

William Dow, 79, Had Been Salesman; Was Member of Fanwood Fire Dept.

William G. Dow, 79, of Basking Ridge died on Thursday, December 13, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he had lived in Fanwood for 44 years before moving to Basking Ridge in 2005.

Mr. Dow was a veteran of World War II, having served in the 2nd Division of the United States Army. He had been employed as a salesman with Young Paint and Varnish prior to retiring in 1993.

He was a longtime member of the Fanwood Fire Department and a member of the Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church in North Plainfield, where he served as a deacon for nine years.

Mr. Dow also was a member of

William E. Stacey, 84

William E. Stacey, 84, a lifelong resident of Garwood, died on Saturday, December 15, at his home.

Born in Garwood on July 6, 1923, Mr. Stacey was a veteran of the United States Army, having served during World War II. He, along with his brother, Richard Stacey, were co-owners of Stacey Auto Body in Garwood for 19 years.

Surviving, in addition to his brother, are his wife, Dorothy Stacey; his stepchildren, Leslie Steeg, Debra Shibe, Robert Gallison and Richard Gallison, and two step-grandchildren.

A stepson, Tom Gallison, predeceased him.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

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Scott D. Geissler, 40

Scott D. Geissler, 40, died on Sunday, December 16, at his residence in Seaside Park.

Born on January 20, 1967 in Summit, he had lived in Scotch Plains and Toms River before moving to Seaside Park six years ago.

Mr. Geissler worked as a plumber for The Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Local 9 in Ocean County. Before that, he was employed with Patriot Plumbing in Toms River. He also worked for many years for Bell Atlantic in Woodbridge.

Surviving are his parents, Donald H. and Leslie A.; his children, Scott D., Katelyn E. and Morgan T. Geissler; two brothers, Jeff K. and Brian D. Geissler; a sister, Kim Fluchel, and his fiancée, Kathleen Collins.

Visitation will be today, Thursday, December 20, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, December 21, at the funeral home, with burial to follow at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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— Obituaries —

Jane Douglas, 80, Head Bank Teller; Was Worthy Matron of Eastern Star

Jane Ann Powers Douglas, 80, of Scotch Plains died on Tuesday, December 11, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born on May 21, 1927 in the Tipperary Hill neighborhood of Syracuse, N.Y., she was the daughter of John and Agnes Powers. She married Ralph Douglas in Syracuse on February 27, 1953 and raised four children, who were her pride and joy.

Moving to many places during her husband's career with GE and Honeywell, Jane enjoyed many activities including following baseball and playing bridge and bingo.

She retired as head bank teller of Harvard Trust in Concord, Mass. in 1982, and she was installed as Worthy Matron of the Camillus, N.Y. chapter of Eastern Star in 1991.

After living in New York, Alabama, Louisiana, Maryland, Arizona and Massachusetts, Jane and her husband, Ralph, retired to the Syracuse area, living in Camillus, N.Y. from 1986 to 1997. They then moved to

Scotch Plains to be close to their younger grandchildren.

Jane was a very giving and generous woman, sharing her home with friends, young and old, in need of a place to stay. She kept her family's history and traditions alive through the stories she told with enthusiasm and humor.

In addition to her husband, Ralph, Jane is survived by her sons, Keith and Paul; her daughter, Barbara, and four grandchildren, Kyle and Lyndsey Douglas and Tony and Jennifer Pignone. She also is survived by two sisters, Mary Korb and Evelyn Barnum, and a brother, Robert Powers.

Her daughter Jacqueline predeceased her.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 15, at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. Interment will take place at Maplewood Cemetery in Camillus, N.Y.

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Jane Powers Douglas

Frank L. Unnold, 87, Budget Director; Former Head of Health Department

Frank Leroy Unnold, 87, died on Sunday, December 16, at home after a long illness.

Born to Leroy F. and Mary Unnold in Brooklyn, N.Y., he had lived in Blauvelt, N.Y. for 18 years and then in Westfield, N.J. for 31 years before moving to the Crystal Springs section of Hardyston Township two-and-a-half years ago.

Mr. Unnold served with the United States Navy during World War II, attaining the rank of lieutenant. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Math from Queens College in New York.

He worked as a budget director for National State Bank, now known as Wachovia Bank in Elizabeth, N.J., for many years before retiring in 1985.

Mr. Unnold also was a member of the Westfield Board of Health for 10 years and served as its president for two years. He was a trustee for Children's Hope Charities and also was a parishioner of St. Jude the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Hamburg.

Mr. Unnold is survived by his wife of 61 years, Regina T. Unnold (nee

Gengler). He also was the devoted father of Robert M. Unnold of Stamford, Conn. and Carolyn Riley of Slate Hill, N.Y.; the loving grandfather of Christine and Nicholas Unnold, Andrew Riley and Alison and her husband, Chris Vreeland, and the dear brother of Norma Barth of Napanoch, N.Y. and Dorothy Vaeth of Seaford, N.Y.

