

Yvonne Kimbel Jeka, 81, Real Estate Sales Associate and Floral Designer

Yvonne Kimbel Jeka, 81, of Mountainside died on Christmas Day, December 25, at her home. She leaves her husband of 55 years; two sons, Donald, Jr. (Alison) and Paul (Michele); an adopted daughter, Kelly McCormick, and two grandchildren, Victoria and Donald III "Dee."

After a distinguished career as a Mom, Yvonne left this world for a better place. She was a real estate sales associate, joining Burgdorff Realtors' Summit office and Coldwell Banker, followed by Premier Properties Sotheby's International in Short Hills.

Her real estate career spanned 30 years, primarily with Burgdorff, until it was sold. Earlier, she was with the former Continental Can Corporation in Montclair, N.J., in the statistical department, called upon periodically to model for paper products promotional materials and advertisements.

Her compassion for family togetherness brought the kids and grandkids to a summer vacation on Long Beach Island. Famous for her Christmas cookies, it was a looked-for holiday treat. An accomplished knitter, she created an Irish fishermen's sweater for all the males.

Having moved from Clifton, N.J. to Mountainside, she later joined Ruth Christoffer's as a floral designer, taking awards for her special talent in this

field. She became involved in community affairs, rising to president of the Parent-Teacher Association.

As a member of the Community Presbyterian Church, she served as an elder and member of the church Sessions board. Her creative talents extended to many church activities around the various holiday seasons.

She was a family member of the Keyport Yacht Club, cruising and day-sailing aboard the couple's Bristol 40, *Santana*. Yachting was the focus of the family's recreational activities and sparked the organization of the Summit Yacht Club, a group of local real estate sales associates, who selected her husband, Don, as Commodore. The group shared a summer sail together on the Chesapeake aboard a friend's Hatteras for years in a row and met monthly locally.

Yvonne Jeka was predeceased by a brother, Charles (Chuck) Kimbel, and a sister, Joyce Brandstatter. She was a graduate of Barringer High School in Newark and attended a secretarial school.

Yvonne's Service of Remembrance will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 11, 2014, at the Community Presbyterian Church in Mountainside. Interment will be private. Arrangements are by Gray Funeral Directors of Westfield.

January 2, 2014

Obituaries

Helen Doris Schulz, Local Parishioner; Had Long Career at Accounting Firm

Helen Doris Schulz of Whiting, N.J. died on Christmas morning, December 25, 2013, in Toms River, N.J.

Born to George and Freda Schulz in Bayonne, N.J. on November 5, 1923, Helen moved to Westfield at the age of 2 and lived in the family home on Hazel Avenue for the next 77 years. She had been a member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield for over 50 years. She moved to Crestwood Manor in Whiting in 2002 and made many friends during her years there.

After graduating from Westfield High School in the Class of 1939, she completed studies at the Berkeley School in East Orange in 1941 and began work at the accounting firm Haskins and Sells in 1942. During her 42 years with the firm, she worked in the Newark and Morristown offices, retiring in 1984 from Deloitte & Touche's

Morristown office.

Proud of her business acumen, Helen balanced her checkbook to the penny, and at Crestwood knew the names of all who she passed in the hallways. She recalled many details of her travel experiences, and always urged to travel while you can.

She was predeceased by her parents and her sister, Marion G. Wyckoff, who died in 1996. She is survived by her cousins, including Leonard, John and Richard Ahlfeld.

A graveside service and interment were held at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield on Saturday, December 28, 2013. Arrangements were by Gray Funeral Directors of Westfield.

True to her attention to detail, she had many years before had the marker installed on the family plot, needing only the final date entered.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Westfield

Monday, December 23, Frankie Diaz, 24, of Linden was arrested on an outstanding Westfield traffic warrant for \$500 pursuant to a pickup at the Roselle Police Department. Diaz was transported to Westfield police headquarters, where he was processed and released on posted bail.

Thursday, December 26, Chavaughn S. O'Neal, 24, of Newark was arrested on an outstanding Carteret warrant for \$89 during a stop for an observed traffic violation on the 400 block of West North Avenue. She was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail.

Thursday, December 26, Gregory Thompson, 43, of Roselle was arrested on an outstanding Linden traffic warrant and an outstanding warrant from Westfield, each in the amount of \$250, pursuant to a pickup at the Woodbridge Police Department. He was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and released on posted bail.

Friday, December 27, Eboney Gunter, 34, of Plainfield was arrested as the result of a motor vehicle stop and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI). Her motor vehicle was impounded as per John's Law. She later was released to a responsible adult and assigned a court date.

