

Maria N. Zakula, 60, Dedicated Mental Health Professional

Maria N. Zakula, 60, formerly of Westfield, N.J., and most recently Millsboro, Del., died Wednesday, September 13, after a long illness.

Known for her dedication to those in need and her contagious laugh, Maria excelled in a career in the mental health field, particularly in the field of brain injury rehabilitation. She owned Rehabilitation Connections of Delaware Valley, LLC, which provided services to individuals with brain injuries, developmental disabilities and other neurological disabilities.

She was vice-president of the executive board of the Brain Injury Association of Delaware, and hoped to work toward the expansion of services to individuals with brain injuries and their families. She also sat on the board of the Asperger's Alliance.

Prior, she was the former director of vocational development project, client services liaison and program coordinator for the Community Skills Program in southern New Jersey, where she lived much of her life.



Maria N. Zakula

She earned a Master of Arts degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J., and was a certified brain injury specialist. Her undergraduate degree in psychology was earned in 1979 from Rowan University, formerly Glassboro State College.

Maria was predeceased by her parents, Michael and Nancy Zakula, and is survived by cousins, Gail Matteo Rizkalla of Westfield and John Matteo of Berkeley Heights, and her golden doodle, Gracie.

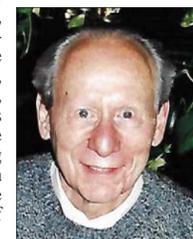
Services were held on Thursday, September 28, at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. She was buried with her parents in Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Donations can be made to Delaware Hospice Center, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19663.

October 26, 2017

Myron D. 'Mike' Waxberg, 84, Was Real Estate Attorney

Myron D. "Mike" Waxberg, of Westfield, N.J. and Phoenix, Ariz., passed away in his Phoenix home on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at age 84, from Parkinson's Disease and dementia. He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on July 3, 1933, to Bernice and Louis Waxberg. As a child, he was athletic, playing ball and swimming in his neighborhood. He would also play golf later in life.



Myron D. Waxberg

After attending Far Rockaway High School, Mr. Waxberg attended the University of Michigan and New York University School of Law. He served in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany, before being brought back to New York when his mother was ill. On December 1, 1968, he married the love of his life, Evelyn (Herz), eight months after they met.

He spent his career as a real estate attorney. After working for the law firm of Lynton Klein Opton & Saslow, then for Steak and Brew,

he spent most of his career working in Carteret, N.J., for Supermarkets General Corporation, parent company of Pathmark Stores. After retiring, he and Evelyn spent their winters in Phoenix, where their older son, David, has lived for more than 20 years. Well-rounded in his interests, Mr. Waxberg was a lifelong fan of the New York Giants, Mets, Knicks and Rangers; loved classical music and opera; was always reading books; and took sculpture classes in adult school.

Survivors include his devoted wife of 48 years, Evelyn; son, David; former daughter-in-law, Doris; future daughter-in-law, Rhonda Bobst, and grandchildren, Amanda and Jason; son, Greg, and daughter-in-law, Heather Ann; sister, Sue Juran; nephews, Larry Juran, Richard Juran and Steve Juran, and niece, Bonnie Ullner, and close family friends.

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Ethel W. Barth, 90, Active Parishioner; Longtime Resident of Scotch Plains

Ethel W. Barth, 90, passed away peacefully on Friday, October 20, 2017, at her home in Scotch Plains with her family by her side. Born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., she had been a longtime resident of Scotch Plains.

Ethel received a Bachelor's of Business Administration from Simmons College in Boston and worked as a secretary with City Service Corps in Manhattan for many years. Ethel and her husband, Tom, were parishioners of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield and later moved to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church when it was established in Scotch Plains in 1969. She was a past president and member of the Rosary Altar Society. Ethel also was an active member and volunteer of the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains.

Ethel is survived by her beloved husband of 59 years, Thomas Barth;

her daughter, Ann Barth, and sons, Robert Barth and his wife, Patrice, and Thomas Barth and his wife, Leah. She also is survived by four grandchildren, Alyssa, Michael, Lauren and James, and by her caregiver and dear friend, Carol Williams. She was predeceased by her brother, James Mulholland, Jr.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, October 24, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Private interment followed at Saint Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia. Visitation was at Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood on Monday, October 23. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Rosary Altar Society, 1571 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076. For additional information or to sign the guestbook, please visit www.fanwoodmemorial.com.

