

Anthony Stark, Jr., 92, Insurance Agent; Was General Manager of Grocery Chains

Anthony John Stark, Jr. (Tony), formerly of Westfield, passed away on Thursday, September 6, 2007, at the age of 92.

Born July 25, 1915 to Anthony and Anna Stark in Philadelphia, Pa., Tony attended Drexel Institute of Art, Science and Industry and was a grocery store owner and director of the Frankford Grocery Company in Philadelphia. He later served as the general manager of three grocery store chains in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, including Shop-Rite.



Anthony Stark, Jr.

He changed careers after 22 years, and then personally served clients for 35 years as a life insurance agent for Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company from his office on Broadway in downtown New York City. Tony received numerous industry awards.

Tony and his family resided in Westfield for 28 years before retiring to Florida; however, the center of his family life was the summer beach house on the dunes in Beach Haven, N.J., which was "home" to the entire

extended family for 55 years. Tony resided near family in Santa Rosa, Calif. at the time of his death. He was known for his uncommon courtesy and kindness. A member of the First Presbyterian Church, he served as a church Elder since initial ordination in Rhawnhurst, Pa.

Tony was a life member of St. Alban's Lodge Free & Accepted Masons, the Scottish Rite and the Shriners of LuLu Temple, all in Philadelphia. He was active with the county Shrine Club and also was a member of Rotary and a Paul Harris Fellow.

His wife of 59 years, Ruth Charlotte (Cadwallader) Stark, and his son, Anthony Stark, III, predeceased him.

Surviving are his son, Charles D. Stark and his wife, WinAnn; his daughter-in-law, Norma; five grandchildren, Kimberly, Heather, Cecily, Todd and Paige, and 11 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Thursday, September 13, at the First Presbyterian Church of Santa Rosa.

September 20, 2007

James Eason, Enjoyed Sports, Scouting; Was Partner at Ernst and Young in NYC

James D. Eason of New Canaan, Conn. died on Friday, September 14, in Stamford, Conn.

Born on March 19, 1962 in Plainfield, N.J., he was the son of Robert and Evelyn Eason.

He grew up in Westfield and graduated from Westfield High School. Jim was active in sports and scouting, earning the rank of Eagle Scout. He graduated from Lehigh University with a degree in accounting and was a member of Delta Chi fraternity.

Jim worked for Ernst and Young in New York City and became a partner in the firm. Later, he became a managing director at North Castle Partners. He moved to New Canaan in 2002.

Jim was an avid boater, a devoted Yankee fan, a generous friend and a

loving father and husband.

He is survived by his wife, Wendy (Pattison) Eason; his children, Andrew and Emily; his father, Robert W.; his sisters, Jean Reichard, Carol Willersdorf and Beverly Eason, and his brothers, William and Robert J.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Augie's Quest, 1805 E. Garry Avenue, Suite 100, Santa Ana, Calif. 92705, www.augiesquest.com.

Augie's Quest is a part of the Muscular Dystrophy Association devoted to finding a cure for Lou Gehrig's disease. It was founded by Jim's friend and is an organization that was near and dear to Jim's heart.

September 20, 2007

Kean University Reveals Homecoming for October

UNION - Kean University will host Homecoming 2007 on Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20, on its main campus located at 1000 Morris Avenue in Union. The Kean

University Alumni Association invites fellow alumni, students, faculty, administrators, staff and friends to join the celebration.

This year's activities, incorporating a "There's No Place Like Home" theme, include sporting events, tailgate picnics and a postgame party.

The festivities will kick off on Friday at 6 p.m. with a pep rally, featuring a fireworks display and giveaways, at the Kean University Alumni Stadium.

In the homecoming football game, the Kean Cougars meet Rowan University at 2 p.m. in Alumni Stadium. A postgame party for alumni will follow from 5 to 7 p.m. in Kean Hall. The men's soccer team will host The College of New Jersey at 7:30 p.m. in Alumni Stadium.

Tailgate picnics will commence in the Harwood Arena parking lot at 11 a.m. In addition, the alumni hospitality tent will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with refreshments and gifts for alumni. The day's festivities will conclude with a performance of *Sleeping Beauty* at 8 p.m. in the Murphy-Dunn Theatre, located in Vaughn-Eames Hall, Room 119.

For more information, call the Office of Alumni Affairs at (908) 737-ALUM (2586).

Obituaries

William Raney, 86, Honored Rotarian; Was Member of Aviation Organizations

William George Raney, 86, of Prescott, Ariz. "went west" on Friday, August 24, after losing his battle with cancer.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Bill was the eldest child of Ann (Kolar) and William E. Raney. He graduated from Shaker Heights High School and completed several years of collegiate work before enlisting in the Army Air Corps in 1942.

