

DEATH NOTICE

Frances Macrae, 100, Had Been Owner Of Area Delicatessen and Gift Shop

Frances Macrae died peacefully on Saturday, January 8, at the Kingsland Health Care Center in Kingsland, Tex. She was 100 years old.

Born in Irvington on May 14, 1904, she lived in Westfield before moving to Horseshoe Bay, Tex., in 1997.

In 1939, Frances and her late husband, Walter, became entrepreneurs engaged in the operation of their own delicatessen in Newark. She worked as a telephone operator for Bell Telephone for several years, and after that, she and her husband owned and operated Macrae Gifts in East Orange. She had been a receptionist for Ingersoll-Rand in Newark before retiring in 1969.

She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Frances was predeceased by her husband, Walter L. Macrae, and by

her son, Walter A. Macrae.

She is survived by her son, Robert L. Macrae, and his wife, Shirley, of Horseshoe Bay, Tex., and her daughter-in-law, Kay Macrae of Westfield; her sisters, Eva Armstrong, Minnie Burns and Elizabeth Fritz; her grandchildren Scott, Craig, Tim and Keith Macrae, Barbara Gail Toomes, Nancy Lynn Anderson and Kim Otto; 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

A funeral service was held at the Bradley, Smith and Smith Funeral Home in Springfield on Saturday, January 15. Entombment followed at Hollywood Memorial Park in Union.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in Frances' memory to a hospice or favorite charity.

DEATH NOTICE

Robert Liana, Sr., 79, Business Owner; Helped Liberate Concentration Camp

Robert J. Liana, Sr., 79, of Pennington died in Princeton on Tuesday, January 11.

Born in Plainfield, he had been a resident of Pennington for 40 years.

His parents had emigrated from Poland, eventually moving to Scotch Plains, where Mr. Liana later graduated from high school in 1944.

A World War II veteran, he was a member of the last active United States Cavalry. He single-handedly captured many German POWs and his regiment liberated the Birkenau concentration camp. Mr. Liana arrived in France during the Battle of the Bulge and drove the first gasoline truck across the pontoon bridge at Remagen.

Mr. Liana was a member of American Legion Post No. 209 and was a volunteer fireman in Scotch Plains for 10 years.

He later attended Union College in Cranford and was the co-founder and President of Custom Country Builders in Pennington.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Betty Loeffler Liana; a daughter, Gail Marie Thompson of Pennington; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert J. Jr. and Petra Liana of Stockton; four grandchildren, Courtney and Victoria Thompson and Dennis and Kevin Liana, and many nieces and nephews.

Private family services were held. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Memorial and Honor Program, P.O. Box 1132, Fairfax, Va. 22038-1132. Arrangements were by the Blackwell Memorial Home in Pennington.

Laurence Beekman, Jr., 90, Salesman; Was Army Major In World War II

Laurence S. Beekman, Jr., 90, of Westfield died on Wednesday, January 12, at his residence.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., he lived in Westfield since 1930.

Mr. Beekman had been a textile salesman for J.P. Stevens in New York City for 37 years, retiring in 1977.

He served in the United States Army during World War II as a Major in the South Pacific.

He was an elder of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield and a member of the church's Over 50 Year Club.

Mr. Beekman graduated from Rutgers University in 1937 with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

He was predeceased by his wife, Hope Lukens Beekman, in 1996, and by a grandson, Matthew Beekman.

Surviving are a daughter, Diane H. Smice of Loveland, Colo.; a son, Robert L. Beekman of Deltona, Fla.; a sister, Betty Peterson of Westfield,

and a grandson.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, January 18, at the Chapel of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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

Memorial donations may be made to the Center for Hope Hospice, 1900 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains 07076 or The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Avenue, Westfield 07090.

January 20, 2005

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. A.M.P.

Obituaries

DEATH NOTICE

Elinor Gilbert Johnstone, 83, Cherished By Her Loving Family and Many Friends

Elinor Gilbert Johnstone, 83, beloved mother, grandmother and friend, passed away suddenly and peacefully at her home in Stuart, Fla. on Wednesday, January 12.

Born in Lynn, Mass., she was raised in nearby Rowley, Mass. and graduated from Manning High School in Ipswich, Mass. It was there that she met her husband, Donald E. Gilbert, with whom she shared many wonderful years in New England, Westfield, and finally in Toronto, where he died suddenly in 1965.

