

Obituaries

Joyce Christianson, 84, Area Volunteer; Was Devoted to Her Loving Family

Joyce Fraser Christianson, 84, formerly of Stoneleigh Park in Westfield, passed away on Friday, July 20, at her home in New London, Conn. She was involved in local civic activities prior to moving from Westfield in 1980.

Born to Thomas G. Fraser and Margaret Loneran Fraser, the youngest of four daughters, she grew up in Hartford, Conn. and graduated from Mount Saint Joseph Academy.

She received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Connecticut in 1944 and taught school in Hartford prior to her marriage in 1946 to Keith R. Christianson. Together they raised four children and she dedicated herself to homemaking while he pursued his executive management career with E.R. Squibb & Sons.

Besides her beloved husband of 61 years, she was the devoted mother of their loving children, Scott Christianson of Sand Lake, N.Y., Susan Christianson Ouellette of Simsbury, Conn., Peter R. Christianson of Stow, Mass. and Carol C. Archambault of Westfield, and the dear mother-in-law to their spouses, Tamar Gordon, Jerry Ouellette, Serena Furman and Tony Archambault. She also leaves seven exceptional grandchildren, Kelly Whitney and her husband, Scott Whitney, of Richmond, Calif., Emily Christianson of Santa Ana, Calif., Tom Ouellette and his wife, Martha

Ouellette, of West Hartford, Conn., Matt Ouellette of Hartford, Conn., Max and Madeleine Archambault of Westfield and Jonah Christianson of Sand Lake, N.Y., and was the proud great-grandmother of Sawyer Whitney.

She also is survived by her brother-in-law, Tim Coe, and sister-in-law, Freddy Valois, and her husband, John Valois, along with many nephews, nieces and their children and spouses.

Besides devoting herself to the needs of her family, she served for many years as a volunteer for numerous organizations and institutions, including Overlook Hospital in Summit, and was an enthusiastic member of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield. After years of business travel with her husband, she especially enjoyed beach days with her extended family on the Connecticut shore.

A celebration of her life was held on Wednesday, July 25, in Connecticut.

The Byles Memorial Home of New London, Conn. was in charge of the arrangements.

Donations in her memory may be directed to the Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, P.O. Box 902, Uncasville, Conn. 06382 or the Lawrence & Memorial Hospital Development Fund, 365 Montauk Avenue, New London, Conn. 06320.



Joyce Christianson

Helen Silver, 89, Retired Court Clerk; Active In Sisterhood and Auxiliary

Helen Silver, 89, of Toms River died on Sunday, July 22, at the Regency Heritage Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Somerset.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she had lived in Queens, N.Y. before moving to Toms River in 1982.

Before her retirement, Mrs. Silver had been a court clerk with the Supreme Court in Brooklyn.

She was a past member of Temple Beth Am in Lakewood and its Sisterhood and was a member of the Jewish War Veterans Ladies Auxiliary.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband of 65 years, Leon Silver, in 2006.

Surviving are two daughters, Doreen L. Dorfman of Aurora, Colo. and Faye I. Pollack of Westfield; three grandchildren, Lauren, Michael and Suzanne, and a great-granddaughter, Jackie.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 24, at Beth Olam Memorial Park in Lakewood.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Belkoff-Goldstein Funeral Chapel of Lakewood.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association Greater New Jersey Chapter, 400 Morris Avenue, Suite 251, Denville, N.J. 07834.

Infant Stephen Walter

Stephen "Chase" Walter, 10 weeks old, of Westfield passed away suddenly on Tuesday, July 17. A rite of Christian Baptism was performed at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born on April 30, 2007 in Summit, Chase resided in Westfield with his proud and adoring parents.

Chase's short life brought a tremendous amount of love, happiness and joy to everyone who loved him. He was a precious miracle and will be dearly missed.

Chase is preceded in death by his grandfather, Stephen Walter, Sr., and his uncle, Kurt Enriquez.

Surviving are his parents, Jennifer and Stephen Walter, Jr. of Westfield; his beloved grandparents, Patricia Walter of Topsail Beach, N.C. and Ann and Pat Mumma of Crofton, Md.; his loving godparents, Kim Powell of Jupiter, Fla. and Kevin Mumma of Raleigh, N.C., and adoring aunts, uncles and cousins who were blessed to have Chase in their lives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Friday, July 20, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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

Memorial donations may be made to the Make A Wish Foundation.

