

Nancy Bartolomeo, 55, Was Executive At Merrill Lynch In New York City

Nancy E. Bartolomeo, 55, of Westfield died on Tuesday, March 21, at Overlook Hospital in Summit. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she moved to Westfield many years ago. A graduate of Bishop Raymond Kearney High School in Brooklyn, Mrs. Bartolomeo worked for Merrill Lynch in New York City for the last 36 years, most recently as Vice President of Human Resources. She was active in the Cornerstone Program at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. She was predeceased by her husband, Ralph Bartolomeo, in 1992. Surviving are a son, John Paul Bartolomeo, and a daughter, Diana

Bartolomeo, both of Westfield; her mother, Anna Savarese Butler of Brooklyn, and two brothers, Timothy Butler of New York City and John Butler of Laguna Niguel, Calif. The funeral was held on Saturday, March 25, from the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield. A Mass of Christian Burial followed at St. Helen's Church. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield. Memorial donations may be made to the Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, 525 East 68th Street, New York, N.Y. 10021. March 30, 2006

Glenn S. Wilder, 98, Former Engineer; Was Member of Westfield Glee Club

Glenn S. Wilder, 98, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 15, 2006 at his home in Scottsdale, Ariz. Mr. Wilder was born on November 5, 1907 in Troy, N.Y., the son of John Maryatt and Mabel Safford Wilder. He was educated at Troy schools, graduating from Troy High School in 1925, and received his Civil Engineering degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy in 1929. He moved to Westfield in 1930. Mr. Wilder worked for the Western Union Company as an engineer from 1929 to 1933. He then was employed with the American Cyanamid Company from 1933 until his retirement in 1969, in its Mineral Dressings and Mining Chemicals Divisions. In 1956, he was appointed as managing director of Cyanamid's subsidiary, South African Cyanamid (Proprietary) Limited, residing in Johannesburg for seven-and-a-half

years before returning to Westfield in 1964. For a number of years he was an active member of the Westfield Glee Club. Mr. Wilder married Marion Seaver Fiske, a Westfield native, on August 6, 1938 in Westfield. They moved to Scottsdale in 1970. Mrs. Wilder predeceased her husband in 1993. Surviving are their children, Cornelia "Neal" Newman and her husband, Michael, of Westville, South Africa, John Wilder and his wife, Robbie, of New York City and Dwight Wilder and his wife, Meg Holland, of Somersworth, N.H.; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, March 21, at the Valley Presbyterian Church in Paradise Valley, Ariz. Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield at a time to be arranged by the family. March 30, 2006

Mildred Diddell Curtis, D.A.R. Member; Spent Her Life Preserving Family Farm

Mildred D. Diddell Curtis of New Hackensack, N.Y. died on Sunday, March 19, 2006 at the McCutchen Friends Home in North Plainfield. Born in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., she moved to Westfield in 2004. She worked her entire life preserving the family farm in Dutchess County, N.Y., which originally was established around 1730 by her Dutch and English ancestors. She was active in the Daughters of the American Revolution; her family lines were to soldier John Delamater and to Colonel Jacob Griffin of Fishkill, N.Y. Griffin owned a tavern, which during the Revolution was called the "Rendez-Vous." There, patriots met with George Washington, the Marquis de La Fayette and others to plan the war for independence. Mrs. Diddell Curtis was a 1937 graduate of the Oakwood Friends School in Poughkeepsie and an active member of the Poughkeepsie Junior

League. She belonged to the New Hackensack Reformed Church and later to the Hopewell Reformed Church after becoming married in 1993 to Gregory Curtis, who predeceased her. She is survived by her brother, Joseph J. Diddell, and his wife, Doris S. Diddell, of Wappingers Falls, N.Y.; her nephew Eric W. Diddell, his wife, Julia M. Diddell, and their son, James, of Westfield; her nephew Daro J. Diddell, his wife, Lynn M. Diddell, and their sons, Kevin, David and Trevor, of Eden Prairie, Minn., and her niece Deborah D. Vincent, her husband, Jeffrey R. Vincent, and their son, Jeremy, of Sea Girt, N.J. A memorial service and interment will be held in the late spring at the New Hackensack Reformed Church and cemetery in New Hackensack. Arrangements were by the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. March 30, 2006

Obituaries

Peter A. Benson, Devoted to Family; Enjoyed Golf, Skiing and Fly-Fishing

Peter Allen Benson conquered cancer and joined Our Lord on Tuesday, March 21, 2006. Born in Evanston, Ill. on June 20, 1950, he attended New Trier High School, Winnetka, and Williston Academy (1968), and graduated BSBA and MBA from the University of Denver Business School (1974).