He served as a flight instructor before being stationed in the South Pacific during World War II.

After the war, Bill worked as a consulting engineer, retiring in 1990 from Becht Engineering in New Jersey.

He was very involved in aviation and community organizations in New Jersey, residing in Westfield for 33 years and then in Prescott, Ariz. for the last 12 years.

Bill had 42 years of perfect attendance with the Rotary Club, as well as being a Paul Harris Fellow. He was a member of the Quiet Birdmen, the Experimental Aircraft Association, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Military Pilots, the Aviation Historical Society, the Sheriff's Air Group, Silver Wings Fraternity and the Flying Rotarians. He held several leadership positions in some of these organizations.

In Prescott, Bill was a volunteer at the Veterans Administration, YRMC and was instrumental in establishing the Arizona Sky Fair.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Marcella Keller Raney of Prescott, Ariz.; his children, Brian Raney of Phoenix, Ariz., W. Scott Raney and his wife, Valerie, and their four children of Vermont, and Gail and her husband, Jack Foley, of Massachusetts; a brother, Tom Raney of Cleveland, Ohio, and nieces and nephews.

His sister, Betty Hess, preceded him in death in 1998.

A Celebration of Life with military honors was held at the Veterans Administration Chapel in Prescott on Wednesday, August 29, followed by a reception in the activity center at Hidden Valley Ranch.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made in Bill's memory to the "Arizona Sky Fair" at Prescott Air Fair Association, 6546 Crystel Lane, Prescott, Ariz. 86301; the VA at NAVAHCS Guest Services, Building 15, Room 101, 500 Hwy. 89, Prescott, Ariz. 86313, or to the charity of one's choice.

The Chino Valley Funeral Home of Chino Valley, Ariz. was caring for the family.

September 20, 2007

Author Offers Inside Advice To First-Time Homebuyers

CRANFORD - Westfield resident Joseph Farella, author of the newly released "Insider Secrets to Homebuying Success," will give a featured keynote speech at Homeownership Now, an educational event for first-time homebuyers, on Saturday, September 22, at the Cranford Community Center on Walnut Avenue.

Scheduled to take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the event, sponsored by the non-profit organization MyWayHome, has been featured on such news entities as CNN and News 12 New Jersey. It has helped more than 14,000 New Jersey residents purchase their first homes, according to a press release.

The event is designed to assist prospective homebuyers in navigating the financial and administrative hurdles of purchasing real estate.

Homeownership Now concentrates on the steps necessary for buying real estate successfully, encouraging first-time homebuyers to build their own home-buying team.

Additional topics will include the four keys to homeownership, breaking through the down-payment barrier, Fannie Mae, NJMFA and HUD first-time buyer programs, purchasing and renovating real estate and

the home-financing process.

The book "Insider Secrets for Homebuying Success" is available on Amazon.com. For more information about the Homeownership Now event or to make a reservation (required, seating is limited), call (888) 422-6992 or visit homeownershipnow.com.

'Church in the Park' On Tap For Sunday

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Terrill Road Baptist Church will host its third annual "Church in the Park" event on Sunday, September 23, beginning at 10 a.m. at Brookside Park on Hatfield Avenue in Scotch Plains.

All are invited to attend and to bring a picnic lunch for a time of worship and fellowship. Grills will be available. The vocal and instrumental group "Trinity" will provide special music.

"You do not have to be a church member, or a Baptist, to attend. All are welcome," said Pastor William Page, who will speak on "The Key to Life in 30 Minutes."

In the event of rain that day, the worship service will be held at 10:45 a.m. at Terrill Road Baptist Church, located at 1340 Terrill Road in Scotch Plains. For more information, please call (908) 322-7151.

Baptist Church Invites All To Welcome Pastor Sunday

AREA - The congregation of the Union County Baptist Church has invited members of the public to join them in welcoming their new pastor and his family on Sunday, September 23. The Inaugural Ceremony, hosted by the church leadership and its members, will be conducted at 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Rick Rule and his wife of 21 years, Cathy, along with their three daughters, come to New Jersey from Columbus, Ohio. He served there as pastor of "Young Married Couples" at the Baptist Temple, while Mrs. Rule worked with the hearing impaired and with children's and youth clubs.

Pastor Rule's formal education

was from Fellowship Baptist College in East Peoria, Ill., where he graduated with majors in theology and missions, and Blessed Hope Baptist College in Benton, Ark., where he was awarded a Bachelor of Theology degree.