The family will receive their friends today, Thursday, December 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. and tomorrow, Friday, December 21, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Ferguson-Vernon Funeral Home, 241 Route 94, Vernon, N.J.

The funeral will take place from the funeral home on Saturday, December 22, at 9 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at St. Jude the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Hamburg at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Glenwood Cemetery in Vernon.

Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers to Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice, 99 Sparta Avenue, Newton, N.J. 07860 would be appreciated.

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Malcolm 'Mac' Sawhill, 80, Had Been PSE&G Labor Relations Negotiator

Malcolm Campbell Sawhill, also known as Mac, died on Tuesday, December 11, at the age of 80 at Glenside Rehabilitation Center in New Providence.

Born in New York City to the late John Elden Sawhill, M.D. and Helen Josephine Knapp Sawhill, he graduated from Mercersburg Academy in 1944. He served in the United States Navy as a pharmacist mate, earning a Victory Medal.

Following his service in the Navy, Mac attended and graduated from Lehigh University, where he made many lifelong friends. He was united in marriage to Janet Aurora Kohut on December 26, 1953.

Mac and Janet were longtime residents of Westfield and Salem, S.C. He had resided in Florham Park for the past year. The majority of Mac's career was spent at PSE&G in Newark, where he loved every minute of his day.

Mac worked as a labor relations negotiator, a position that suited his personality perfectly. After 30 years at PSE&G, Mac and Janet retired to Salem, S.C., where he enjoyed learning to play golf, honing his skills at poker, boating, reading and visiting old and new friends.

Mac and Janet always looked forward to visits from their children, and especially their grandchildren.

Mac had a lifelong passion for animals, especially dogs. He considered his children's dogs his grandpuppies, and always enjoyed time spent with them.

Mac was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He was predeceased by his wife, Janet, in 2005 and is survived by his children, Susan Sawhill Apito and her husband, Paul, of Glastonbury, Conn.; Nancy Sawhill Tucker and her husband, Bruce, of Madison, N.J. and Malcolm, Jr. and his wife, Kenda, of Auburn, Calif.; two brothers, John Elden Sawhill, Jr. and his wife, Bettina, of Topsham, Me. and Robert Arthur Sawhill and his wife, Margaret, of San Diego, Calif., and four grandchildren, Chelsea and Bryan Andrew Apito and Malcolm III and Quinn Aurora Sawhill.

A memorial service was held yesterday, Wednesday, December 19, at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Arrangements were by the Wm. A. Bradley and Son Funeral Home in Chatham.

Donations in his memory may be made to St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center, 575 Woodland Avenue, Madison, N.J. 07940. To send condolences or for further information, visit www.bradleyfuneralhomes.com.

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John Tighe, Jr., 82, N.Y. State CPA; Volunteer For Pocono Medical Center

John F. "Jack" Tighe, Jr., 82, died on Sunday, December 16, at his home in Bedminster.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he subsequently resided in Staten Island, N.Y., Carteret, Fanwood and Mount Pocono, Pa. before moving to Bedminster in December 2005.

John was a veteran of World War II, having served in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1946. A graduate of Pace University, he was a New York State Certified Public Accountant in both public and private accounting, specializing in taxes, before retiring in 1989.

He and his wife, Lucy, then became volunteers at Pocono Medical Center in East Stroudsburg, Pa., serving from 1989 to 2005, when they moved to Bedminster.

He was predeceased by his son, Robert, on June 14, 1988 and by his sisters, Catherine Haran and Annamarie Laub.

John is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Lucy; his sons, John and his wife, Margo, of Caldwell and Paul and his wife, Catherine, of Bridgewater; a sister, Marguerite

Tighe; six grandchildren, John Daniel Tighe and his wife, Suzanne, of South Portland, Me., Carey Jane Tighe and her husband, David Thornton, of Dallas, Tex., Arielle Alexis, Chelsea Morgan, Dylan Robert and Heather Rose Tighe of Bridgewater, and two great-grandchildren, Laney Starbuck and Elise Marguerite Thornton of Dallas, Tex. He also is survived by three nephews, three great-nephews, one great-great-nephew, two nieces and seven great-nieces.

A Funeral Mass was held yesterday, Wednesday, December 19, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains. Interment followed at Saint Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia.

Arrangements were by the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood.

Memorial contributions in John's memory may be made to Pocono Medical Center Foundation, 206 East Brown Street, East Stroudsburg, Pa. 18301. For additional information, or to express condolences, please visit www.fanwoodmemorial.com.

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Jean Fischer, 73, Was Registered Nurse; Had Later Career as Real Estate Agent

Jean Mae Crickenberger Fischer, 73, a resident of 211 Little River Drive in McCormick, S.C., wife of Louis A. Fischer, died on Thursday, December 13, at the Self Regional Medical Center in McCormick.