Ruth Anna Grow, 91

Ruth Anna Grow, 91, of Westfield died on Sunday, July 15, at the Bridgewater Care Center in Bridgewater.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., she moved to Westfield in 1951.

Mrs. Grow was a very active member of various bridge clubs in the Westfield area and was a member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield for more than 40 years.

Her husband, George C. Grow, Sr., predeceased her in 2003.

Surviving are a daughter, Christina Shrewsbury of New York; a son, George C. Grow of Westfield; six grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 17, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Westfield Residents Graduate from BU

WESTFIELD - Boston University awarded academic degrees to 5,368 students in May, including two Westfield residents.

Douglas Shineman received a Bachelor of Science degree in Film and Television. Jenna Noonan received a Bachelor of Science degree in Therapeutic Studies.

ROOSEVELT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Fourth Marking Period

WESTFIELD - Roosevelt Intermediate School Principal Stewart Carey announced the following seventh- and eighth-grade students were named to the fourth marking period honor roll for the 2006-2007 school year at Roosevelt.

7th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll

Tara Bange, Alana Basil, Zachary Bebel, Daniel Berke, Madeline Chandler, Patrick Dyer, Samantha Ellner, Allison Faktor, Andrew Felix, Rory Fitzpatrick, Caroline Gelinne, Caitlin Hering, Alexandra Hoffman, Taylor Ingber, Erica Jakub, Katharine Jaruzelski, Alexandra Jason, Kaitlyn Johnson, Kelly Kalis, Elizabeth Kuehn, Thomas Lutz, Carolyn Maguire, Katie Marino, Cali Mazzara, Marc Mazzucco, Kavita Mehta, Hannah Millen, Emily Miller, Olivia Pecora, Gabriella Pirrone, Brian Pollock, Patrick Reilly, Jack Rickles, Megan Roth, Charles Scott, Emily Smith, Samantha Sterba, Stephanie Tepper, Brian Vander Schaaf, Hannah Weeks, Michael Woods, Ross Workman, Katherine Yamano

7th Grade Honor Roll

Edward Allen, Grace Antonelli, Arjun Asija, Megan Bachmann, Eunbyeol Baek, Emily Bailey, Sam Baldwin, Loren Ball, Mia Ballan, Caroline Bertoni, Joy Binder, Victoria Bonsall, Markian Borkowsky, Morgan Bowen, Eleanor Callinan, Nicholas Canavan, David Carville, Sarah Chandler, Robert Ciardullo, Emily Clauss, Sarah Collins, Maura Colwell, Gabrielle Cruz, Rebecca Daelman, Jonathan David, Sydney Doskow, Max Edelsack, Caroline Ehrhardt, Nicholas Ertman, Katie Fazio, Abraham Fertig-Cohen, Richard Fletcher, Katherine Fox, Sarah Friedman, Christopher Froelich, Victoria

Gagliano, Brittny Gallagher, Rebecca Ganz, William Geoghegan, Christopher Gerckens, Alex Goldschmidt, Zoe Greenberg, Sabrina Greene, Emily Gretskey, Kendall Hagan, Brennan Haley, Kelsey Hall, Hannah Hays, Nick Hering, Kelly Higgins, Matthew Huff, Patrick Johnson, Michael Kalimtzis, Nicoletta Kalos, Jenna Karnofsky, Kurt Kowalski, Marilyn Kowalski, Eric Kozlowski, Dara Levy, Richard Malacrea, Anna Margolis, Erika May, Joseph McDonald, Peter Mebane, Amanda Mongiove, Katie Morris, Jessica Morse, Julianne Mucci, Sarah Murphy, Lucas Nugent, Caroline O'Connor, Mary Jane O'Connor, Richard O'Connor, Stephanie Olson, Kevin Oster, Audrey Peterson, Keith Peterson, Emma Polini, Julia Queller, Sarah Ramire, Henry Ritter, Ilana Rood, Madeline Rosenberg, Jack Santangelo, Rebecca Sarkos, Abigail Sawers, Kate Schell-Sheehan, Casey Schuster, Geoffrey Scognamiglio, Kayla Seigelstein, Kendra Simcox, Ashley Simmons, Jessica Sipe, Mercedes Smith, Rebecca Tunis, Alexa Turitz, Tyler Varian, Christopher Walsh, Thomas Walsh, Peter Wanfried, Victoria Wang, Aimee Wenta, Daniel Wolf, Jordan Yarusi, Caroline Zee, Jacob Ziff

