

## Ruth Baker Mills, 92, Avid Gardener; Active In Church, Political, Civic Affairs

Ruth Haviland Baker Mills, 92, passed away quietly on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at Harrogate life care retirement community in Lakewood, N.J.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Baker Mills moved to Rahway at age one and then to Westfield when she was 12. She graduated from the Vail Dean School, then located in Elizabeth.

In 1939 she married Horace Baker, an attorney and Westfield native. Together they were members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield and Echo Lake Country Club and were involved in numerous church, political and civic affairs.

One of her proudest civic accomplishments was her championing the use of adults as school crossing guards, which she made into a reality in the early 1950s and which most communities have since followed suit.

In 1975 Mr. Baker died, and two years later she moved from Westfield to the island community of Nahant on Boston's North Shore where her daughter, Cynthia, lived. Always close to her family, Mrs. Baker Mills doted on her six grandchildren, taking each grandchild on a special trip or cruise with "Grandma," and numerous other trips with all six grandchildren.

Renowned for her green thumb as a gardener, she formed the Nahant Island Beautification Committee. She also was a trustee of a residence for young women, a member of the Cary

St. Club and active in church affairs. In 1996 she married Dr. Stephen Dow Mills, a retired pediatrician. Originally from Westfield, Dr. Mills was Mr. Baker's roommate during their freshman year at Dartmouth. Dr. Mills unexpectedly passed away shortly after their wedding.

In 2000 Mrs. Baker Mills returned to New Jersey to live at Harrogate in Lakewood and be nearer to her family. At Harrogate, she continued her gardening and was involved in various social activities.

Ruth Haviland Baker Mills is survived by her daughter, Cynthia Stone of Christiansburg, Va.; her son, Bruce E. Baker of Westfield; her grandchildren Andrew P. Stone of South Thomaston, Me., Mairi Stone Padgett of Cullowhee, N.C., Leigh Baker Kossick of Ridgewood, N.J., Katherine Baker Skafidas of Warwick, N.Y. and Lauren Jill Baker of Bernardville, N.J., and eight great-grandchildren. One grandson, Robert A. Stone, predeceased her.

Per her wishes, she will be cremated and buried with Horace Baker in the Baker family plot in Westfield's Fairview Cemetery. A graveside ceremony will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of the D'Elia Funeral Home of Lakewood.

April 26, 2007

## Fredrick Disque, Jr., 91, Was Professor; Research and Development Executive

Fredrick C. Disque, Jr., 91, of Newtown Square, Pa. died on Wednesday, April 18, at White Horse Village in Newtown Square.

Born in State College, Pa., he was the son of the late Fredrick C. Disque, Sr. and the late Anna Jean Caldwell Disque.

Mr. Disque received his bachelor and master degrees from the University of Virginia, where he was a member of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity.

A professor of chemistry at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mr. Disque also was vice president of Research and Development for Alpha Metals in Jersey City, N.J. He developed the fluxes used worldwide in the soldering industry.

Mr. Disque was an avid tennis player, golfer and bridge player. He also was an active member of the Presbyterian Church. Most recently, he lived at White Horse Village, where he was on the Religious Committee, active with the computer literacy group and participated in many other activities.

He was the husband of the late

Virginia Dabney Disque.

He is survived by his son, Dr. Fredrick C. Disque, and his wife, Jenny, of Chester Springs, Pa.; his daughter, Susan D. Berkowitz, and her husband, Joe, of Half Moon Bay, Calif.; grandchildren Heather Baum, Emily Hallett, Sarah Disque, Joshua Berkowitz, Sarah Berkowitz Underwood and Katherine Berkowitz; great-grandchildren Charles Hallett, Jackson Hallett, Dabney Baum and Charles Underwood; a brother, William G. Disque, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 21, at White Horse Village in Newtown Square. Interment took place on Sunday, April 22, at the Revolutionary War Cemetery at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Arrangements were by the DellaVecchia, Reilly, Smith and Boyd Funeral Home, Inc. in West Chester, Pa. (610) 696-1181, www.drsh.com.

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## John Forbes, III, 49, WHS Graduate; Was Active With Veterans Groups

John Forbes III, 49, of Washington Township passed away peacefully at home on Monday, April 23.

Born in Birmingham, Ala. on March 30, 1958, he was the son of the late Douglas and Elizabeth Forbes. He previously lived in Westfield and graduated from Westfield High School in 1976.

Mr. Forbes had been employed as an elevator construction worker for 25 years with Schindler Elevator Co. of Morristown before retiring in 2003.

He was of the Catholic faith and enjoyed collecting antiques and Zippo lighters.