Born May 16, 1934 in Mountinside, she was a daughter of the late Robert Luther Crickenberger and Mabel Ruth Vogel Crickenberger Hickel.

Mrs. Fischer had been a Registered Nurse for many years and later worked as a real estate agent before retiring. She was a member of the Lutheran Church By The Lake in McCormick, S.C. and also was a member of the U.S. Power Squadron in McCormick.

Surviving, in addition to her husband of 52 years of the home, are sons David John Fischer and his wife, Valerie, of Hammond, La. and Robert A. Fischer of Orrville, Ohio; daughters Patti J. Wallentine and her husband, John, of Monroe Township, N.J. and Nancy J. Linn and her husband, Carl, of Bucyrus, Ohio; her grandchildren, April Fischer, Linds Fischer, John Wallentine, Linda

Wallentine, Cara Linn, Louis Fischer and Tommy Fischer; her step-grandchildren, Nicholas Linn, Chelsea Linn and Alex Linn, and a step-great-grandchild, Ty Linn.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Crickenberger, and a grandson, James Wallentine.

Graveside funeral services were conducted on Monday, December 17, at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 12, 2008, at the Lutheran Church By The Lake.

Those desiring may make memorials to the Lutheran Church By The Lake Building Fund, 100 Twelve Oaks Drive, Hwy 378, McCormick, S.C. 29835 in memory of Mrs. Fischer.

For additional information and online condolences, please visit www.blythfuneralhome.com.

Blyth Funeral Home and Cremation Services is assisting the Fischer family. Local arrangements are by the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

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Inez Jockers Vincentsen, 94, Was Member Of Service League and St. Paul's Church

Inez Jockers Vincentsen, 94, of Westfield passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 15, at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights, surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Bronxville, N.Y., she was a longtime Westfield resident. She attended Sarah Lawrence College.

Mrs. Vincentsen was a longtime member of the Forest Lake Club in Pennsylvania and the Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield. She also was a member of the Westfield Service League and St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Westfield.

She was the devoted wife of the late Martin W. Vincentsen (1996) and the loving mother of Martin J. Vincentsen

and his wife, Barbara, and V. William Vincentsen and his wife, Dolores. She also will be deeply missed by her five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A family interment service was held at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield. A memorial service will be scheduled at a future date.

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

Donations in her memory may be made either to The Forest Lake Centennial Trust Fund, RR No. 1, Box 333, Hawley, Pa. 18428 or to Little Hill-Alina Lodge, Box G, Blairstown, N.J. 07825.

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James Capone, Sr., 92, Knights Member; Retired Westfield Postal Superintendent

James J. Capone, Sr. of Westfield died on Friday, December 7, at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway. He was 92.

Born in Franklin, Mass., Mr. Capone lived in Westfield for 58 years. He then moved to Toms River, where he lived for 15 years before moving to Rahway four years ago.

Mr. Capone had been branch superintendent for the United States Postal Service in Westfield and Mountinside prior to retiring in 1973 after 36 years.

He was a United States National Guard veteran, serving during World War II as a second lieutenant in the cavalry. Mr. Capone achieved the rank of a 4th degree knight in the Knights of Columbus Council 1926, Toms River chapter, and also served as an exalted ruler of the Elizabeth Elks Lodge 289.

In 1968, he served as president of the Mountinside Rotary Club. Mr. Capone was an active member of the Deutscher Club of Clark and the Rahway Retired Men's Club. He also loved to dance and golf.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Church in Toms River, where he served as a Eucharistic minister.

Mr. Capone was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather and will be deeply missed by all. He was predeceased by his first wife of 25 years, Regina O'Donnell Capone, in 1967 and his second wife of 27 years, Clemaline Leskanik Capone, in 2000, and by his

step-daughter, Kathie Krihak.

Mr. Capone is survived by his son, James J. Capone, Jr., and his wife, Annette, of Westfield; two daughters, Regina R. Capone of Rahway and Elizabeth A. Sampson and her husband, William, of Westfield; seven grandchildren, Christopher J. Capone, Kerry J. Adorno, Elizabeth A. Veiss, William Sampson, Jr., Michael Krihak, Jonathan Krihak and Brant Krihak, and four great-grandchildren.

December 20, 2007

Frank Wanca, 76

Frank Wanca, 76, a lifelong resident of Garwood, died on Wednesday, December 12, at his home.

A musician for many years, he had his own band, Frank Wanca and the Variety Men.

Mr. Wanca was active in Garwood politics and had been a borough councilman. He also was a life member of the Garwood Fire Department.

Surviving are three daughters, Katherine Fedor, Jane D'Agostino and Margi Wanca-Daniels; a son, Frank M. Wanca; a sister, Mary Wanca, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Monday, December 17, at the Dooley Funeral Home, 218 North Avenue, West, in Cranford. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial donations may be made to the Garwood Fireman's Relief Fund.

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