8th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll

Astrid Adriaens, Mark Andronis, Alissa Anzevino, Jane Banta, Alison Birnbaum, Adrian Bizzaro, Peter Cozzi, Sarah Crawford, Rebecca Delafuente, Meghan Dunn, Danielle Fields, Alexandra Frankel, Sarah Frantz, Katherine Frega, Joseph Greenspan, Matthew Hartzell, Alyssa Hatch, Ibrahim Khedr, Nikki Koll, Jeremy Lin, Emily Mack, Melissa Morawski, Priyanka Nayer, Christopher Neylan, Emma Partridge, William Reynolds, Rachel Rickles, Eric

Schoenbach, Jenna Sharkey, Joshua Simmons, Margot Tishberg, Madison Weist, Jeffrey Yang

8th Grade Honor Roll

Jenelle Abbattista, John Allen, Victoria Aloupis, Mackenzie Anderson, Kerry Austin, Kylie Bangs, Ethan Barnes, Zina Bazarsky, Chloe Birkenthal, Michael Blutfield, Truman Boyes, Joshua Brafman, Kathryn Bullek, Robert Bunting, Emily Chan, Matthew Curry, Lauren Darchi, McManus Dolan, Daniel Eliades, Casey Federbusch, Colin Fitzhenry, Abigail Flaherty, Margaux Fleschler, Emma Foley, Emma Franks, Josh Friedman, Andrew Garfinkel, Georgia Gleason, Brandon Gold, Gabrielle Gold, Emily Goldstein, Erik Gozdieski, Rachel Gross, Kathryn Halliburton, Julia Harbaugh, Alexandra Hawkins, Ryan Heine, Charli Ann Herrington, Megan Hoerrner, Madeline Horowitz, Lucas Hudelson, Catherine Johnston, Michael Jones, Tracy Kaplan, Megan Kaveney, Kevin Kessler, Madeline Komar, Hannah Kronick, Roman Krywulych, Ian Kuhn, Jeffrey Laforee, Michael Levidy, James LiSooye, Brenna Logue, Charlotte Lorentzen, Alexander Luzzi, Ann Maguire, Jessica Manna, Christopher Mannino, Nicolas Matthews, Matthew McEvoy, Katherine McKinley, Connor Melofchik, Christopher Mench, Charles Milrod, Amanda Minken, Brian Monteiro, Christopher Morrissey, Morgan Murphy, Ryan Murray, Charlotte Murtishaw, Elisa Niva, Christine Pyo, Eric Rackear, William Riggs, Adel Roff, Robyn Rosenzweig, Bradland Ross, Jessica Russo, Nicolas Safonov, Jill Salisbury, Matthew Santry, Megan Sharkey, Dylan Shepcaro, Ripley Shiarella, Wyatt Smith, Caitlin Storcks, Meghan Sullivan, Nathaniel Suri, Adrian Szcwowski, Gabrielle Tanji, Matthew Tice, Joseph Toresco, Sirena Van Epp, Julia Wasilewski, Isabelle Weisman, John Yingling, Timothy Younger, Zachary Zagorski, Adam Ziering.

The following Roosevelt graduates maintained placement on the Distinguished Honor Roll for all three years at Roosevelt Intermediate School: Mark Andronis, Jane Banta, Peter Cozzi, Rebecca Delafuente, Danielle Fields, Alyssa Hatch, Emily Mack, Melissa Morawski, Priyanka Nayer, Christopher Neylan, Emma Partridge, Margot Tishberg and Madison Weist.

Area Students Earn Natl. Merit Scholarships

AREA - The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced more than 2,300 additional winners of Merit Scholarship awards financed by colleges and universities.

