

Howard 'Tom' Tomlinson, 86, Was Assistant Supt. of Westfield Schools

Howard "Tom" Tomlinson, 86, of Monroe Township, formerly of Westfield, died on Wednesday, February 21, in Monroe Township following a lengthy illness.

Born July 23, 1920 to William Sands and Mabel (nee Houk) Tomlinson in Newtown, Pa., he was educated there and at Bloomsburg State Teachers College, graduating in 1941. He then taught high school business subjects at Sharon Hill, Pa. Shortly after World War II began, Mr. Tomlinson joined the United States Army and served as a cryptographic officer and later as B-24 lead squadron navigator in the Army Air Corps. He married Sarah Beatrice Masteller of Pottsville, Pa. on July 2, 1942 in Washington, D.C.

Following the war, Mr. Tomlinson completed a master's degree at the University of Pennsylvania, then taught business subjects and coached football in Jenkintown, Pa. and Westfield, N.J. before becoming principal of various Westfield schools. Mr. Tomlinson served as assistant superintendent in Westfield from 1961 to 1979, when he retired. He was a member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

After retiring, Mr. Tomlinson was a community volunteer and traveled worldwide. He loved history, birds, gardening, golfing and his children and grandchildren. He and his wife

lived for 16 years in a retirement community near Medford before moving to Monroe Township in 2000.

He was predeceased by his parents, four brothers, Robert, Allan, William Watson and Richard, and a sister, Emma Elizabeth Rowe.

Surviving are his wife; four daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Elizabeth and Clarence Hickey of Rockville, Md., Martha and Edgar Underwood of Killeen, Tex., Virginia and Barry Mitchell of Scotch Plains and Sara and Steven Thode of Westfield; eight grandchildren, Leigh Ann Hickey of Ashburn, Va., Elizabeth Hickey of Flagstaff, Ariz., Mark Mitchell of Atlanta, Ga., Amy Mitchell of Philadelphia, Pa., John and William Pritchett, both of Westfield; five step-grandchildren, Annie, Ted and Betsy Thode of Westfield, Ed and Debbie Underwood of Middletown, N.J. and Terri and John Tirrell of Long Branch, N.J., and nine step-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services took place Tuesday, February 27, at Monroe Village in Monroe Township. Private burial will be held in the spring at the Revolutionary War Cemetery in Westfield.

Funeral arrangements were by the Crabiel Funeral Home in Hightstown. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that individuals make a donation to a charity of their choice.

March 1, 2007

John 'Jack' Meyers, 84, Economist; Enjoyed Family, Travel and Sailing

John "Jack" A. Meyers of Missoula, Mont. went home to the Lord on Friday, February 16, 2007, at Community Medical Center in Missoula at the age of 84.

Born August 11, 1922 in Cranford, N.J. to Clarence and Grace Meyers, Jack was raised and educated in Westfield, N.J.

He was a United States Army Air Force veteran of World War II and continued his education, receiving a bachelor's degree from Cornell University.

Jack was married to Nancy Jo Clawson in September of 1953. They lived and raised their children in Pennington, N.J. before moving to Montana.

He had a lifelong interest and worked as an economist and retired as a building inspector for Princeton Township. He enjoyed traveling, sailing and spending time with his family and friends. Jack will be missed but never forgotten.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy, of Albion, Mont.; a son, John A. Meyers, Jr. of Eads, Tenn.; a daughter, Pamela Roberts of Albion, Mont.; a brother, C. William Meyers of Westfield, as well as two grand-

children, Jenn and Dan, and a great-granddaughter, Emilee.

A memorial for his family and friends has already taken place. The family suggests that memorials be made in John's name to the American Diabetes Association.

March 1, 2007

Molly Reed, 83

Molly Reed, 83, of Scotch Plains died on Friday, February 16, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Kearny, she had lived there before moving to Scotch Plains 35 years ago.

Mrs. Reed had been employed in the admitting office at JFK Medical Center in Edison prior to retiring. An amateur ham radio operator, she was a longtime member of the New Providence Radio Club.

Her husband, Russell Reed, predeceased her in 1995.

A memorial Mass was offered on Saturday, February 24, at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

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

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Obituaries

Heather Munz, 34, Devoted to Family; Had Excelled at Soccer and Tennis

Heather Munz (Braun), 34, of Gillette, formerly of Westfield, died suddenly on Tuesday, February 20.

