

Robert A. Hope, Jr., 93, Westfield Native; Was Veteran and Beloved Father

Robert Alexander Hope, Jr., 93, passed away peacefully on Monday, October 27, 2014, at his home in New Port Richey, Fla. with his three children at his side.

He was born in Westfield, N.J., the son of Robert A. Sr. and Euphemia (Munro) Hope. He attended schools in Westfield and graduated from Kings Point Merchant Marine Academy with a degree in engineering and as a Lieutenant J.G. He served two years in World War II while at Kings Point. He was honorably discharged from the Naval Reserve on October 12, 1965. He met his wife, Margaret Anderson, on February 13, 1946 and they were married on September 13, 1946.

After the war he worked for Western Electric before joining his father as a carpenter/contractor, Robert A. Hope and Son. Along with his father, they built many of the businesses in Westfield, including Gray Funeral Home. As a master cabinet maker, Dad's cabinetry can be found in many of the older homes throughout Westfield. He also built the family home in Westfield.

Dad was very involved in the community as well with the McKinley School PTA, serving as a swimming and diving coach at the YMCA, the Westfield High School Booster Club and past president of the Exchange Club. He was one of the founding governors of the Nomahegan Swim Club and made the first sign which stood for many years at the entrance. He also made the sign that currently stands in front of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. The boulder that stands at the corner of the Revolutionary Cemetery came from the front yard of the house they lived in on North Avenue. He

was asked to be part of the oral history of Westfield project, which can be found in the Archives on the Leader website.

He loved his family, stock cars, and later NASCAR, boating, playing golf and entertaining. He led by example and taught his children the values of honesty, loyalty, friendship and humility.

Upon retirement in New Jersey in 1980, he moved to Pine Knoll Shores, N.C., where he became the building inspector for the town. In 1985 he moved to New Port Richey, Fla., where he and his wife enjoyed many years of happy retirement.

He was predeceased by his loving and devoted wife. He is survived by three children, Barbara Patterson of Westfield, who resides in the family home, Bob Hope III of New Port Richey, Fla. and Peggy Hope of North Adams, Mass.; three grandchildren whom he loved dearly, Bruce Patterson of Westfield, Alex and Matthew McKinney of North Adams, Mass.; nieces and nephews, and several "adopted" children who were his children's friends. He also was predeceased by his parents, brothers, James and David, and sister, May. He was the youngest and last of his immediate family.

There will be no calling hours. A graveside service will be held Saturday, December 6, 2014, at 11 a.m., at the Revolutionary Cemetery in Westfield for family and invited friends.

Donations in Dad's memory can be sent to Gulfside Regional Hospice, 6117 Trouble Creek Road, New Port Richey, FL 34653.

Dad also will be remembered for his sense of humor which he never lost.

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Obituaries

George R. Freund, 92, Was Executive; Arbitrator and Investment Banker

George Robert Freund, 92, of Morristown, N.J. died peacefully on Wednesday, November 12, 2014.

Born in London, England, Mr. Freund lived a full life distinguished by entrepreneurship and service.

He was the founder and president of General Wax Refining Company and Marco Chemical. Mr. Freund sold Marco Chemical to W.R. Grace Company, where he was employed as vice-president of corporate development. After leaving W.R. Grace, Mr. Freund founded Merge Master Company and actively pursued a career in investment banking, concentrating on mergers and acquisitions.

He was a long-serving arbitrator/mediator for the New York Stock Exchange, American Arbitration Association and NASD.

Mr. Freund was the leader of three United Nations missions to Brazil under the auspices of UNIDO. He also was an adjunct professor at New York University's Graduate School of Business. Mr. Freund was a past president of the Young Presidents Organization, New Jersey Chapter, and a member of the World Business Council.

He attended Ohio State University and graduated with a Bachelor of

Science degree from New York University.

