

Joseph Magrino, 86, Was Family Man; Active Parishioner and Avid Sports Fan

Joseph Nicholas Magrino, 86, of Scotch Plains was born to Eternal Life on Friday, January 27, 2012.

He was the beloved husband of the late Georgette (née Juramie); devoted and loving father of Mary Lynne (Jerry) Januszewski and Cathy Ann (Joel) Hirschhorn; very special and loving grandfather, fondly known as Poppy, to Danielle, Matthew and Lauren Hirschhorn and Papa Joe to Mark and Lindsay Januszewski, and brother of Nicholas.

He also was preceded in death by his parents, Nicholas and Jessie (née Ignelzi) Magrino, and his baby granddaughter, Angela Januszewski.

Born and raised in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn, N.Y., Mr. Magrino attended Our Lady of Angels Parish and Elementary School and St. Michael's High School (now Xaverian High School). He was a veteran of World War II and a graduate of Seton Hall University.

Mr. Magrino was married on September 6, 1952. He was a longtime, faithful parishioner and Minister of Communion at Sts. Simon and Jude Parish in the Gravesend section of Brooklyn, N.Y. He was an officer and active member of its Holy Name Society and Senior Citizen Club until moving to Scotch Plains, N.J. in 2000, where he continued to enjoy activities and outings as a member of the Fanwood Senior Citizens, and participating as a parishioner of St. Bartholomew Parish until his death.

Mr. Magrino was a retired health and welfare auditor and manager for Local 66 of the International Ladies'

Garment Workers Union (I.L.G.W.U.) He was past director of Evening Community Recreational Centers, including many years at P.S. 102, Bay Ridge, N.Y.

He was a staunch and vocal lifetime fan of New York Giants Football, the New York Mets (but only after the New York Giants baseball team departed) and New York Rangers, as well as any team, sport or activity his grandchildren happened to be participating in. While a New Yorker at heart, he learned to enjoy attending all Chicago sports, as well, when visiting and traveling. He collected and listened to his glass, then vinyl, records, followed by reel-to-reel, cassette tapes, and, finally, CDs throughout his life. Atlantic City was high on his list and a good meal always made him happy! Most of all, he gained much joy from following the lives of his daughters, their husbands and the grandchildren.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, January 31, from the Rossi Funeral Home, 1937 Westfield Avenue in Scotch Plains. A Funeral Mass followed at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains. Interment was at St. Charles Cemetery in Farmingdale, Long Island.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to St. Michael's Diocesan High School Alumni Association, 7100 Shore Road, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11209 or Chicago Lighthouse, 1850 Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Ill. 60608.

February 2, 2012

Obituaries

Florence Yawger, 84, Former Resident; Was Dance Teacher and Choir Member

Florence Ann Zenke Yawger, 84, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., formerly of Hilton Head Island, S.C., went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, at the Sarah A. Todd Memorial Home in Carlisle, Pa.

Florence will be remembered most for her warm and gracious smile. As a former dance teacher, she continued to enjoy dance and fitness for many years. She earned her bachelor's degree in physical education from George Williams College in Chicago, Ill.

After raising her children in Chicago, then Westfield, N.J., Florence lived for many years in Hilton Head, S.C., where she was retired from the former Shoreline Rentals and was a past member of the Palmetto Dunes Club. As a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Hilton Head, she enjoyed singing in the choir; she was an Auxiliary member of the Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church.

Born in Chicago on December 18, 1927, she was the daughter of the late Herbert Julius and Florence Elizabeth (Sommer) Zenke. Florence was the wife of the late Richard James

Yawger.

Surviving are a son, Richard L. Yawger, and his wife, Margaret, of Scotch Plains, N.J.; daughter Pam A. Butler of Hilton Head Island, S.C.; daughter Kim Y. Parent and her husband, James, of Mechanicsburg; a brother, Ronald L. Zenke, and his wife, Beverly, of Virginia Beach, Va.; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and four nieces and nephews.