Two come from local towns. Allison O'Connor of Fanwood, whose probable career field is medicine, attends Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

She earned a National Merit Scholarship from Arizona State University.

Arielle Smelkinson of Westfield, whose probable career field is theatre arts, attends Westfield High School.

She earned a National Merit Scholarship from New York University.

Officials of each sponsor college selected their winners from among finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program who will attend their institution.

College-sponsored awards provide between \$500 and \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the scholarship.

Hely Graduates From Bates College

WESTFIELD - Charles Hely of Westfield was among 464 graduates to receive a bachelor's degree from Bates College during the college's 141st commencement exercises on May 27.

Charles graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree and honors in music. The recipient of the College Key Music Award, he studied at the University College Cork, Ireland, during fall 2005. A 2003 graduate of Westfield High School, he is the son of James and Lois Hely.

WF Students Receive F & M Academic Honors

WESTFIELD - Nine underclassmen from Union County, including four from Westfield, received academic honors for the Spring 2007 semester at Franklin & Marshall College.

Westfield students included Kristina Fietkiewicz, Edward Kerins, Matthew Melino and Sarah Perch.

A student earns Honors List recognition for achieving a grade point average of 3.7 or higher and Dean's List recognition for achieving a grade point average of 3.25 or higher on a 4.0 scale.



Christina Liebrich

WF'S Liebrich

Graduates from Rutgers

WESTFIELD - Christina Liebrich of Westfield graduated with a Master of Labor and Employment Relations degree on May 14 from the Rutgers University School of Management and Labor Relations in New Brunswick.

Christina received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Maryland and earned her Master of Human Resource Management degree from Rutgers University School of Management and Labor Relations last year.

She is currently an administrator for EEO/Recruitment in the Human Resources Department at the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) in Piscataway. She is also a member of the New Jersey Society of Human Resource Management and the board of directors for the Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Girl Scout Council, Inc.

Christina is the daughter of Bernadine Liebrich and the late Robert Liebrich of Westfield.

Students Inducted Into National Honor Roll

AREA - The National Honor Roll recognizes high-achieving high-school and middle-school students. Only students with a B or better average are eligible to be listed in the National Honor Roll. Two-thirds of the inductees in the 2006-2007 National Honor Roll averaged an A- or higher; one-third averaged a B through a B+.

The following students qualified for induction into the 2006-2007 National Honor Roll:

Westfield's Dennis Elwell, Russell Miller, Daniella Regencia, Anna Smith, Lauren Vidal, Robert Whitehead; Garwood's Briann Czaplak and Scotch Plains' Hillard Branch, Grant Darwin, Erin Lemiska, Neil Merchant, Gregory Ngo, Martin Njoroge, Russell Pepe and Rheana Rien.

Hild Makes Dean's List At George Mason U.

WESTFIELD - R. Christopher Hild, a 2005 graduate of Westfield High School, has received several accolades for his work over the past semester at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

Pursuing a major in administration of justice, Chris has completed requirements for the university's honors program and was named to the dean's list for the spring 2007 semester.

He was recently elected president of the Student Ambassadors for the upcoming academic year and continues to serve on the university's judicial board, in addition to participating on the university's Trap and Skeet team. He also helped found a club baseball team which will compete against local colleges in the fall.

Christopher is spending this summer as an intern for the United States Department of State in Washington, D.C. Through his work there, he applied for and received the position of campus liaison between George Mason University and the State Department. Working with various campus groups, he will help to coordinate opportunities for members of the university to interact with representatives from the State Department.

Christopher is the son of Robert Hild and Karen Stark.

WF Residents Receive Degrees from Wash U

WESTFIELD - Two Westfield residents received their undergraduate degrees from Washington University in St. Louis on May 18.

Joshua Lawrence, the son of Terry and Andrew Lawrence, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics and Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology from the College of Arts and Sciences. He is a 2003 graduate of Westfield High School.

Hannah Burke, daughter of Trudy and Timothy Burke of Westfield, received a bachelor of arts and sciences in political science and a minor in modern dance from the College of Arts and Sciences. Hannah is a 2004 graduate of Westfield High School.

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