He was a member of IUOC Local 1; Pohatcong Memorial VFW Men's Auxiliary Post 6701; Sons of the

American Legion Post 209 in Springfield and the Harley Owners Group (HOG) of New Jersey.

Surviving are his companion, Karen D'Amanda; a sister, Anne Forbes of Springfield; two brothers, Andrew Forbes of Springfield and Malcolm Forbes of Florida; a goddaughter, Samantha, and her brothers, James and John.

Visitation will be Saturday, April 28, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Warren Hills/Ford Memorial Home, 234 West Washington Avenue in Washington. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

To view John's video tribute or send an online condolence, please visit warrenhillsmemorialhome.com.

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## Obituaries

### Sidney K. Bell, 78, Was Electrician; Coast Guard Veteran and Mason

Sidney K. Bell, age 78, of Madison, Conn., beloved husband for 52 years to Eleanor Bell, passed away on Saturday, April 21, 2007.

Born in Staten Island, N.Y., he grew up in Mariners Harbor and graduated from Port Richmond High School.

Mr. Bell served in the Coast Guard and then worked for Proctor and Gamble as an electrician for more than 40 years. An active resident of Madison, Conn. for 11 years, he volunteered at the Senior Citizen Depot and was actively involved with the Madison Senior Commission.

He was a committed leader in the Masonic Temple and Eastern Star, serving throughout his life in various roles, including Worthy Patron and Worshipful Master. Mr. Bell was a previous resident of Scotch Plains, N.J. for 32 years.

He was a devoted husband to Eleanor Bell; loving brother to David

Bell, Joyce Salcines and Jean Bauerlein, and adored father of five daughters, Barbara Bell Hopkins, Susan Bell, Kathy Bell, Claudia Bell and Carol Bell Corcoran, and five grandchildren.

Mr. Bell loved sailing, spending time with his family and assisting others. He enjoyed tinkering with anything that needed fixing.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, April 26, at St. George Church in Guilford, Conn. Burial will immediately follow with military honors at Indian River Cemetery in Clinton, Conn.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Masonic Charity Foundation, P.O. Box 70, Wallingford, Conn. 06492.

The Swan Funeral Home of Madison, Conn. is in charge of the arrangements.

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Sidney K. Bell

## More Community News

### Parade Committee Seeks Marine Corps Veterans

SCOTCH PLAINS - On Monday, May 28, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Memorial Day Parade will pay tribute to American military personnel of all wars who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country.

This year's parade theme is "Semper Paratus - A Special Salute to the United States Marine Corps." The parade will recognize the dedication, commitment and sacrifice of the residents of Scotch Plains and Fanwood who have served and continue to serve in the USMC.

The Parade Committee invites all township and borough residents who are Marine Corps veterans to participate in the 2007 parade. This invitation is extended to all Marines (active duty, retired, discharged) regardless of duty station, including stateside, overseas and combat assignments.

The committee has announced that the Marine Corps Ceremonial Band will participate in this year's parade. Stationed in Albany, Ga., this award-winning band of 50 Marines travels throughout the United

States and internationally to fulfill its mission of serving as musical ambassadors, providing music for military ceremonies, community celebrations, recruiting programs and official events.

USMC veterans who are interested in joining their fellow Marines in the parade are asked to register with the Parade Committee by calling Toni Rollis at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building at (908) 322-6700, extension no. 314. These veterans will march or ride as a group along the parade route.

### Feng Shui Workshops Are Slated In Westfield

WESTFIELD - A Feng Shui (pronounced Fung Shway) workshop will be offered on Thursday, May 3, from 1 to 3 p.m. and Monday, June 4, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Westfield Municipal Building Community Room, located at 425 East Broad Street.

Suzy Minken, a certified Feng Shui consultant, will discuss the key principles of Feng Shui and how people's overall well-being is influenced by their interior space.

Participants will learn how to enrich their lives (both at home and at work) by rearranging their belongings and shifting their "vibrational energy."

Individuals may register at the Westfield Recreation Department in the municipal building Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, please call the recreation department at (908) 789-4080. The fee is \$5 per date.

### Adult School to Offer Homebuyer Session

WESTFIELD - Mywayhome, a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing home ownership through education, will present a workshop at the Westfield Adult School on Monday, April 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. The workshop is designed to help first-time homebuyers navigate through the financial and administrative hurdles of purchasing a home.

The class will be held at Westfield High School, located at 550 Dorian Road in Westfield. There is a \$15 fee and participants can register the night of the class. For more information, call (908) 232-4050.

## Luigi Buoscio, 93, Local Parishioner; Worked For Westfield Post Office

Luigi Buoscio, 93, passed away on Friday, April 20, at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights.