Born and raised in Westfield, she lived in Gillette for the past seven years.

Mrs. Munz was a 1990 graduate of Westfield High School and was a member of the Westfield High School soccer team that won the state championship. The entire team was inducted into the Soccer Hall of Fame.

A 1995 graduate of the University of Rhode Island, she earned a degree in business.

Mrs. Munz worked at Morgan Stanley at its home office in Manhattan until she became a mother and devoted her life to raising her family.

She was an avid tennis player and won the Bay Head Tennis Club tournament.

Mrs. Munz was the beloved wife for seven years, and sweetheart for 15 years, of Paul Munz. She also will

be deeply missed by her two sons, Owen and Colin, the lights of her life.

She was the loving daughter of Martha O'Neil Braun, Peter Braun and his wife, Lucille, and the devoted sister of Christina Braun and Lindsey Braun. Mrs. Munz also was the loving daughter-in-law of Barbara Munz and sister-in-law of Patrick and Eric Munz.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Tuesday, February 27, at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Burial took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in her memory to The Pediatric/Adult Asthma Coalition of New Jersey, 1600 Route 22 East, Union, N.J. 07083.

March 1, 2007

Ronald C. Cooley, 73, Former Singer; Manager of Bandstand In Westfield

Ronald C. "Ron" Cooley, 73, of Hackettstown passed away on Thursday, February 15, at the Andover Critical Care Facility in Andover.

Born in 1933 in Jersey City, he moved with his family to Westfield in 1937. Ron attended McKinley Elementary School, Roosevelt Junior High School and Westfield Senior High School, graduating in 1951.

While in school, he was a member of the Choir, the Triple Trio, the Glee Club, the Thirteen, the All-State Choir and the Westfield Senior High School Marching Band.

Ron served in the United States Navy during the Korean War, after which he attained an Associate's degree in Music from Alameda College in California. He managed the former Bandstand on East Broad Street in Westfield and Rondo Music on Route 22 in Union.

Ron developed a singing career and performed with various jazz ensembles in the New York and Los Angeles metropolitan areas, the last of which was the Morris Nanton Trio. He also performed on cruise ship lines traveling throughout the world.

Nancy J. Stiefken, Was Dedicated To Family, Animals and Church

Nancy Jane Stiefken was called home to our Lord on Friday, February 23, at her home in Brodheads ville, Pa. At the time of her death, she was surrounded by her family and her pastor, the Reverend Ann Melot. She was the wife of the late Charles Ernest Stiefken.

Born in Douglas, Ariz. on September 19, 1921, she was the daughter of Mabelle (Jackson) and Raymond Calvin Milyard and a descendant of Andrew Jackson. Nancy's father was a pioneer army aviator who flew with Jimmy Doolittle when both were young second lieutenants.

Nancy grew up in Denver, Colo., where she graduated from East High School in 1940. It was there she met her husband, Charles, who was a student and later a graduate of the Colorado School of Mines. In 1944, they relocated to New Jersey, settling in Westfield in 1954. They lived there before retiring to Brodheads ville in 1990.

Nancy was a devoted wife and mother who spent her time raising and supporting her three sons in their many athletic endeavors. Later in life, she and Chuck spent many hours fishing in Cape Hatteras and doting on their beloved dogs.

She was an active member of the Mid-Jersey Dog Obedience Club and Make Peace With Animals. Additionally, she was an accomplished artist and seamstress who made greyhound coats and collars and donated the proceeds to animal rescue organizations.

Along with her love of animals and family, Nancy was an active member of the Zion United Lutheran Church in Brodheads ville.

She is survived by her three sons, Charles Raymond and his wife, Lisa, of Highland, Calif., Richard Carl and his wife, Diana, of Eagle River, Alaska and Kurt Jon and his wife, Gabrielle, of Milford, N.J. Nancy and Chuck additionally are survived by nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Nancy's brother, Raymond Milyard of Gilroy, Calif., also survives her.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 27, at the Zion United Lutheran Church, with the Reverend Ann Melot officiating.

Arrangements were by the Kresge Funeral Home in Brodheads ville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Zion United Lutheran Church, HCR 1, Box 4, Brodheads ville, Pa. 18322.