He was a member of the Racquets Club of Short Hills, N.J., Canoe Brook Country Club in Summit, N.J. and Jonathan's Landing in Jupiter, Fla. During World War II he was a captain in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Freund is survived by his wife, Virginia, to whom he had been married for 70 years; his son, George Jr., and his wife, Jane, of Swanzy, N.H.; his daughter, Deborah Neely, and her husband, Edward Neely, of Berkeley Heights, N.J.; three grandchildren, Jill Borst of Summit, George Freund III of Boca Raton, Fla. and Meredith Mintz of Convent Station, N.J.; and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, November 22, at Christ Church in Short Hills.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in George's memory to the New Jersey State Golf Association Caddie Scholarship Foundation, 3 Golf Drive, Kenilworth, N.J. 07033, www.njsga.org, or to the Carol G. Simon Cancer Center, c/o Overlook Foundation, 36 Upper Overlook Road, Summit, N.J. 07902.

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Westfield Library Reveals Remote Printing Service

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Memorial Library has announced a new remote printing service that allows patrons to print materials from their laptops or computers, smart phones or any Internet connected device, at the library.

"We are very happy to be offering this convenient new service from PrinterOn," said Library Director Phil Israel. "Our patrons can now print virtually any document or web page from their Internet connected device to our library printer."

"It's important to understand that they are not printing wirelessly," he continued. "The system uses dedicated IP addresses. The difference is that not only can patrons print to the Reference Desk as they have always done, but they can also send a print job to the library from anywhere outside the library."

The process starts with a visit to the library website at wmlnj.org, followed by a click on the links for "remote printing." After completing some simple instructions, patrons receive a job number.

Upon arrival at the library, they enter their e-mail address at the Reference Desk printer on the second floor, and the print job and its cost will appear on the screen. Money is fed into the machine — coins (no pennies) or dollar bills — and the requested materials appear. Black-and-white copies are 10 cents apiece and color copies are 50 cents. Print requests are held at the library for 24 hours.

If people are within the library using a laptop/computer, smart phone or any Internet connected device, they can send print jobs to the Reference Desk printer as well.

Library hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday; and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information on library programs and services, call (908) 789-4090, visit wmlnj.org and sign up for the monthly e-newsletter, "Library Loop," or stop by the library at 550 East Broad Street for a copy of its award-winning, quarterly newsletter, "Take Note."

Trailside Invites Teachers To Project WET Workshop

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced that Trailside Nature and Science Center will offer "Project WET," a teacher-training workshop at the center for adults ages 18 and older, on Thursday, December 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"Trailside's popular teacher-training Project WET workshop offers a unique opportunity to learn innovative ways to bring awareness and understanding of our environment and aquatic resources to students," said Freeholder Chairman Christopher Hudak.

This workshop will provide the necessary tools, resources and lessons for teachers to utilize in the classroom to teach students about the importance of water in everyday life. Formal and informal educators are invited to join a certified Project WET facilitator for a day of interactive, educational and hands-on activities focusing on water as a valuable resource.

Garwood Knights Holding Toy Drive

GARWOOD — The Garwood Knights of Columbus are conducting a toy drive through December.

Donations of brand new, unwrapped toys on behalf of St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth can be dropped off after 4 p.m. weekdays at the Knights' Council Hall, located at 37 South Avenue, Garwood (opposite PathMark). On weekends, individuals are asked to first call (908) 789-9809. Parking is available behind the building off Willow Avenue (turn at Marty Shoes). Visitors are asked to use the side-door entrance.

Monetary donations may be made payable to: "The Garwood K of C Toy Drive," attention Keith Gallagher.

The Knights request that individuals not donate toys depicting violence, guns, dolls exploiting women or old stuffed animals.

For more information on the toy drive, call (908) 789-9809 or Keith Gallagher at (908) 789-0931 after 4 p.m. More information about St. Joseph Social Service Center is available on YouTube "Homeless in Elizabeth," parts one and two, or by visiting stjosephelizbeth.org.

