

James Burke, 87, Industrial Engineer; Chairman of Joint Civic Committee

James F. Burke, a resident of Westfield for 56 years and also of West Dennis, Mass., passed away peacefully in his sleep early on the morning of Friday, April 29, at the age of 87.



James F. Burke

Born on December 10, 1917 in Hinsdale, Ill., he was raised on Long Island and graduated from Lynbrook High School in 1936. He also graduated from the New York University Hofstra College campus in Hempstead, N.Y., where he was a member of the college's first graduating class.

Jim entered the United States Navy and was honorably discharged in 1943 with the rank of lieutenant, j.g.

DEATH NOTICE

Dorothy Sorf, 91

Dorothy McCann Sorf, 91, of Fanwood died on Wednesday, April 13, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in New York, Mrs. Sorf was a longtime resident of Fanwood and of The Chelsea at Fanwood, an assisted living facility.

She was predeceased by her husband, Edward, and by a son, Richard.

Surviving are a daughter, Lynn Sorf of Fanwood; a son, Robert Sorf, and his wife, Charlotte, of Florida; a grandson, Rick Storm, Jr. and his wife, Jennifer, of South Plainfield; a granddaughter, Rachel Sorf of Florida, and three great-grandchildren, Megan, Savannah and Cody Storm of South Plainfield. In addition to the family, two wonderful friends, Donna M. Dolce of Fanwood and Viola Kohl Rothery of Kenilworth, also survive her.

A memorial Mass will be offered at 7 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, May 6, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

Private arrangements are by the Growney Funeral Home in Hillside. May 5, 2005

Dolores Ackerman, 71

Dolores E. Silver Ackerman, 71, of Westfield died on Monday, May 2, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Jersey City, she lived in Westfield for the last 46 years.

Mrs. Ackerman had been a swim instructor at the Westfield YM/YWCA for many years before retiring 14 years ago.

Surviving are her husband of 48 years, George Ackerman; two daughters, Eileen Hrubik of Bridgewater and Carol Crystal of Point Pleasant; a son, Gary Ackerman of Union; a brother, John Silver of Toms River; a sister, Norma Silver of Sanford, Calif., and four grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, May 5, at Graceland Memorial Park in Kenilworth.

Arrangements are by the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield. May 5, 2005

He spent his career at Sun Oil Company, where he was an industrial engineer, retiring in 1983.

An active participant in the Westfield community, Jim was a member of the Westfield College Men's Club and the Westfield Boosters Association, and constructed scenery for the Westfield Community Players for many years.

He was an initiator and Chairman of the Joint Civic Committee, an organization composed of representatives from all the Westfield community service groups to find talented candidates for the Board of Education. In addition, he was a member of Echo Lake Country Club since 1967 and a communicant of the Church of St. Helen.

He will be remembered by family and friends for his Irish wit and humor, his kind and generous nature, and especially for the deep love and devotion he gave to his family.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Joan T. Burke; his son, Steven J. Burke, Esq., and daughter-in-law, Margaret C. Burke; his daughter, Barbara B. Ball, and son-in-law, Frederick W. Ball; his four grandchildren, Jay, Katherine, Meg and Stefanie; his sister, Helen B. Merclean, and five nieces and nephews.

A private family interment was held on Saturday, April 30, at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at the Church of St. Helen in Westfield at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, May 6.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in his name be made to the Westfield Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 356, Westfield, N.J. 07091, the Westfield Boosters Association or the American Cancer Society of Union County, 507 Westminster Avenue, Elizabeth, N.J. 07208. May 5, 2005

FSO Slates Program On 'Explosive' Child

WESTFIELD - On Tuesday, May 10, the Family Support Organization (FSO) of Union County will host an evening of discussion and support from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for parents of children who display seemingly unprovoked anger in out-of-control tantrums.

The book "The Explosive Child" by Ross W. Greene, Ph.D. will be the resource for this discussion. Wendy Jones, a professional writer and parent, will be the featured speaker. The program will take place at the FSO of Union County's office at 137 Elmer Street.

The discussion will include real and practical suggestions from the book and Ms. Jones' own life experiences. Participants are invited to share their own successes and concerns. For more information, please call (908) 789-7625 and ask for Gail, Kathy or Vickie.

