully at his home on Monday, February 7, 2005 after a brief illness.

Born in Elizabeth, N.J. on August 5, 1923 to Miriam and Louis Teitelbaum, Louis was a graduate of Jefferson High School in Elizabeth. He attended the University of Alabama and served in the Navy during World War II in the Pacific Theater. He married Edythe A. Gaedcke in 1950 and they raised two daughters in Westfield, N.J., where they resided for 30 years. Louis and his wife moved to Brick in 1986.

Louis worked for Zenith Corporation in New York City and for Apollo Distributing Company in Cranford, N.J. and Newark, N.J. He was a member of the Brick Presbyterian Church and an active volunteer at Brick Hospital.

Louis was a former member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield and served proudly for many years on the Westfield Rescue Squad. A devoted husband, father and grandfather, Louis was a friend to all who crossed his path and enjoyed nothing more than helping people. Louis was happiest around animals, on the beach or lounging at the pool in Seaview Village, where he resided. No matter

where he went he was always surrounded by friends and people he cared about.

Louis is survived by his daughter Lynne Coutts, her husband, Douglas, and their two sons, Evan and Lyle, of Dhaka, Bangladesh and his daughter Jeanne Conner, her husband, Anthony, and their son Daniel and daughter Jillian of Bennington, Vt.

He was predeceased by his wife, Edythe, and his brother, Arthur.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Louis Teitelbaum's memory can be made to Care Alternatives, 70 Jackson Drive, Suite 200, Cranford, N.J. 07016, an organization providing hospice care and support, or the Jersey Shore Animal Center, 185 Brick Boulevard, Brick, N.J. 08723.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 26, 2005 at the Brick Presbyterian Church, 111 Drum Point Road, Brick, N.J. Interment will follow the service at the Revolutionary War Cemetery on Mountain Avenue, which is located next to The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

The Weatherhead Young Funeral Home of Brick is in charge of the arrangements.

February 17, 2005

Anna Bodziuch, 81, BOE Employee; Member of Polish Women's Alliance

Anna Gaska Bodziuch, 81, of Phillipsburg died on Wednesday, February 9, at Easton Hospital in Easton, Pa.

Born in Newark, she had lived in the Vailsburg section of Newark before relocating to Fanwood in 1981. She moved from Fanwood to Phillipsburg in 2001.

Mrs. Bodziuch had been employed in cafeteria services with the Newark Board of Education for 15 years prior to retiring 11 years ago. She formerly worked for RCA in Harrison for over 25 years.

She was a longtime member of the Polish Women's Alliance in

Bridgewater.

She was predeceased by her husband, Casmir J. Bodziuch, in 1998.

Surviving are two daughters, Carolyn Annicchiarico-Bodziuch and Janet Johnson; three grandchildren and a great-grandson.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, February 12, at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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

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Barbara Berish, 62, Had Taught Braille; Worked With Special Education Pupils

Barbara West Berish, 62, of Fanwood died on Monday, February 14, at Father Hudson House in Elizabeth.

Born in Glen Ridge, she had lived in Cranford and then in Basking Ridge before moving to Fanwood 15 years ago.

A registered nurse and special education teacher, Mrs. Berish had been employed by the New Jersey Commission for the Blind prior to retiring. She had also been employed by the Matheny Special Education School in Peapack, working with children who had severe cerebral palsy and were blind and/or deaf.

Mrs. Berish had also taught Braille and brailled for the Library of Congress.

Surviving are her mother, Dorothy West of Fanwood; a sister, Dorothy

Shellenberger of Ringoes and Marco Island, Fla., and a brother, William West of Costa Mesa, Calif.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, February 18, at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Terrill Road Bible Chapel (for mission work), 535 Terrill Road, Fanwood 07023.

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Prayer to

The Blessed Virgin

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN: (Never known to fail) Oh most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of heaven. Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me show me herein, you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3X). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for the things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. The person must say this prayer three consecutive days. After three days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted. K.O.

Obituaries

DEATH NOTICE

Charles Matino, 2nd, 86, Loved Family; Named to WHS Boosters Hall of Fame

Charles R. Matino, 2nd, a lifelong resident of Westfield, died on Thursday, February 10, at the age of 86.

He was born October 11, 1918 in his family's house on Downer Street. His parents, Charles and Francesca, were born in Italy and immigrated to the United States in the early 1900s.

Coming from a poor family, he shined shoes or did whatever odd jobs he could find to give money to his mother to help support their family. He spent his leisure time at the Westfield YMCA, earning the All Around Boys Athletic Championship for 1935-36.

His country called him to duty in 1942 and he served in England as a Sergeant in the Air Force during World War II. In 1945, he was honorably discharged and returned to the United States where he married his sweetheart, Edith Calderone.