Born in Pietrabbondante, Italy, he came to the United States in 1960 to create a better life for his family, settling in Westfield.

A World War II veteran of the Italian Army, he spent five years on active service and three years as a prisoner of war.

In the United States, Mr. Buoscio worked for Dilorio & Dilorio road contractors of Linden and then for the Westfield Post Office for 15 years.

He was a communicant of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

His beloved wife, Rosa, predeceased him in 1998.

Surviving are three devoted sons, Carmine and his wife, Florence, Antonio and his wife, Josephine, and Nick and his wife, Maria; seven loving grandchildren and 10 beloved

great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Monday, April 23, at the Holy Trinity Church. Entombment took place at Hollywood Memorial Park in Union.

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

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### Nora P. Jacob, 82

Nora P. Jacob, 82, of Westfield died on Thursday, April 19, at her home.

Born in Ontario, Canada, she had lived in Elizabeth for many years before moving to Westfield 28 years ago.

Mrs. Jacob worked at the food program at Westfield Senior Citizen Housing. Previously, she had been an inventory control clerk with the Clark Equipment Co. and a childcare provider for a number of Westfield families. She also was active as a volunteer at Westfield Senior Citizen Housing.

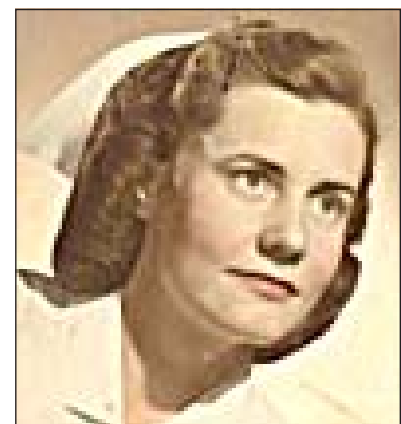
Her husband, Stephen Jacob, predeceased her in 1983.

Surviving are two daughters, Patricia Abdalla and Bonnie Jacob; a sister, Aileen Steranka, and two grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Monday, April 23, at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Interment took place at Graceland Memorial Park in Kenilworth.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Dooley Funeral Home, 218 West North Avenue in Cranford.

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Norma Jane Brynildsen

### Norma J. Brynildsen

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 5, for Norma Jane Brynildsen at the First United Methodist Church, One East Broad Street in Westfield.

Norma died peacefully on Monday, December 11, 2006, in Kirkland, Wash., where she lived close to her daughters, Helen Ambrose and Brenda Brynildsen.

Born in Spring Lake in 1928, she married, lived and raised her five children in Westfield.

A graduate of Avon-by-the-Sea High School and Hackensack School of Nursing, she spent a career as a registered nurse, mother and loving wife of the late Herbert Brynildsen.

Surviving are her five children, Jenny Stary, Brenda Brynildsen, Helen Ambrose, Herbert Brynildsen, Jr. and Bryan Brynildsen; 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests, in lieu of flowers, that donations please be made to Evergreen Hospice, 12040 NE 128th Street, Kirkland, Wash. 98034.

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Jim O'Connor for The Westfield Leader and The Times

I'VE GOT RHYTHM...The Kean University Dance Theatre held performances of Rhythms, Form & Motion two weekends ago at the Wilkins Theater on the Kean campus in Union.

## NJWA Brings the Spirit Of Hawaii to Hula Dance

WESTFIELD - Those looking for an enjoyable way to relieve stress and tension in their lives, in a meaningful and poetic way, are invited to try out a new course to be offered during May by the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts (NJWA).

History shows that hula dancing is not just a dance form, but also a way of life. Its movements tell stories, as they coordinate all the senses. This form of exercise is low impact, yet helps to strengthen the body in a relaxing way.

Hula also can encourage a connecting bond between parent and child, when they dance together, and children can learn to integrate into a group through participation in the class.

The four-session introductory course, for ages seven to adult, will be held on Friday evenings, May 4, 11, 18 and 25. Sessions will last for 45

minutes each.

The 7 p.m. session is encouraged for parent and child, while the 8 p.m. class has been designated for adults. However, interested parties may sign up for either session.

The instructor for the course will be Ofelia Shore, who was trained in Polynesian dancing with the Cora Doloroso Modeling School in the Philippines. She has appeared on television performing Hula, Tahitian and Maori dances.

Tuition for this course is \$60 per student, with a special discount rate of \$45 for a child who enrolls with a parent in the same class. The Hula lessons will be held at the NJWA office on 150-152 East Broad Street in Westfield.

To register, please call the NJWA at (908) 789-9696 for registration information. For more details, log onto njworkshopforthearts.com.

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