Obituaries

Pamela Giordano, 39, Was Underwriter For Two Area Insurance Companies

Pamela Giordano, 39, of North Plainfield died on Thursday, April 28, at her home.

Born in Elizabeth, she had resided in Scotch Plains and Westfield prior to moving to North Plainfield in 1995.

Mrs. Giordano was employed as an agency management underwriter for the Parkway Insurance Company in Bridgewater. Earlier, she had been an underwriter for the Allstate Insurance Company in Murray Hill and Bridgewater.

She was predeceased by her father, John Zyla. May 5, 2005

Surviving are her husband, Peter A. Giordano, Jr.; her mother, Patricia Zyla; a brother, Mark E. Zyla, and a sister, Karen A. DiPietro.

The funeral was held on Tuesday, May 3, from the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains. A Mass followed at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains. Interment took place at Saint Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia.

Memorial donations may be made to the North Plainfield Rescue Squad, 334 Somerset Street, North Plainfield 07060. May 5, 2005

Nicholas Kamins, 83, Senior Supervisor Of Civil Engineering at Foster-Wheeler

Nicholas T. Kamins, 83, of Westfield died on Tuesday, April 26, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in The Bronx, N.Y., he lived in Westfield for the last 39 years.

Mr. Kamins had been a Senior Supervisor of Civil Engineering for the Foster Wheeler Energy Corporation in Livingston for 26 years before retiring in 1985. After his retirement, he continued as a consultant for 10 years.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology and was a member of the Professional Engineers Association.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Mary F. Mc Innis Kamins; four sons, Michael Kamins of Bernardsville, Peter Kamins of Yardley, Pa., Ted Kamins and Steve Kamins, both of Westfield; a daughter, Kathy Mc Cord of Newark, Del., and nine grandchildren. May 5, 2005

A Funeral Mass was offered on Saturday, April 30, at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church in Garwood. Burial followed at Saint Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. Memorial donations may be made to the Westfield Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 356, Westfield 07091. May 5, 2005

Stephen Andrejek, 91, Was Supervisor; Founding Member at Lady of Lourdes

Stephen Charles Andrejek, 91, of Westfield died on Saturday, April 23, at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights.

He was predeceased by his wife, Agnes Terplan Andrejek.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Linda A. and Anthony Nuzzo of Westfield, and a grandson, Scott Nuzzo.



Stephen Andrejek

Born in Bethlehem, Pa., he had lived in Mountainside and Westfield before moving to Runnells Specialized Hospital in 2002.

Prior to retiring in 1978, Mr. Andrejek had been a Shipping Clerk Supervisor at Bamberger's in Newark for 47 years.

A United States Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2636 in Linden and the 25-Year Club of Bamberger's.

Mr. Andrejek also was a founding parishioner of the Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountainside. May 5, 2005

The funeral was held on Friday, April 29, from the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield. A Funeral Mass followed at the Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, New Jersey Affiliate Memorial Program, 2550 U.S. Highway 1, North Brunswick 08902 or Runnells Specialized Hospital, 40 Watchung Way, Berkeley Heights 07922. May 5, 2005

William Wolff, 52, Was Lab Technician; Active In PAL Baseball and Football

William Wolff, 52, of Scotch Plains died on Tuesday, May 3, at his home.

Born in Elizabeth, he had lived in Roselle and then Westfield before moving to Scotch Plains 25 years ago.

A graduate of Holy Trinity High School in Westfield, Mr. Wolff was employed as a lab technician with International Flavors & Fragrances in Dayton for the past 27 years.

He was active in PAL baseball and football in Scotch Plains.

Surviving are his wife, Donna Smyth Wolff; two sons, Trevor Wolff and Matthew Wolff; his parents, Harry and Gertrude "Pat" Wolff of Juno Beach, Fla.; a brother, Spencer Wolff of Walnut Creek, Calif., and a sister, Leslie Wolff of Buffalo, N.Y. May 5, 2005

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, May 6, at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. Cremation will be private. Visitation will take place from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, May 5, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Scotch Plains PAL, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains 07076. May 5, 2005

Community/Church News

Westfield Memorial Library Plans Programs for Adults

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Memorial Library, located at 550 East Broad Street, will offer a two-session class entitled "Puzzled by the Internet" for adults on Tuesdays, May 10 and 17, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

This hands-on class for beginners will teach participants how to access websites, select a search engine and print material from the Internet.