Florence Yawger

Memorial services were held on Monday, January 30, at the Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church, with the Reverend Myrtle E. McCall officiating. Interment was at the First Presbyterian Church of Hilton Head Columbarium in Hilton Head Island, S.C.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church; to Grane Hospice in Lemoyne, Pa. or to First Presbyterian Church of Hilton Head.

For more information or to send messages of condolence, please visit www.Parthemore.com.

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Marja-Lou Swan, Longtime Resident; Professional Volunteer In Community

Marja-Lou L. Swan of Westfield, and more recently Basking Ridge, died peacefully at home on Tuesday, January 31, after a brief illness.

Born Margaret Louise Langemeier in Manhattan to Charles and Margaret (Merget) Langemeier, Mrs. Swan was raised in Brooklyn, where she graduated from The Packer Collegiate Institute in 1945 and Skidmore College in 1947, with a degree in psychology. After graduation she accepted a management position with AT&T in the personnel department, where she would remain for 10 years. She volunteered as a member of the Junior League of Brooklyn.

In 1957 she met the love of her life, Edward L. Swan, Jr., at an event hosted by the Young Republicans. They married and settled in the Fort Hamilton section of Brooklyn, where their daughter, Nancy, was born. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Westfield, where they welcomed two sons, Richard and Kent. As her children attained school age, Mrs. Swan embarked on her second career, that of a professional volunteer.

Mrs. Swan volunteered with and was a member of the board of numerous non-profit organizations, including the Youth and Family Counseling Service, Visiting Nurse Association and Friends of the Library, and was president of the PTA at Wilson School and Westfield Senior High School. She also volunteered as a member of the Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield. Her true passion was for the work performed at Children's

Specialized Hospital, where she volunteered for many years as a member of the Senior Auxiliary.

After the untimely death of her husband in 1979, Mrs. Swan served on the board of directors of William H. Swan and Sons, the family ship chandlery business, until its sale in 1989.

For several years, Mrs. Swan served as both a Jury Commissioner and as a public member of the Fee Arbitration Committee for Union County.

Mrs. Swan also was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Echo Lake Country Club, where she enjoyed playing paddle tennis in her earlier years.

Her family will miss her loving guidance and generous spirit. She is survived by her children, daughter Nancy Abbott and her husband, James, of Ramsey, N.J.; sons Richard of Rancho Mirage, Calif. and Kent and his wife, Patricia, of Flemington, N.J., and four grandchildren, John and James Abbott and Michael and Alison Swan.

Relatives and friends are invited to the visitation from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, February 2, at Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, February 3, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield. Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountaintide, N.J.

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Why We Dance Is Seeking Hip-Hop Dancers For Event

WESTFIELD - Why We Dance is looking for individuals interested in dancing at the Fourth Annual Why We Dance event scheduled for Saturday, March 24, at the Westfield Area "Y" located at 220 Clark Street in Westfield.

The event will be free to the public and will feature dance leaders facilitating workshops in the areas of hip-hop, salsa and merengue and drumming.

Why We Dance currently is holding free dance classes at the Westfield Neighborhood Council (WNC), located at 127 Cacciola Place in Westfield, on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Students learn a dance to be performed at the event in March. Hip-hop expert Nick Abreu will be a guest teacher at a class at the WNC. Among the clubs where Mr. Abreu and his crew danced were the Roxy and Studio 54. He started a hip-hop/B-Boy program that is still ongoing in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. Abreu worked as a choreographer and appeared in multiple videos. He is now working on a documentary about the legendary Funhouse nightclub. Mr. Abreu started dancing in the late 1970s, became active in the club scene in the early '80s and continued to dance until the '90s. He was a dancer with the Funhouse B-Boys, a hip-hop dance crew.

James Douglass, a self-taught drummer from Plainfield and the percussionist at St. James AME Church in Newark, will teach a drum class at the WNC.

This program is made possible in part by a HEART (History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands) Grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. For more information about the classes or the event, contact Candace Waller, coordinator, at whywedance@gmail.com or call (908) 432-2003.