He started "Charles Matino Trucking" in 1948 and successfully ran his business for 32 years before turning it over to his sons in 1980.

Over the last 25 years, he kept active in numerous ways, ranging from helping his sons with their businesses to selling wristwatches to making the best pizza many have ever tasted.

He was well known in Westfield, coaching his children's Little League teams and attending numerous events

when his children and friends participated.

He supported Westfield High School athletics his whole life and was involved in the Booster Club for 35 years. Although he was famous for his pizza, he also was well known for providing wood for the Thanksgiving bonfire and making clams at the annual booster picnic. In 2004, he was inducted into the Westfield High School Boosters Hall of Fame.

A patriarch to all who knew him, he was a genuine person whose greatest happiness in life was spending time with his family. Although he had many quotes, his favorite was "The secret to living, is giving."

Charles is survived by his wife, Edith; children Charles, James, Peter, Lisa Keys and Louis, and grandchildren Charles Jason, Michael, Caitlin, William, Paul, Christina, James Cameron, Cole, and Ava.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Monday, February 14, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

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

Memorial donations may be made to the Westfield Rescue Squad or the Westfield High School Boosters Club.

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Charles Matino

Muriel Whelan, 87, Was Bank Secretary; Former President of Senior Citizens Club

Muriel C. Whelan, 87, of Westfield died on Wednesday, February 9, at the Westfield Center-Genesis ElderCare in Westfield.

Born in New York City, she lived in Westfield for most of her life.

Mrs. Whelan had been a secretary at the First National Bank in Westfield for many years before retiring in 1982.

She also was a former president of the Westfield Senior Citizens Club. She was predeceased by her hus-

band, Harry Whelan, in 1970.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held on Monday, February 14, at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Westfield Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 356, Westfield 07091.

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Catherine's Closet Requests Donations of Prom Gowns

COUNTY - For the fourth year, the non-profit organization Catherine's Closet Inc. is collecting new and gently-used prom gowns, shoes and bags for girls who cannot afford them.

The organization is dedicated to the memory of Catherine Johnson, a local high school student who was active at her school and in the community. She died in a hit and run automobile accident in January 2002.

The prom night items will be given away on Saturday, April 16, at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark, where the ballroom will be filled with racks featuring designer dresses from Vera Wang, Giorgio Armani, Ralph Lauren and Jessica McClintock, among others.

No questions will be asked and every high school senior who comes to the hotel will get a dress. This year there will be an emphasis on community service.

The drop-off points for clean, modern, age-appropriate gowns (on a hanger), through Friday, March 18, are as follows:

Westfield High School (main office), 550 Dorian Road in Westfield. Jonathan Dayton High School (main office), 155 Mountain Avenue in Springfield.

Westfield Service League Thrift Shop, 114 Elmer Street, Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. only.

Additionally, Catherine's Closet needs volunteers to sort gowns before the give-away and on the day of the give-away on April 16 at the Robert Treat Hotel.

Anyone wishing to volunteer or donate a dress may call Darlene Finne at (908) 232-0751 or Sandy Kessler at (973) 616-2060.

Interested persons also are invited to visit www.catherinescloset.org on the Internet.

UC Engineers Group To Meet February 22

MOUNTAINSIDE - Professional Engineers of Union County (PESUC) Vice President Mike Ernst will lead a program based on the National Society of Professional Engineers' Milton F. Lunch ethics case contest at the PESUC's Tuesday, February 22 meeting.

The case was a real situation about website sales for sealing documents. The case and contest rules were mailed nationwide a month or two ago to all state, chapter and practice officers. The case was mailed to all PESUC members for the February 22 event.

The meeting will be held at L'Affaire Catering, Route 22, East, in Mountainside. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. with a cash bar. Dinner, at a cost of \$20, will be served at 7 p.m.

Members planning to attend are asked to respond to marcwpe@waage.com or to call (908) 245-9363.

See it all on the Web!
www.goleader.com

Gertrude H. Meeker, 94, Was Teacher; Active In Church and Local Groups

Gertrude H. Meeker, 94, of Freehold died on Monday, February 14, at the Centra State Medical Center in Freehold.

Born in Dunellen, she had lived in Westfield for 54 years before relocating to Freehold in 1999.

She graduated from Roselle High School in 1929 and Newark Normal School in 1932.

Beginning her teaching career in a one-room school in Warren Township, Mrs. Meeker later taught second grade in Roselle for many years. She then spent over 30 years at Wilson Elementary School in Westfield, teaching first grade, and retired in 1979.

She was a member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, the Gardeniers Fort Nightly Club of Westfield, and various bridge groups. Mrs. Meeker also was active with the Westfield Elementary Schools Retired Teachers Group (WRIP) and Applewood Estates where she lived.