Peter A. Benson

Beginning with EDS, Inc. at BC/BS Denver, Peter worked in financial positions at Hobart Brothers Company in Troy, Ohio and Nutley, N.J. In 1990, Peter became president of Solidstate Controls, Inc. He advised the Columbus Chamber of Commerce Y2K Vision Committee for manufacturing and was a member of numerous professional associations. Peter fulfilled his dream of living on a golf course when the family moved to Orchid, Fla. in 2002. He and his wife, Elizabeth Bravo of Troy,

Ohio met while students at the University of Denver. Peter is survived by Liz and their children, Adrienne, Elizabeth "Liza" and Peter Coleman Benson; a sister, Caryl Christie; brothers George and Kell, and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. He will be remembered most for his love of his family and his many dear friends, golf, skiing and fly-fishing for the rare Golden Trout in Rocky Mountain lakes. A memorial service was held on Sunday, March 26, at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Troy, Ohio. A second memorial service will be held on Friday, April 7, at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Vero Beach, Fla. Condolences and information concerning memorial contributions may be addressed through www.fishercheneyfuneralhome.com. March 30, 2006

Paul R. Murphy, 53, Land Surveyor; Choir Member and Camp Director

Paul R. Murphy, 53, of Fanwood died on Monday, March 27, at his home. Born in New London, Conn., he had lived in Groton, Conn. and in South Plainfield for eight years before moving to Fanwood in 1984. A professional land surveyor, Mr. Murphy was the owner of Singer-Murphy Associates, Inc. in Fanwood. After attending Barrington College in Barrington, R.I., he joined the United States Air Force in 1972. While in the Air Force, he played in the Air Force Band until his discharge in 1977. He was a member of the Millington Baptist Church, where he sang in the choir and was a member of the mission commission; a former member of the Clark Chapel in Clark, and a camp director at Mountainview Bible Camp in Pennsylvania. He sang with New Life Singers for many years.

Surviving are his wife of 33 years, Judy A. Murphy; three daughters, Sarah J. Robertson, Amy J. Sundheim and Lieutenant j.g. Rebekah J. Murphy, USN; two sons, Christopher P. Murphy and Eric R. Murphy; his parents, Paul and June Murphy; a brother, Glen Murphy, and three grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 1, at the Millington Baptist Church, 520 King George Road in Basking Ridge. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, March 31, at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to "Foundation 432," 25 S. Alward Avenue, Basking Ridge, N.J. 07920 for further family needs. March 30, 2006

Wilbur J. Reitze, 93, Exxon Retiree; Former Town Resident Was Golfer

Wilbur Justus "Bill" Reitze, 93, passed away on Thursday, March 16, at the Broadmead Retirement Community in Baltimore, Md. Born July 10, 1912 in Baltimore, he lived in Westfield for more than 30 years before returning to Maryland. Mr. Reitze graduated from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute in 1931 and Johns Hopkins University in 1934. Upon graduation, he joined Esso as an engineer in its Bayway Refinery and later transferred to New York City. He retired from Exxon's Baltimore offices in 1978 as industrial business manager. During World War II, he was a lieutenant colonel in the United States

Army's Transportation Corps, serving as chief of the maintenance division. Mr. Reitze was a member of the Squires Club and the Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield, as well as the Baltimore Country Club, where he enjoyed many happy hours of golf. He was predeceased by his wife, Naoma Henschen Reitze, in 1983. Surviving are his son, David Montgomery Reitze, and his wife, Laura, of Galveston, Tex.; three grandchildren, Christine Mata, Edward Reitze and Blakely Cook, and four great-grandsons. A family memorial service will be held in Houston, Tex. at a later date. March 30, 2006

Helen E. Erwin, 88, Music Enthusiast; Enjoyed Family, Friends and Travel

Helen Elizabeth (Conrad) Erwin, 88, of Durham, N.H. died peacefully on Saturday evening, March 25, 2006, at Portsmouth Regional Hospital after a period of failing health. All of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were present, surrounding her with their love. Born in Limona, Fla. on July 20, 1917, the daughter of Charles A. and Mabel R. Conrad, she grew up in Pennsylvania and was married there to Ralph M. Erwin in 1942. She moved to Massachusetts in 1950 and then to Scotch Plains, N.J. in 1965, residing there until 1972. Helen eventually settled in Westborough, Mass., where she lived for 32 years prior to moving into her daughter's home in Durham, N.H. in 2004. Helen was a very sweet and loving woman who was well known for her beautiful smile and caring nature. She played the piano and had a love of singing and music, including Big Bands, Frank Sinatra and the talents of her children and grandchildren. A lover of cats, reading and Scrabble, she also enjoyed traveling and spending time with her family and friends, who will all greatly miss her. Helen was predeceased by her brother, Donald Conrad. She is survived by her brother Robert E. Conrad of Allentown, Pa.; her loving children and their spouses, Barbara and Joseph T. Coyne of Haymarket, Va., Thomas and Gini Erwin of Westborough, Mass., Virginia Erwin Martin of Durham, N.H. and Richard and Donna Kaye Erwin of Dixville Notch, N.H.; her

six grandchildren; her great-granddaughter and namesake and her former husband. Arrangements are by the Brewitt Funeral Home, 14 Pine Street, Exeter, N.H. Please visit their website at: www.brewittfuneralhome.com for more details and to sign the online guest book. Burial will be in Allentown, Pa. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Seacoast Hospice, 10 Hampton Road, Exeter, N.H. 03833. March 30, 2006