In 1970 she married another remarkable man, Irvine B. Johnstone, Jr., and they enjoyed time together in Mountainside before moving to Cape Cod and ultimately to Stuart, where he passed away in 1995. She stayed on in Stuart and continued to feel joy from her membership at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Stuart, her many friends, and the many family members who visited often.

She is survived by her sons, Donald E. Gilbert, Jr. of Houston, Tex. and Robert T. Gilbert of San Francisco, Calif., and her stepchildren, I. Blakely Johnstone, 3rd of Tewkesbury, Ruth

Ann Stewart of West Chester, Pa. and Colby Andersen of Ellicott City, Md. In addition, she leaves her beloved grandchildren, Jennifer A. Gilbert, Donald E. Gilbert, 3rd, Nicholas L. Gilbert, Alexander G. Gilbert, Kaitlin C. Johnstone, Blake Johnstone, Jeffrey Stewart, Ryan Stewart, Lindsay Stewart, Melissa Andersen and Michael Andersen, and her niece, Cynthia Donnelly. She brought light into the lives of many and will be sorely missed.

A Service of Holy Communion was celebrated in her honor at 2 p.m. on Monday, January 17, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Stuart. A reception followed at the community clubhouse at her residence. Donations to the Memorial Fund at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 623 SE Ocean Boulevard, Stuart, Fla. 34994 are encouraged.

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Christopher Richey, 51

Christopher C. Richey, 51, of Bayonne died on Sunday, January 9, at his residence.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he grew up in Scotch Plains and also had lived in Westfield before moving to Bayonne four years ago.

Mr. Richey had been a Production Supervisor for Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceuticals in New Brunswick for 19 years, working until 1995.

He earned an Associate's degree in Public Administration from Union County College, and later graduated from Upsilon College in East Orange with a bachelor's degree in marketing.

Surviving are a daughter, Melissa Richey of Westfield; his father, Robert Richey of New Brunswick; three brothers, David Richey and Noel Richey, both of Germantown, Md., and Chet Richey of Bayonne, and two sisters, Tara Roessle of Elizabeth and Amanda Richey of Bayonne.

A memorial service was held on Friday, January 14, at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield. Burial was private.

Arrangements were by the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

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Dr. Sidney R. Winett, 90, Was Dentist; Founding Member of Temple Emanu-El

Dr. Sidney R. Winett, 90, of Seaville died on Monday, December 27, at Shore Memorial Hospital in Somers Point.

Born in Yonkers, N.Y., the son of the late Morris and Hannah Winett, he had lived in Westfield, Cranford, Scotch Plains and Plainfield for more than 20 years before moving to Seaville in 1991.

Dr. Winett graduated from James Monroe High School in the Bronx, N.Y. in 1930, from New York University in 1934 and the Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery in 1938. He practiced dentistry in New York and New

Jersey for 54 years.

He served as a United States Army Captain in the Pacific during World War II and was active with the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Dr. Winett also was a founding member of Temple Emanu-El in Westfield.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth Winett; a daughter, Heather Winett of Philadelphia, Pa., and a son, Michael Winett of Beltsville, Md.

Burial took place at Beth Israel Cemetery in Woodbridge under the direction of the Goldstein Funeral Chapel, Inc. in Edison.

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Nature Club Posts Meeting, Delaware Water Gap Trip

MOUNTAINSIDE – On Tuesday, February 1, at 7:30 p.m., the Greater Watchung Nature Club will meet in the courtroom of the Mountainside Municipal Building, located off of New Providence Road just prior to the traffic light on Route 22.

Captain Bill Sheehan will present a program entitled "A Virtual Tour of the Hackensack River Watershed." This program will feature scenery and wildlife photographs and will illustrate the unique ecological qualities of this urbanized watershed from

Rockland County to Newark Bay.

On Saturday, February 5, a trip is planned to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to explore the rivers and ridges in New Jersey and Pennsylvania for eagles and hawks.

Participants will meet at the southside Fanwood train station at 8 a.m. for carpooling. Joyce Payeur will lead the group and may be reached at (908) 647-2308. Guests are always welcome at club meetings and on trips.

DEATH NOTICE

Charlotte B. Gregory, 91, Had Been Secretary For Westfield School System

Charlotte B. Gregory, 91, died on Thursday, January 13, 2005 at the residence of her son in Salisbury, Md.