Participants will work cooperatively to discover the properties of water while earning six New Jersey Department of Education teaching credits. Each person will receive a Project WET curriculum and activity guide with more than 90 interdisciplinary activities and lessons, teacher-tested and classroom-ready for students in kindergarten through grade 12. Lessons are correlated to New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. New Jersey Project WET is sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Watershed Management Division and the New Jersey Audubon Society.

Pre-registration is required for this workshop. Space is limited. Walk-ins will be welcomed as space permits. The fee is \$20 per person. Light refreshments will be served during morning registration. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch.

For information about the Project WET teacher-training workshop or upcoming programs and special events at Trailside, call (908) 789-3670 or visit ucj.org/trailside for a complete fall brochure. Trailside Nature and Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, and is a service of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Library Invites Teens To Monday Meet-Up

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Public Library invites teens in grades 6 to 12 to participate in Monday Meet-Up on December 1, at 3:30 p.m., one of multiple upcoming fun and festive after-school activities planned for this month.

Participants will join friends and librarians for a quiet hour of studying, researching and homework help. The library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue. Interested youth are encouraged to register through the library's website, scotlib.org, by calling (908) 322-5007, extension no. 204, or by e-mail at library@scotlib.org.

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

POLICE BLOTTER

Westfield

Wednesday, November 19, a resident of the 700 block of Carleton Road reported a burglary and theft in which one or more unknown suspects somehow gained access to the home and removed jewelry valued at approximately \$2,800.

Wednesday, November 19, David Hamilton, 34, of Oaklyn was arrested on an outstanding Westfield criminal warrant for \$750 pursuant to a prisoner pickup at the Camden County Correctional Facility. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail.

Thursday, November 20, a resident of the 500 block of Highland Avenue reported a theft from his

home, with a property value of \$1,500. Someone unknown removed an iPhone and a silver ring before exiting the residence.

Sunday, November 23, a resident in the area of Evergreen Court reported being the victim of a burglary. One or more suspects entered through a rear living room window and exited through a rear sliding door. Assorted jewelry and personal items were taken from the residence, according to police.

Sunday, November 23, one or more unknown suspects spray painted graffiti on the east side of the Memorial Pool building. According to police, the graffiti was approximately three feet in diameter and resembled a bird.



WARM HEARTS...Congregation Beth Israel in Scotch Plains collected more than 150 winter coats, which were donated to the non-profit community-based organization Jersey Cares for distribution to men, women and children in need throughout the state. Volunteers from the synagogue's Social Action Committee conducted a month-long coat drive, culminating on November 19. Seventh-grade Religious School students helped with the outreach project by sorting and bagging coats, and by writing positive notes and drawing uplifting pictures to be intentionally left in the pockets of coats going to children.

PCW to Celebrate the Season With Array of Music Events

WESTFIELD — In addition to filling the air with the sounds of Advent and Christmas music at Sunday traditional services, The Presbyterian Church in Westfield (PCW) invites area residents to join the congregation for some or all of the special events the church has planned. The church is located at 140 Mountain Avenue in Westfield.

The Continuo Arts Foundation, led by Maestra Candace Wickie, will perform its "Christmas Time in the City" concert on Saturday, December 13, at 6:30 p.m. It will take place in the church sanctuary. Offered free of charge, this concert will feature ensembles of all ages doing a wide variety of seasonal material.

A Community Sing of Handel's *Messiah*, co-sponsored by the Choral Arts Society and the church's Music Department, will take place for the first time at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield on Sunday, December 14, from 3 to 5 p.m.

All participants will pay a \$10 entry fee, which includes the singing experience and use of a score to be provided by the Choral Arts Society.

The church's own choirs and soloists have planned a day of music for Sunday, December 21. The 10 a.m. service

will be filled with joyful hymns and anthems, including the children's choirs. Following that service, children of all ages are invited to stay for lunch and a concert at noon in the chapel.

The PCW soloists, who performed a very well-attended and well-received series of concerts in November called "Sunday Serenades," will do a participatory concert called "Disney and Christmas — For Kids from 1 to 92." They will perform a variety of beloved songs from various Disney movies and theater productions. A big Christmas Sing-Along will follow. All are welcome and admission is free.

