

### Robert Wilderotter, 93, Army Veteran; Owner of Local Furniture Business

Robert G. Wilderotter of Harbor Springs, Mich. died peacefully at home on Sunday, December 25, 2011. He was 93.

Born and raised in Newark, N.J., Mr. Wilderotter was the son of the late Charles and Augusta (Hepp) Wilderotter. He was a graduate of St. Peter's Grammar School and St. Benedict's Preparatory School, where he was the drum major of the St. Benedict's Band. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Villanova University, Class of 1940, and was in the midst of graduate studies at Seton Hall University when he was drafted and sent to OCS.

An Army veteran of World War II, he was initially with the 4th Armored Division as a second lieutenant in 1942 but was pulled to form a Cadre of the 16th before being sent to Europe, eventually moving into position with Patton's Third Army. He was honorably discharged as a captain in the Cavalry in October 1945.

Bob married the former Eileen Marie Barry on March 24, 1943. After the war they lived in Bloomfield, N.J., and then moved to Short Hills while maintaining a summer home in Avon-By-the-Sea. Always in the furniture business, he was a buyer for Wanamaker's and Hathaway's in New York City and then owned his own business, Arnel's Furniture, in Westfield, N.J.

An offer to be the manager of a major furniture store in Grand Rapids, Mich. brought the family to the Midwest, settling in East Grand Rapids and later Grand Blanc. In retirement, he and Lee lived at the Jersey Shore in Avon before returning to Michigan, living in Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids and then Perry Farm Village in Harbor Springs. An ardent Villanova Wildcat and Michi-

gan Wolverine fan, he was most proud of his family and enjoyed traveling all over the United States to be with them.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, his children and their spouses, Mari and Jerome McDevitt (Scotch Plains and Avon, N.J.), Carl and Jane Wilderotter (Metairie, La.), Judy and Jack Harvey (Harbor Springs), Mark and Kathy Wilderotter (Merritt Island, Fla.), Gini and Jeff Graham (Beaverton, Ore.), Dave Wilderotter (Lake Tahoe, Calif.), Wendy Wilderotter and Deb Malmgren (Jersey City and Kittatiny Lake, N.J.), Christine and Richard Carreno (Manlius, N.Y. and Harbor Springs) and Lisa and Mike Ethington (East Grand Rapids and Drummond Island, Mich.); 17 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; his sister, Barbara Rinkor (Maplewood, N.J.); his brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Barbara Barry (Morristown, N.J.), and several nieces and nephews. Two brothers, Carl and Arthur Wilderotter, predeceased him.

A Mass for his intention has been offered at the Augustine Center at the Sacramentine Monastery in Conway, Mich. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Stone Funeral Home of Petoskey, Mich. There will be no visitation, but a Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at a later date followed by springtime interment at Holy Childhood Cemetery in Harbor Springs. A celebration of his life will be held this summer in Avon-By-the-Sea, N.J.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to a charity of one's choice.

Family and friends wishing to share memories or offer condolences may also do so online at [www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com).

January 5, 2012

### Charles 'Ted' Christian, Sr., 74, CPA; Active In Church and Civic Groups

Charles E. (Ted) Christian, Sr., 74, of Lords Valley, Pa. passed away suddenly on Christmas Day in Basking Ridge, N.J.

Born in Harrisburg, Pa., he graduated from the College of Wooster in Ohio and received an MBA from Rutgers University. A Certified Public Accountant, he was a partner in Martin & Martin, CPA of Cedar Knolls and had a practice in Milford, Pa.

He was predeceased by his parents, Fred E. and Eva Stick Christian, and a nephew, Freddy Bush. Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Jean Van Nortwick Christian; son Charles E. (Chip) Christian, Jr. and his wife, Margo Eig, of Basking Ridge, N.J.; son Jon Christian and his wife, Sherry Christian, of Rockford, Ill.; grandsons Bradley, Alex and Brian; sister Maureen Ehle and her husband, Ron Ehle; brother J. David Christian and his wife, Jan Christian, and niece Kristel Bush.

He previously lived in Scotch Plains, N.J., where he was a member of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Jaycees and was an elder of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, and Watchung, N.J., where he was a member of the Optimist Club and the Wilson Memorial Church. He was a member of The Church at Hemlock Farms and the Rotary Clubs of Milford-Matamoras-Lords Valley and Madison, N.J.

A celebration of his life will be held on Sunday, January 1, at 2 p.m. at The Church at Hemlock Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to the Liberty Corner First Aid Squad, Inc., 740 Martinsville Road, Liberty Corner, N.J. 07938 or to The Church at Hemlock Farms, 1493 Hemlock Farms, Lords Valley, Pa. 18428.

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### Noreen Liddy, 75, Was Local Resident; Co-owned/Operated Maurice Coiffures

Noreen M. Liddy of Cranford, N.J. passed away on Thursday, December 29, 2011, at Overlook Medical Center in Summit, N.J. She was 75.