She was predeceased by her husbands, Howard D. Little, in 1991, and Richard E. Meeker, in 1987.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara Johnson; a son, Bradley Little; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, February 18, in the Chapel of The Presbyterian Church

in Westfield. Burial will be private. Arrangements are by the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

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Michele Takats, 37

Michele Takats, 37, of Scotch Plains died on Wednesday, February 9, at her residence.

Born in Queens, N.Y., she lived in Scotch Plains for the last five years.

Mrs. Takats was a graphics designer for Pace Inc. in Parsippany. She graduated from the State University of New York at Stony Brook with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts.

Surviving are her husband, Paul Takats; a son, Dylan J. Takats of Scotch Plains; her mother, Provi Callahan of Union; two sisters, Diana Riolo of Riverside, Conn., and Julie Rockhold of Wayne, Pa., and a brother, Glenn Callahan of New York City.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 12, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. Burial was private.

Memorial donations may be made to: Jane Weyl, Development Office at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, 633 Third Avenue, 28th floor, New York, N.Y. 10017.

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Mildred H. Menzie, 77, Was Employed As Executive Secretary By Local BOE

Mildred H. Menzie, 77, of Sarasota, Fla. died on Wednesday, February 9, at Sarasota Memorial Hospital in Sarasota.

Born in Newark on March 9, 1927, she had lived in Westfield before moving to Sarasota in 1994.

Mrs. Menzie had been employed by the Westfield Board of Education as an executive secretary prior to retiring, and was a member of the New Jersey Education Association.

She was a member of the Incarnation Catholic Church in Sarasota.

Surviving are her husband of 58 years, Arthur J. Menzie, Jr.; a daughter, Helen Higgins of Sarasota; two sons, Steven Menzie of Springfield and Michael Menzie of Belmont, Mass., and seven grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Saturday, February 12, at the Incarnation Church. Burial followed at Palms Memorial Park in Sarasota.

Arrangements were by the Palms Funeral Home in Sarasota.

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Community/County News**LEARN Program to Focus On Total Joint Replacement**

SCOTCH PLAINS - LEARN (League for Educational Advancement for Registered Nurses) will offer an educational program for Registered Nurses and guests called "Caring for the Patient Undergoing Total Joint Replacement (TJR)."

The two-hour program will be held on Monday, February 28, at 7:45 p.m. at the Parish House of the All Saints' Episcopal Church, 559 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Irene Schaefer, an Orthopaedic Nurse Certified and Clinical Nurse Specialist with Overlook Hospital/Atlantic Health System, will be the guest speaker.

Participants will have an opportunity to review the anatomy and physiology of normal and arthritic hip and knee joints.

Additionally, the differences between cemented and non-cemented prostheses, as well as identification of the best nursing practices, will be presented. Identification of the best nursing practices in the immediate post-operative period will be discussed.

A not-for-profit professional organization for New Jersey Registered Nurses, LEARN offers eight programs per academic year on current nursing topics.

Each program provides Continuing Education Contact Hours through the New Jersey State Nurses Association, accredited as an approver of Continuing Education in Nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. This program has been approved for 2.4 Contact Hours.

In addition, for school nurses, the New Jersey Department of Education, Professional Standards Board, has granted this program Professional Development Hours.

Annual LEARN membership for Registered Nurses is \$40. Interested persons may attend at a guest fee of \$10 per program. The next program, on Monday, March 28, will be "New Technologies in Wound Care."

For more information, please write to: LEARN, P.O. Box 6, Scotch Plains 07076, or call Betty, Program Coordinator, at (908) 272-7239 or Beth, Membership Chairwoman, at (908) 754-9499.

Dolores Graves to Be Feted At March Retirement Party

WESTFIELD - Family, friends and former students will host a retirement party on Saturday, March 12, at The Westwood in Garwood for Dolores Graves.

Mrs. Graves recently retired after 39 years as director and owner, with her husband, Harry Graves, of Lorey's Day Care Center in Westfield. The center closed on December 23, 2004.

While expecting her eighth child in 1966, Mrs. Graves decided to take care of children until she was able to go back to work. She never returned to her former occupation. Instead, she advanced her education and received the necessary credentials to operate a day care center.

Since it first opened, hundreds of children attended the center, which was a state-licensed school.

Many of the students went on to become teachers, doctors, attorneys and members of other professions.

All of Mrs. Graves' own children, as well as the younger brother she raised, had the opportunity to attend college. Most of her children are in supervisory/administrative positions in the educational, medical, business and technological fields.

Mrs. Graves' husband built their ranch-style home in 1963 and, as the day care center grew, he eventually converted the lower level to meet all building code specifications for a day care center. Many of the Graves' children and grandchildren worked in the family business over the years.

For ticket information regarding the retirement party, please call (908) 232-0219 or (216) 767-0929.



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