Library Friends Seek Scholarship Applicants

WESTFIELD - The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library have announced that applications for the group's annual "Future Librarian" scholarship are available at the circulation desk of the library. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street in Westfield. This is the ninth year that the Friends have offered scholarships.

A Westfield resident currently pursuing a master's degree in library science or a college degree in media education will be considered. Westfield High School 2012 graduates who have been employed at the Westfield Memorial Library or who have volunteered at the high school library also are invited to apply.

All applications must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee no later than Sunday, April 15.

Garden Club to Conduct Floral Design Workshop

WESTFIELD - The Garden Club of Westfield will host its annual "Create Your Own Floral Design" workshop on Tuesday, February 14, beginning at 1 p.m. The meeting will be held in Assembly Hall at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, located at 140 Mountain Avenue.

Prospective members from Westfield and other communities are welcome to attend. Members will bring conditioned flowers, greens, containers and clippers. The program committee will provide oasis.

Design advice will be available from select members. Interested persons for the February meeting or the Garden Club in general are invited to call Jane Curtis, co-president, at (908) 232-5795.

Phyllis Pappas will be the hostess chairwoman for the February event, assisted by Anne Arkel, Betty Hetherington, Joan Murray and Nancy Roff.

Upcoming activities for the Garden Club of Westfield include its monthly board meetings on March 6 and April 3. The March 13 membership meeting demonstration will center around "Sensational Spring Blooms" with designer Lisa Keslowe, and the April 10 membership meeting topic will be "New Plants for Spring," featuring David Williams of Williams Nursery.

The Garden Club of Westfield also will participate in the Garden

Club of New Jersey Flower Show from February 16 to 19 as the committee to identify and classify horticultural specimens entered in the show. On April 14, the Garden Club will hold its Garden Education Day program at 10 a.m. at Williams Nursery, located at 524 Springfield Avenue in Westfield.

Already in planning for October is a celebratory luncheon for the Garden Club of Westfield's 90th anniversary, to be held at the Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield.

Seven containers, part of the club's ongoing Town of Westfield Beautification Project, located at the crossroads of Elm and East Broad Streets, are planted, maintained and watered year-round by Garden Club of Westfield members for all to enjoy.

Since 1947, the club has displayed weekly flowers at the Westfield Memorial Library. Begun as a memorial to those who served in World War II, active members contribute a flower or greenery display 52 weeks a year. Flower arrangers for February are Cass Kinney, Pat Frawley, Nancy Levine and Joanne Sullebarger.

The membership also plants trees for Arbor Day, maintains The Blue Star By-Way Garden at Tamaques Park and multiple gardens within Mindowaskin Park, and decorates the Westfield Municipal Building with wreaths every December.

United Way to Present Second 'Night of Dance'

BERKELEY HEIGHTS - The United Way of Greater Union County's Summit, New Providence and Berkeley Heights Community Council will present its second annual "Night of Dance" on Saturday, February 11, from 7 to 11 p.m. It will take place at The Berkeley Plaza, located at 735 Springfield Avenue in Berkeley Heights.

This elegant evening of dining and dancing will feature two of New Jersey's finest ballroom dancers, Terry and Leilani Viney, international competitive dancers and winners of the 2008 World Senior Standard Championships. The tango, the jive, the waltz and many more classical dances will be demonstrated.

There also will be a 50/50 raffle, silent auction and food. Additionally during this year's

event, the United Way will celebrate and recognize the work and accomplishments of its 14 partners serving the Summit, New Providence and Berkeley Heights community.


Proceeds from this event will benefit United Way of Greater Union County's Summit Area Special Response Fund.

Tickets are \$75 per person and \$150 per couple. Tickets can be purchased online at brownpapertickets.com/event/214927. For additional information, contact Paul Gibney at (908) 353-7171, extension no. 129, or paul.gibney@uwguc.org.

See it all on the Web! www.goleader.com

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.
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