Born in Orange, N.J., Mrs. Liddy remained in Union County (Union, Westfield, Garwood, Mountainside, North Plainfield and Cranford). A graduate of Union High School, she co-owned and operated Maurice Coiffures in Garwood from 1961 to 1974, then worked at several other positions while also raising her three children.

She was predeceased by her parents, Margaret (Lotano) and Alphonse Modugno, and her former husband, Maurice L. Liddy, Jr.

Surviving are her children, Kim and her husband, Ken Westlin, Michael and his wife, Alesia, and

Colleen and her wife, Lana Liddy-Lapadura; her sister, Diane, and her husband, Bob Gervasi, and her brothers, Al and his wife, Kathy Modugno, and Frank and his wife, Linda Modugno. Noreen also is survived by her six grandchildren, Andrew, Alex, Griffin, Henry, Hannah and Chloe, whom she loved and adored with all of her being. She will be dearly missed by her children, grandchildren and all who knew and loved her.

A service was held on Tuesday, January 3, at the First Congregational Church of Westfield.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Funeral Home, 218 North Avenue, West, in Cranford, N.J.

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## Obituaries

### Robert A. Giegerich, Jr., 67, Attorney; Active In Rotary, Youth, Y Programs

Robert A. Giegerich, Jr., 67, died on Sunday, January 1, 2012, at his home in Scotch Plains.

Born and raised in Elizabeth, he lived in Fanwood for over 30 years before moving to Scotch Plains in 2003.

Bob was a graduate of St. Benedict's Prep in Newark and attended Villanova University before graduating from NJIT with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. A graduate of Seton Hall Law School, he maintained a law practice in Scotch Plains, then Cranford, before retiring in 2003.

Bob was a member of the Plainfield Country Club, where he had served on the membership committee; the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club, and the Fanwood Youth Organization. He also served on the board of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA for many years.

Surviving are his loving wife, Barbara; his son, Robert A. Giegerich, III (and his wife, Roseanne); his daughter, Kristen Rohde (and her husband, Christopher); his sister, Nancy Jane Andrews, and five grandchildren,

Mattison, Robert, Amanda, Ashley and Mallory.

The funeral will be held at 9 a.m. today, Thursday, January 5, from the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. A Funeral Mass will be offered at 10 a.m. today at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church, 1571 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains. Entombment will follow at St. Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

(with message on memo line c/o: "Second Wind Fund" or "Clyde Barker Transplant House" in memory of Robert A. Giegerich, Jr.) and mailed to Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Lung Transplant Program, c/o Nancy Blumenthal, 3400 Spruce Street, Ground Floor, Gates Building, Philadelphia, Pa. 19104. For additional information or to express condolences, please visit [www.fanwoodmemorial.com](http://www.fanwoodmemorial.com).

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Robert A. Giegerich, Jr.

### Riley W. Davis, 13, Was Beloved Son, Grandson, Brother, Nephew and Cousin

After four courageous years following his diagnosis with leukemia, Riley W. Davis, age 13, embraced by his parents and older brother, passed away on Wednesday, December 28, 2011.

He was the beloved and joyful son of Mary Healy Davis and John Stephen Davis, formerly of Westfield, N.J.; best friend and brother of Cole J. Davis; cherished grandson of Virginia Davis and the late William C. Davis and John B. and Herta G. Healy, and inspiring nephew and cousin to his many aunts, uncles and cousins. Riley also is survived by many family and

friends, and classmates from Jacksonville Elementary and Hereford Middle Schools.

A service to celebrate Riley's life was held on Tuesday, January 3, at the Grand Lodge, 304 International Circle, Cockeysville, MD 21030. A private burial service took place. The guest registry is available at [www.memorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.memorialfuneralhome.com). Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to the Riley Davis Benefit Fund, P.O. Box 424, Hunt Valley, MD 21030.

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Riley W. Davis

### Robert D. Gordon, Owned CPA Firm; Was Teacher and Published Author

Robert David Gordon passed away on Thursday, December 29, 2011.

A resident of Westfield, N.J., Robert (Bob) was born on June 4, 1938 in Newark, N.J., where he was raised and attended Weequahic High School. Upon his graduation from Rutgers University in 1961, Bob worked as an accountant and became a CPA. He entered the Marine Corps in 1961 and had risen to the ranking of lieutenant colonel at the time of his honorable discharge in 1964.

Bob then worked for Arthur Young & Company and Goldman Sachs before establishing his own CPA firm. His many years of experience on Wall Street and with the major accounting firms made him a valued expert in financial planning and led to a teaching position at the New York Institute of Finance, and later at Kean University. He also was a published author.

Bob was one of two children born to the late Jack and Sylvia Gordon (Goldstein) and was the beloved husband of Carol Tepeidino Gordon for almost 30 years. He also is survived by his devoted children, Mark and his wife, Nicole, Andrea, Alex, Brynne and her husband, Walt Tillman, and Colin, as well as his grandchildren, Hannah, Joshua, Jacob and Isabella, along with countless other friends and family whom were blessed to know him.

To those who knew him best, Bob was notorious for his exceptionally dry sense of humor, his kindness as an employer and his brilliance as both an accountant and a teacher. Bob touched the lives of many people with his thoughtfulness and maintained his trademark sense of humor right to the very end.