Born in Elizabeth, she grew up in Cranford. She had resided in Westfield for 30 years, and then in Whippany, before moving near her daughter in Basking Ridge, where she lived for 11 years. She relocated to Salisbury five years ago with her son.

A graduate of the Katharine Gibbs School, Charlotte was an executive secretary for National Geographic and then Chubb Insurance companies in New York City. She later was an executive secretary for the Westfield school system and last worked for Jefferson Elementary School for 10 years, retiring in 1967.

She was predeceased by her loving husband, Thomas Gregory, Jr., who died in 1987.

She is survived by a daughter,

Beryl G. Hunter, and son-in-law, John Bradley Hunter of Basking Ridge; a son, Thomas Gregory, 3rd, and daughter-in-law, Lenore S. Gregory of Salisbury, Md., and six grandchildren, Timothy, Matthew Thomas, Caroline, Tom Kendall, Shelly and Todd Steven.

Private burial was held at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield under the direction of the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 22, at the Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church in Liberty Corner, where she was a member.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to The Coastal Hospice and Home Care, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, Md. 21802 or the Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church, Church Street, Liberty Corner, N.J. 07938.

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Dr. Lawrence R. Gibson, Oral Surgeon; Was Avid Golfer at Echo Lake Club

Dr. Lawrence R. Gibson of Westfield died on Tuesday, January 11.

Born in Long Island City, N.Y., he resided in Westfield since 1982. He was an oral and maxillofacial surgeon with offices in both Westfield and Sparta.

A graduate of Hofstra University, NYU Dental School and the New York Hospital/Cornell Medical School with an oral surgery specialization, Dr. Gibson was on staff at Overlook Hospital in Summit, Morristown Memorial Hospital and Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

Larry also was very involved in the Evangelical Baptist Church of Springfield, N.J. and the Westfield community, and was a member of the Westfield Rotary. He also was a



Dr. Lawrence R. Gibson

member of the American Dental Society, the American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, the New Jersey Dental Society and Delta Sigma Delta, an international dental fraternity.

As a member of Echo Lake Country Club, Larry was an enthusiastic golfer.

Larry is predeceased by his father, Lewis H. Gibson. He is survived by his wife, Janet, a former teacher at Franklin School in Westfield; his son, Brad; his mother, LaFern Gibson, and his sisters, Sandy Perrin and Pat Bowditch.

A college education fund has been established for Brad. Contributions may be made to Wachovia Securities and mailed to: 190 River Road, Summit, N.J. 07901, Attention: Robert Bezzone.

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Community/Area News



GARDEN AMBIANCE...Louise Shepnew, President of the Westfield Garden Club, presents a certificate to owner Tim Boyle of the Northside Trattoria. The restaurant was named one of six winners of the club's "Random Acts of Beauty" project for 2004. Located at 16 Prospect Street in Westfield, the eatery was honored for its outdoor dining section, which is enhanced with plantings.

Westfield Garden Club Honors Local Beautification Efforts

WESTFIELD – A major project of the Westfield Garden Club in 2004 was "Random Acts of Beauty," the objective of which was to recognize and thank merchants in the area for their efforts to beautify their surroundings. The six winners were as follows:

Williams Nursery and Gift House, which planted and maintains the urns at the Mindowaskin overlook.

Restaurant 89, for providing an attractive seating area outside the restaurant, located at the corner of Mountain Avenue and New Providence Road.

The James Ward Mansion, 169 East Broad Street, which features hanging

baskets during the warmer months of the year.

The Dharma Center for Healing Arts, 208 Lenox Avenue, for the plantings at its entrance to welcome patients.

Northside Trattoria, 16 Prospect Street, which provides outdoor dining within a well-planned arrangement of potted plants.

Kirkwood and Gachko, a law firm at 319 Lenox Avenue, for the carefully planted and maintained borders in front of the office.

Plans call for a continuation of the Random Acts of Beauty Project in 2005. A review of nominated spaces will take place in July and August. The Westfield Garden Club is a member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and the Central Atlantic Region.

Meeting Date Changed For Library Trustees

FANWOOD – The date for the February meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Fanwood Memorial Library has been changed from Monday, February 14, to Wednesday, February 16, at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting will take place at the library, located at North Avenue and Tiltonson Road.

Jeffrey Nusse Earns Dean's List Status

WESTFIELD – Coastal Carolina University in Conway, S.C. has reported that Westfield resident Jeffrey Nusse was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2004 semester.

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