Saturday, December 28, Alice Campbell, 53, of Cranford was arrested at police headquarters after turning herself in on a \$139 Fanwood traffic warrant. Full bail was posted with a court date to be determined.

Saturday, December 28, Bryan Black, 31, and Sharon Webb-Lawal, 39, both of Plainfield, were arrested on outstanding warrants following a motor vehicle stop on North Avenue. Webb-Lawal posted \$103 on a Westfield traffic warrant, while Black was turned over to the Plainfield Police Department on a \$905 criminal warrant.

Sunday, December 29, Luis A. Jerez, 21, of Union was arrested and charged with DWI following a motor vehicle stop in the area of West South and Summit Avenues. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released to a responsible adult.

Sunday, December 29, three people were arrested and charged with DWI in separate incidents following motor vehicle stops executed at a DWI checkpoint in the area of East South and Windsor Avenues. Police identified the individuals as Eric Williges, 35, of New Providence, Marybeth Manfredi, 29, of Cranford and Trevor Joad-Singh, 43, of Roslyn, N.Y. Additionally, Joad-Singh was charged with three counts of operating a motor vehicle under the influence with three minors as passengers. Each was transported to police headquarters, processed and released to a responsible adult.

Sunday, December 29, Ronald H. Posyton, Sr., 53, of Westfield was arrested on two outstanding Westfield traffic warrants. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting \$162 cash bail.

Monday, December 30, Melvin Gonzalez, Jr., 22, of Perth Amboy was arrested on two outstanding Westfield traffic warrants following a motor vehicle stop in the area of Central and Myrtle Avenues. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting \$144 cash bail.

Scotch Plains

Monday, December 23, a resident of Cooper Road reported that sometime overnight someone damaged his mailbox.

Monday, December 23, a resident of Gaycroft Drive reported that she has been receiving numerous text messages from a former friend.

Monday, December 23, a resident of Myrtle Avenue reported that sometime during the day, someone removed multiple packages off of her front porch.

Friday, December 27, Elmer

Urugutia, 23, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with possession of suspected marijuana after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Friday, December 27, Eranio Lopez, 22, of Bound Brook was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22 on an outstanding \$189 warrant issued by the Scotch Plains Court. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Friday, December 27, Idalia Burt, 38, of Rahway was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on East Second Street on an outstanding \$1,400 warrant issued by the Scotch Plains Court. She was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Mountainside

Thursday, December 12, Aaron McQuiller, 21, of Newark was picked up at the Essex County jail and charged with an outstanding warrant out of Mountainside in the amount of \$400.

Monday, December 16, Jawaan Y. Taylor, 26, of Union was arrested for driving with a suspended license and an outstanding warrant out of Maplewood in the amount of \$500 after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22.

Monday, December 16, a resident of Wyoming Drive came into police headquarters to report that he had received a letter from Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey advising him that two company laptops were stolen that possibly contained personal information about him, including his address, date of birth and Social Security number. However, the victim had not noticed any suspicious activity on any of his accounts, according to police. Horizon advised him to file a police report in the event fraudulent activity should occur.

Tuesday, December 17, police responded to a residence on Sunnyview Drive on the report of a chimney fire. According to police, the homeowner was awoken by a smoke detector going off, the cause of which was found to be the pipeline at the top of the vent of a newly installed wood-burning stove. It was later determined the homeowner overloaded the stove with wood prior to going to bed, which caused the heavy smoke conditions, police said. The homeowner was advised to have the wood-burning stove pipeline cleaned, authorities reported. No property damage occurred.

Wednesday, December 18, James W. Lee, Jr., 28, of Orange was arrested on two outstanding ATS warrants in the amount of \$1,000 and one ACS warrant in the amount of \$1,000 after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22. He was transported to police headquarters and processed.

Sunday, December 22, Isaiah J. Erinson, 24, of Linden was arrested for driving with a suspended license and an outstanding warrant out of Linden in the amount of \$100 after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22.

Monday, December 23, a resident of Sawmill Road reported that sometime between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m., someone entered his residence by breaking the glass in a back door and ransacked several bedrooms before removing a pillowcase and stealing numerous items, including two engagement rings, a watch and \$800 in cash. According to police, it is unknown if anything else was stolen at this time.