A memorial service was held on Monday, January 2, at the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral

Home, 582 Springfield Avenue in Westfield. Interment took place on Tuesday, January 3, at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Robert's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

Condolences can be sent to the family at [www.higginsandbonner.com](http://www.higginsandbonner.com).

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### Clarence W. Meyers, Jr.

Clarence William Meyers, Jr. died on Friday, December 2, at home in Westfield. He was born on September 26, 1920 to Clarence William Meyers and Grace Schaffer Meyers of Westfield.

He was graduated from Westfield High School in 1937 and the Wardlaw School in 1938. In 1942 he earned a Bachelor of Science in Economics from Rutgers University. He served in the 5th Army 445th Combat Battalion, which was engaged in battle from 1944 to 1945 in Central Europe, Normandy and Northern France, the Rhineland and the Bulge.

Surviving are his wife, Sally Ann Bogart; his daughters, Mary Katherine and Alexandra Burgess and her husband, Stephen Leroy Cruse, Jr.; his sons, Peter Bogart Meyers and his wife, Daniela Veselinova, and Anthony Wright Meyers, and his grandchildren, Stephen Leroy Cruse, III, William Alexander Cruse, Bozhidar Kaloyanov and Margaret Veselinova.

A committal service will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, January 6, at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Donations in Bill's memory may be made to St Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 East Broad Street, Westfield, N.J. 07090.

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### Arthur Feibush, 81, Inventor, Author; Active In Education and Gardening

Arthur M. Feibush, 81, a longtime resident of Westfield, N.J., died on Thursday, December 22, 2011. He was the son of the late Joseph J. and Rose Berman Feibush, and a descendant of the well-known medieval scribe Joel ben Simeon Feibush Ashkenazi.

He earned an AB degree with honors at Syracuse University and was awarded a pre-doctoral research appointment at Brookhaven National Laboratory, where he completed the research for his Ph.D. in Chemistry. He was elected to membership in Alpha Chi Sigma, the chemistry honorary, and The Society of the Sigma Xi, the research honorary. Dr. Feibush also was a member of the American Chemical Society and the American Nuclear Society.

Dr. Feibush worked in various industrial research positions, was the inventor on several U.S. patents and was the author of numerous papers and presentations in scientific literature. He then became involved in the sales and marketing of large engineered systems and later in management of environmental remediation programs. He was instrumental in construction of the first

commercial system for the recovery of radioactive gases from nuclear fuel reprocessing.

Dr. Feibush was active in a number of civic organizations in Westfield and was interested in public school activities. He served as an elected member of the Westfield Board of Education and later as a member of the board of directors and president of the Westfield Adult School. Pursuing his interest in gardening, he became a Rutgers Cooperative Certified Master Gardener and also devoted much time to that organization.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Pauline; his son and daughter-in-law, Eliot and Julie Feibush, and his grandchildren, Aaron and Laura Feibush.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, December 28, at Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah in Clark, N.J. Funeral arrangements were by Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union, N.J. Donations may be sent to the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad, 335 Watterson Street, Westfield, N.J. 07090-3321.

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### Charles Roberts, 92, Business Owner; Honored For Service to United Way

Charles Edward Roberts, 92, a lifelong resident of Cranford, passed away peacefully on Monday, December 26, 2011.

Charles graduated Cranford High School in 1936 and the College of William and Mary in 1940. After distinguished Army service in World War II, he received his MBA in Accounting from New York University and went on to operate his own accounting firm in Westfield and Fanwood until he retired in 2007.

Charlie was quiet and unassuming until he sat down at the bridge table, where his focus was intense. He was a competitive bowler until his later years, known for using a two-fingered ball. Charles was generous with his time and would go out of his way to help friends and associates. He made the best of any situation. His sense of humor seemed to lighten any conversation. He gave much back to the community, where he had been honored for his service to the United Way and is remembered for time given to organizations such as the Trinity Episcopal Church in Cranford and Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

He was instrumental in the development of Cranford's community pools.

Charles is survived by his loving wife, Marilyn, as well as by his brothers, Austin and Edmund; his children, Charles Jr. (Ned), Thomas, Elizabeth Wojcio, William, Jeffrey and David. He especially enjoyed time spent with his 14

### Margaret Clare, 86

Margaret Corcoran Clare, 86, of Westfield and North Palm Beach, Fla. passed away peacefully on Monday, December 26, 2011, surrounded by her loving family.

Mrs. Clare was born in Newton, Mass. and had lived in Westfield since 1947. She also wintered for many years in Florida. Margaret was a homemaker who enjoyed playing golf and bridge. She was a member of the Westfield Junior League, Echo Lake Country Club and the Lost Tree Club in North Palm Beach, Fla.

Surviving are her husband of 64 years, David Clare, and their children, Lynne, Carol, David and Christopher. She also will be deeply missed by her 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was offered yesterday, Wednesday, January 4, at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield. Arrangements were by Dooley Colonial Home of Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the ASPCA.

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