The library also will host several other programs for adults during the week of May 8 to 15, including two "TGIF" programs.

The first, entitled "In Celebration of Older Americans Month: Senior Resources on the Web" is slated for Friday, May 13, at 1:30 p.m. Individuals will learn how to use some online resources for seniors, their families and caregivers.

The second, "Remembering Earhart and Lindberg," will take place on Friday, May 20, at 1:30 p.m., and will explore two heroes of early aviation.

Finally, "Goodbye Lenin!," an award-winning German film, will be presented at 1 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10.

For more information, or to register for these free programs, please call (908) 789-4090, visit the library's website at www.wmlnj.org, or stop by the library for a copy of its quarterly newsletter.

Terrill Road Baptist To Welcome Singers

SCOTCH PLAINS - "Living Proof," a nationally-known Gospel and ministry group, will appear in concert at 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 15, at the Terrill Road Baptist Church in Scotch Plains.

The singers are associated with "Primary Focus," a Santee, Calif. organization that reaches more than one million elementary school students in 38 states annually through values-based assembly programs.

Terrill Road Baptist is located at 1340 Terrill Road. This concert is free and open to all. A freewill offering will be taken. The Reverend William C. Page is Pastor. For more information, please call (908) 322-7151.



IN BLOOM... Westfield High School Marching Band members Jesse Cohn and Nick Malaspina hold some of the wide variety of plants that will be available at the Mother's Day Plant Sale on Saturday, May 7, at Roosevelt Intermediate School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Edison Intermediate School from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at the Administration Building on the corner of Elm Street and Walnut Avenue from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A wide variety of potted plants, hanging baskets and flats will be available. For more information, please call (908) 654-5966 or (908) 232-4866.

Chocolate Factory at HTIS Directed by Paul O'Connor

WESTFIELD - Approximately 60 students in grades 2 to 8 at Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield staged *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* on April 24.

Paul O'Connor, the play's director, is in his second year as Drama Coach at the school. A graduate of the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University, he has worked in many school districts throughout New Jersey and New York.

The father of six children, Mr. O'Connor stated, "I love working with my actors here at Holy Trinity. The spirit, enthusiasm, and dedication of the students and parents are a very special thing. I hope we can continue well into the future developing the many talented students who work both on stage and behind the scenes."

Mr. O'Connor developed various multidisciplinary arts programs for pupils of all ages and has taught acting, improvisation, conflict-resolution and language arts.

Patricia Gagliardi, a parent at Holy Trinity and a school board member, stated, "We are fortunate to have a director of Mr. O'Connor's caliber and our Letter Carriers Post Date For Food Drive

WESTFIELD - Letter carriers of Westfield and Mountainside will join their colleagues in the National Food Drive on Saturday, May 14.

Patrons wishing to donate non-perishable foods to benefit the local food bank are asked to place these items in their mailboxes, so the carrier may collect them while delivering the mail.

Individuals may also bring their food donations to the lobby of the Westfield Post Office, located at 153 Central Avenue, between noon and 4 p.m. that day.

students have learned a great deal from him."

A past performer at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, Mr. O'Connor is also a member of Actors Equity and Screen Actor's Guild. He is a certified black belt instructor in Aikido and Jujitsu. Much of his professional life has involved working with special needs students, as well as mentally challenged adults in the field of performing arts as a therapeutic tool.

Funding for the play has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment of the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. Part of the funding allows for free play admission for senior citizens.

Parkinson's Group To Meet on Monday

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Parkinson's Disease Support Group will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, May 9, in the lounge of the Parish House at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, located at 140 Mountain Avenue.

Persons with Parkinson's disease and/or their caregivers are invited to attend. Dr. Matthew Menza, a Professor and Vice Chairman of the Psychiatry Department of Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, will provide information about depression in Parkinson's disease.

This meeting is offered free of charge and light refreshments will be served. For more information, please call Lynn Kolterjahn at (908) 232-1416 or the church office at (908) 233-0301.

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