Ida J. Mannino, 82

Ida J. DeBiasio Mannino, 82, of Scotch Plains died on Sunday, March 26, at JFK Medical Center in Edison. Born and raised in Clifton, she moved in 1946 to Westfield, where she lived until relocating to Scotch Plains 10 years ago. A homemaker for most of her life, Mrs. Mannino had worked as a secretary at the Suburban News in Westfield for 12 years before retiring in 1989. She was a communicant of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. She was predeceased by her husband, Thomas Mannino, in 1994 and by a sister, Adeline Agnoli, in 2005. Surviving are a daughter, Marilyn Blom; three sons, Thomas Mannino, Donald Mannino and Daniel Mannino, and four grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, March 30, at St. Helen's Church. Interment will take place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield. Arrangements are by the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105 or to Smile Train, Suite 2201, 245 5th Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016. March 30, 2006

Florence C. Britton, 94

Florence C. Britton, 94, of Mountainside died on Tuesday, March 28, at Overlook Hospital in Summit. Born in Wilkes Barre, Pa. on October 3, 1911, daughter of the late John and Sarah Ellen Donnelly McLaughlin, she lived in Mountainside since 1940. Mrs. Britton had worked as a dietitian at the YMCA in New York City for four years, retiring in 1939 to raise her family. She was a member of the Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountainside and its Rosary Society, the Mountainside Garden Club and the Mountainside Women's Club. She graduated in 1933 from Pratt Institute of Technology in Brooklyn, N.Y. with a degree as a dietitian. Surviving are her husband of 67 years, Josiah A. Britton; six daughters, Mariah Crawford of Plainfield, Maureen Warren of Bethlehem, Pa., Alice Seidel of Oak Island, N.C., Phyllis Weinstein of Mohnton, Pa., Patricia Copp of Scotch Plains and Eleanore Landry of Castle Rock, Colo.; a son, James Britton of Colts Neck; 13 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, March 31, at the Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Wilkes Barre, Pa. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, March 30, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 400 Morris Avenue, Suite 251, Denville, N.J. 07834-1365. March 30, 2006

Filomena Mansueto, 84, Senior Clerk; Was Member of Senior Citizen Groups

Filomena "Minnie" Tango Mansueto, 84, of Westfield died on Tuesday, March 28, at Overlook Hospital in Summit. Born and raised in Newark, she lived in Westfield since 1962. Mrs. Mansueto had been employed as a senior clerk with Bell Labs in Murray Hill before retiring in 1986 after 17 years. She was a member of the Holy Trinity Senior Citizens, the Westfield Senior Citizens and the Golden Age Club of Elizabeth. She was predeceased by her husband, Leopoldo Mansueto, in 1988. Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Rosalie and Tony Pastore and Margie "Lulu" and Bernie

McGhee; a son and daughter-in-law, Leo and Cindy Mansueto; two sisters, Marge Genova and Lena Bonanno; four brothers, Veto Tango, Pat Tango, Mario Tango and Anthony Tango, and eight grandchildren, Kelli, Chris, Julia, Kristin, Michael, Susan, Matthew and Jon. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, March 31, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Burial will take place at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in East Hanover. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, March 30, and tomorrow at 9 a.m. at the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield. March 30, 2006

Carol T. James, 83, Had Been Owner Of Real Estate Agency For 30 Years

Carol T. James, 83, of Westfield died on Wednesday, March 22, at Union Hospital in Union. Born in Kearny, she lived in Westfield since 1958. Mrs. James had been the owner of the James Agency in Westfield, a real estate agency, for 30 years before retiring in 1995. She was predeceased by her husband, Nathaniel James, in 1986 and by a son, Nathaniel James, 3rd, in 1990. Surviving are a son, Richard James; a daughter, Elizabeth Scott; six grand-

children and three great-grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Saturday, March 25, at St. Michael Roman Catholic Church in Cranford. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield. Arrangements were by the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. Memorial donations may be made to the Westfield Rescue Squad, 335 Watterson Street, Westfield, N.J. 07090. March 30, 2006

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