March 1, 2007

Avis Grant Skinner, Enjoyed the Arts; Active With Charitable Organizations

Avis Grant Skinner died peacefully surrounded by her family at Overlook Hospital in Summit on Monday, February 26, 2007, after a short illness.

Born in Tientsin, China, she grew up in Shanghai where her father, P.S. Grant, was a director of The British American Tobacco Co. Her mother, Elizabetha Familant Grant, escaped from Russia to Harbin, China during the Russian Revolution.

In 1940, Avis was evacuated with her mother and brother from China to her father's home in Richmond, Va.

She attended the British American School in Shanghai, the Collegiate School in Richmond and Randolph Macon Women's College in Virginia.

Avis resided in Westfield for 60 years and was associated with various charitable organizations including the Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield, the Auxiliary for Children's Specialized Hospital and the

Estelle Cohen, 95

Estelle Cohen, 95, of Westfield died on Tuesday, February 20, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she had lived there prior to moving to Westfield two years ago.

She was a homemaker. Mrs. Cohen was a member of Hadassah and the Organization of Rehabilitation through Training in Brooklyn as well as the Friendship Group of Temple Emanu-El in Westfield.

She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph Cohen; a sister, Mildred Kabakow, and a granddaughter, Wendy Crown.

Surviving are two daughters, Marsha Sklar of Elizabeth and Barbara Crown of Westfield, and two grandchildren, Jeffrey Sklar and Jodi Crown.

Services were conducted on Thursday, February 22, at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield.

Arrangements were by the Menorah Chapels at Millburn, 2950 Vaux Hall Road in Union.

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More Community/Area News

New Gift Shop Set to Open At Overlook Hospital

SUMMIT—The Overlook Hospital and Auxiliary are putting the final decorative touches on the hospital's gift and flower shop, which will be located in the new central lobby. This new shop replaces the current, smaller facility. The anticipated opening date is Wednesday, March 7.

Auxiliary trustee Liza Tulloch, shop manager, Carolyn Penwell and assistant manager Mary Damiano are working to make the facility stylish and chic. Rich fabrics, dark woods and granite have been employed to create a luxurious feel to the shop.

The gift shop will offer new products and services, including classic home décor and layette items. Shoppers will be offered everything from loungewear and garden accessories to jewelry and dry-cleaning services. Children may select cuddly stuffed animals, Mylar balloons, books and CDs. Seasonal items, toiletries, magazines, newspapers, snacks and gift cards also will be available.

Complimentary gift-wrapping and enclosures will be available to put the finishing touches on any purchase.

Westfield Garden Club.

She and her husband, Jim, were active members of Echo Lake Country Club since 1948, where she played golf through 2006. Avis was an accomplished artist and enjoyed traveling with friends, reading, playing piano, the theater and movies.

She will be greatly missed by her husband of 61 years, Jim; her daughter, Avis Skinner-Medawar, son-in-law, Alex, and granddaughter Flora Avis Medawar of Nantucket; her son, Robert, and daughter-in-law, Barbara Skinner, of Stevensville, N.J. and granddaughter Daphne Skinner of Lake Tahoe, Calif.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made either to Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside or to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield.

Private arrangements are by the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

March 1, 2007

Louise M. Remeta, 92

Louise M. Remeta, 92, of Westfield died on Friday, February 23, at the Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Scotch Plains.

Born in Easton, Pa., she lived in Westfield for more than 40 years.

Mrs. Remeta was a Class of 1935 graduate of the French Hospital School of Nursing in New York.

Her husband, John Remeta, predeceased her in 1986.

Surviving are a daughter, Kathryn Urciuoli, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held under the direction of the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial donations may be made to the Autism Society of North Carolina, 505 Oberlin Road, Suite 230, Raleigh, N.C. 27605.

March 1, 2007



WELCOME TO THE GROUP... The Woman's Club of Westfield congratulates newly installed members during a general meeting held recently at the Atlas Pythagoras Masonic Lodge in Westfield. Pictured, from left to right, are: First Vice President Marion Mogensen, new members Barbara McCarthy and Eileen Spitzer, and President Delores Geisow. For more information about the club, write to: Woman's Club of Westfield, P.O. Box 2428, Westfield, N.J. 07091.

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