Later on December 21, at 4 p.m., the Chancel Choir will take the spotlight in the sanctuary for an event called "Sounds and Songs of the Season." This will include a selection of readings, carols and anthems, led and performed entirely by the church's own choir.

The carols to be jointly sung are ones from PCW's "Glory to God" hymnal, on its first anniversary of arriving at the church, and will include lesser-known ones that people may not normally encounter during the season. The choir also will do many of its "greatest hit" anthems from the past two seasons. Admission is free.

Mountainside Library Plans Activities For All Ages

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Mountainside Public Library, located at 1 Constitution Plaza, has announced the dates and details for multiple upcoming programs.

"Boost Your Child's Immune System" will be offered on Thursday, December 4, at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Orest Pelechaty, clinic director of the Center for Integrated Holistic Medicine in Springfield, will be the featured speaker. He will discuss natural approaches to health and wellness, with an emphasis on boosting children's immune systems as winter and flu season approach.

"Goodnight Ark," an author event with Laura Sassi, will be held on Saturday, December 6, at 10:30 a.m. This will be a story-telling, craft and book-signing event geared to children ages 2 to 7 with their parents or

caregivers. Ms. Sassi will have only a dozen books, illustrated by Jane Chapman, on hand to purchase; attendees also may bring their own copy for her to sign.

Additionally on December 6, a workshop entitled "Social Security Benefits" will take place at 2 p.m. Daniel M. Rodgers of MetLife Premier Client Group will be the presenter. He will discuss what Social Security has to offer; how and when one is eligible to receive benefits; things to consider in deciding when to take income, and strategies for collecting to help maximize one's benefits. While securities products will be discussed at this free program, this will not be a sales presentation.

To register for any of these events, call the library at (908) 233-0115.



THANKING OUR VETS...Children in Beth Hahn's Kindergarten class at the Westfield Area Y's Robert and Virginia Bauer Branch in Westfield recently made special Thanksgiving cards to thank a local veterans' group for their dedicated years of service. "This was one of our character development projects in which children recognize community heroes and give them thanks," stated Westfield Area Y Director of Preschool and Kindergarten Eileen Rooney.

DAR, CDC, JROTC Bring Cheer to Hospitalized Vets

CRANFORD — The Volunteer Service to Veterans Committee of Crane's Ford Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) teamed up with the Cranford Dramatic Club (CDC) and the Linden High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) on November 8 to entertain hospitalized veterans at the Veterans Administration Lyons Medical Center in Bernards Township.

Anjanette Valiante, leader of the Cranford Dramatic Club Outreach Group, organized a program of patriotic and standard songs and accompanied on the piano. Maureen Monroe, a member of CDC, brought a group of young performers to the Medical Center to sing.

The Linden High School JROTC also participated with the veterans. Cadets Magda Kozak, Amanda Foreman, Brendon Birch and Jon Garcia helped serve refreshments.

DAR Veterans Committee Chairwoman Bonnie Goodwin planned and organized the afternoon along with DAR members Mary Leonard, Carolyn Youngs, Helen vanGelder, Bonnie Turner and Betty Duckworth. With donations of gift cards from ShopRite, Stop & Shop and Wegmans, the DAR was able to purchase snacks and drinks for the veterans.

The Crane's Ford DAR has been volunteering with annual parties for the Lyons facility veterans for more than 21 years. The CDC Outreach Group has been collaborating for the past 11 years.

The DAR is a national service organization of women who have ancestry to participants of the American Revolution, both in combat and those who provided goods and services to the American cause. Prospective members may visit the website dar.org to learn more.



VETERANS DAY SALUTE...To mark Veterans Day, members of the Cranford Dramatic Club Theatre in Cranford entertained veterans and their guests and joined members of the Linden High School Junior ROTC at the Lyons Veterans Administration Hospital. The Crane's Ford Daughters of the American Revolution also participated in the festivities.

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