He acquired more than 20 years of ministry and leadership experience at churches in Hagerstown, Md., Salt Lake City, Utah, Belen, N.M. and Racine and Columbus, Ohio. He also served as principal of New Hope Academy Christian School in Kendallville, Ind.

The Union County Baptist Church is located off the Garden State Parkway at Exit 135 (on Clark Circle) at 4 Valley Road in Clark. Childcare is provided at all services. For more information, please call (732) 574-1479.



SCHOLAR TO ARAB EMIRATES...Westfield resident Tina Leshar, William Paterson University professor of communication, was a 2006-2007 Fulbright Scholar to the United Arab Emirates. Ms. Leshar recently returned from her year in the Middle East. Here, she joins three students at Zayed University in Abu Dhabi. They are, pictured left to right with Ms. Leshar: Asma, Humyan and Abrar. In addition to leaving part-time at Zayed University, she spent her 10-month grant interviewing Emirati women about changes in their lives over the past few decades in the oil-rich Middle Eastern country.

Holy Trinity to Commence New RAINBOWS Session

WESTFIELD - The Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church of Westfield has announced it will begin its fourth year of RAINBOWS beginning next month. This program is offered to children ages five to 18, with special exceptions for four-year-olds based on maturity.

An international non-profit organization, RAINBOWS fosters emotional healing among children grieving a loss through death, divorce, separation, illness, incarceration or other painful family transitions.

The program is based on the children providing peer support to one another. Small groups meet to discuss topics ranging from anger and guilt to forgiveness. This is not counseling or therapy, but designed as a nurturing environment where children can share their experiences and offer support to each other.

In addition to the discussion time, the youngsters play games, do art projects, sing and write in their journals. Ultimately, the children have an opportunity to work through their grief and heal.

Library Announces Expanded Schedule

GARWOOD - Beginning on Monday, September 24, the Garwood Public Library will offer additional hours of operation. The new schedule is as follows: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The library also is hosting a Classic Movie Series on Fridays at 10 a.m. Participants may bring a snack. Light refreshments will be provided. Seating is limited. Please call the library at (908) 789-1670 to register.

A Toddler Story time is available on Wednesdays beginning at 10 a.m. Please call the library to register.

The library is located at 411 Third Avenue in Garwood. For more information about these programs, please call (908) 789-1670.

Musician to Present Program on Guitars

MOUNTAINSIDE - Musician Joe Giacoia will present "A History of the Guitar" on Thursday, September 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Mountainside Public Library, located at Constitution Plaza in Mountainside. It is free and open to the public.

The program will cover evolution of the modern guitar and include demonstrations of vintage harp guitars, Martin and Gibson Flat Top and Archtops, National Steel Guitars and Weissenborn and Dobro lap steels. Seating is limited. To respond, please call (908) 233-0115 by Wednesday, September 26. Information also is available online at mountainsidelibrary.org.

Prayer to The Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail)
Oh most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me! Show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none who can withstand your power. Show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x).

Holy Spirit, You who solve all problems, light all roads so that I may attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life You are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank You as I confirm once again that I never want to be separated from You in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. Amen.

Say this prayer on three consecutive days. Publish this prayer after the favor is granted.

M.J.L.

Red Cross to Present Benefit Wine Tasting

MOUNTAINSIDE - On Saturday, September 29, the Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross will host its second annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser from 7 to 10 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church, located at 300 Central Avenue in Mountainside.

Peterson Wines Unlimited in Westfield will feature three wine vendors. Participants will have an opportunity to sample a variety of wines from each of the vendors. Appetizers and hors d'oeuvres will be served throughout the evening.

Comedian Johnny Lampert will provide entertainment at the event. The festivities also will include music, a raffle and a silent auction featuring special items.

The American Red Cross is a 501(c)3 non-profit agency that responds to emergencies and provides disaster response services free of charge.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please call (908) 232-7090 or visit the Westfield/Mountainside Red Cross Chapter House at 321 Elm Street in Westfield. Tickets must be purchased in advance and space is limited.

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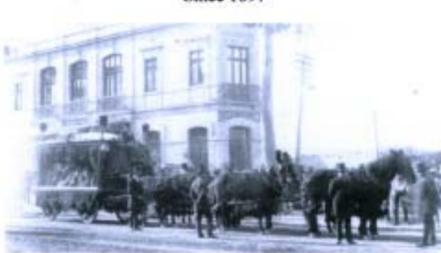
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