Thursday, December 26, Thomas J. Taity, 25, of Hoboken was arrested and charged with possession of suspected marijuana, under 50 grams, and Xanax after a motor vehicle stop on Sawmill Road. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Saturday, December 28, Darrus T. Falana, 19, of Newark was arrested and charged with possession of suspected marijuana, under 50 grams, after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22.

Lawrence Ditzel, Sr., 89, Was Plumber; Active In Squad, Scouts, Lions, Masons

Lawrence F. Ditzel, Sr., 89, passed away on Saturday, December 28, 2013, at home.

Born in Cranford, he lived in Garwood for many years.

A plumber, Mr. Ditzel had been a partner in R&D Plumbing and Heating of Garwood. He was a member of the Lions Club for 25 years and a Lions Representative. Larry was a member of Azure-Masada Club, F&AM of Cranford for 50 years. He also had been a member of the Garwood First Aid Squad, a Webelos and a Boy Scout leader, and had helped construct the gazebo at the Garwood Little League field. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Larry was predeceased by a son, Kurt; a daughter, Kathy, and a great-grandson, Kevin.

Surviving are Katherine D. (Ehmholm) Ditzel, his beloved wife since December 13, 1947; three devoted sons, Larry and his wife, Velma, Gary and his wife, Joyce, and Mark; four loving grandsons, Larry III and his wife, Shawn, Raymond, Keith and Christopher; and one beloved great-grandson, 11-year-old Jason.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, January 3, at the Dooley Funeral Home, 218 North Avenue West in Cranford. Interment will be at Rosedale Memorial Park in Linden.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wounded Warriors, 370 7th Avenue, Suite 1802, New York, N.Y. 10001.

January 2, 2014



COMEDY BENEFIT...A special comedy fundraiser to benefit Garwood PBA Local No. 117 was held December 5 at Crossroads, located at 78 North Avenue in Garwood. The event featured Michael Winslow, The Dumb Kids In the Back and Jerrold Benford. Over 120 attendees came out to support the cause, and \$1,000 was raised for the Garwood Police Department that night. Pictured, from left to right, are: Comedian Joe Carney from The Dumb Kids In the Back, presenting a \$1,000 check to Officer John Wright of the Garwood Police Department, and Crossroads owner Lee Frankel. Mr. Carney was to be featured at another benefit at Crossroads on Thursday, January 2, for the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick Union County.

Stephen Deduck Achieves Rank of Eagle Scout

Stephen Thomas Deduck has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout — the highest award in Boy Scouting — for which he was honored December 28 at a Court of Honor at the Holy Trinity Parish Center in Westfield. He is the son of Mary Jackson and Stephen Deduck of Scotch Plains.



Stephen T. Deduck

Stephen began his Scouting career as a Tiger Cub Scout with Holy Trinity's Pack No. 73, receiving his Arrow of Light and then bridging over to Troop No. 73 in March of 2007. He attended Winnebago Scout Reservation that summer, and for the next six summers, not only with Troop No. 73, but also on his own with the provisional patrol and with the Trail to Eagle Patrol. Along with earning advancement, merit badges and the Mile Swim Badge, Stephen also attained BSA Life Guard Certification there.

Stephen attended a West Point Scout Jamboree and his first high adventure trip was a six-day trek through the Adirondack Mountains, where he climbed three of the 46ers, Mts. Colden, Marshall and the 5,144-foot Mt. Algonquin.

In the summer of 2011, Stephen attended Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, N.M. With Patriots' Path Council crew 714-C3, he spent 12 days backpacking over 80 miles through the Sangre de Cristo mountain range, the pinnacle being climbing the 12,100-foot Mt. Baldy. There were side trips to Pike's Peak, white-water rafting

on the Colorado River and a visit to the Air Force Academy. Upon returning, Stephen attended the National Youth Leadership Training week at Winnebago Scout Reservation.

Stephen's first leadership role was as Scribe. He then became an assistant Patrol Leader. After being elected Patrol Leader, Stephen served as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and then as instructor, teaching new Scouts and helping them advance. Stephen continued in Scouting while playing on the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School varsity football and ice hockey teams.

Stephen's Eagle service project was to build self-standing flower boxes and revitalize an outdoor break area at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside. In addition to planting flowers in the boxes, other shrubs were planted and benches sanded and painted.

Stephen completed his Eagle Scout requirements and project this fall and passed his Eagle Board of Review on November 21, his 18th birthday. He recently received a Patriots' Path Scout-Scholar-Athlete Award. Stephen is now in his senior year of high school and is applying to colleges with plans to study physics, chemistry and biology, possibly pursuing a career in medicine or engineering.

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