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Executive to Describe How To Distribute Digital Assets

SUMMIT AREA — Steve Erikson, CFP, president emeritus of Hallmark Capital Management, will speak at the Summit Area Old Guard at its Tuesday, October 31 meeting. He will talk about "Your Digital Legacy-Digital Estate Planning."

As Mr. Erikson will explain, in today's digital age, when people die, they leave behind a digital legacy. Relatives no longer consider what to do with books, tea sets and vases; they think about digital photos, videos and e-mails. Individuals today accumulate far more digital records than they do physical ones.

Survivors now have to deal with online bank accounts (those they know about); social media profiles and interactions; login data; e-mails; music collections, photos and many other valuable items, plus the conventional medical bills, funeral arrangements and decedent's will. Many online services are cloud-based and add another level of privacy protection.

How do survivors access these accounts? According to a recent survey, only 14 percent of people shared passwords with family members, leaving survivors unable to access online assets.

A trusted friend or advisor can select which posthumous information to reveal. Individuals should compile an inventory of all online accounts, and what is necessary to access the accounts. It is advisable to do it manually; online data can be hacked.

Individuals also should set out who they want to grant access to the accounts, and whether they want the data destroyed or given to a third party. Using login data of a deceased person may be troublesome; many online services say nobody but the owner can use the account.

All active men age 50-plus are invited to attend the Tuesday morning meetings of the Summit Area Old Guard. Meetings are held at the New Providence Municipal Center, located at 360 Elkwood Avenue, New Providence. A coffee hour starts at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10 a.m. business meeting brightened by singing and humor. Guest speakers begin their talk at 10:30 a.m.

Old Guard members participate in sports, bridge, hikes, trips, plays, concerts and other cultural events. For more information about the organization, call Jim Hewitt at (908) 233-5507 or log onto the website summitoldguard.org.



Steve Erikson

Obituaries

Thelora D. 'Peddie' Bliss, 99, Was Former Resident of Westfield

Thelora "Peddie" Bliss, 99, of Lancaster, Pa., passed away on Thursday, October 19, 2017, at Homestead Village, where she resided since 1991. She was the dear and loving wife of the late John W. Bliss of Valley City, N.D.

Thelora was born in Bethlehem, Pa., to Charles and Anna Dullenkopf. After graduating from Liberty High School in Bethlehem, Peddie went on to become a Registered Nurse. She received her training at the Allentown Hospital School of Nursing, graduating in 1939.

She married John Bliss, a Lehigh University mechanical engineer, in 1939. In 1949, after giving birth to three children, Peddie and John and their children moved to Concepcion, Chile. John Bliss worked at the Compania de Acero del Pacifico while Peddie volunteered as a surgical nurse at the local hospital. She was instrumental in supporting a community orphanage in Concepcion. She also served at the Union Protestant Church with many European and American families. She immersed herself in the cultures of Chile and spoke and wrote fluent Spanish.

In 1956 the family returned to the United States and eventually settled in Westfield, N.J. When the earthquakes of May, 1960 devastated Concepcion and its peoples, Peddie raised the plea for donations and clothing. For a month her home in Westfield became a "Red Cross" warehouse for donations to

that international rescue effort. She was a per diem nurse at Overlook Hospital in Summit, N.J., to support college tuitions for her three children.

Just prior to retirement, Peddie and John moved to Oceanport, N.J., where they enjoyed their three children and their spouses, and their 12 grandchildren. Peddie became an expert at steaming crabs caught by the grandchildren under their dock. They moved to Homestead Village, due to John's failing health, and they joined the Church of the Apostles. Peddie's hobbies included sewing and needlework, tole painting and basket making, and always she was the observant and helpful nurse.

Thelora Dullenkopf Bliss, Peddie, is survived by her three children, Jay W. Bliss (Peggy) of St. Augustine, Fla., Daniel J. Bliss (Martha) of Rock Hall, Md., and Barbara B. Irwin (W. John) of Valencia, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren, and her sole surviving sister, Kathleen Thomas of Hanover, Pa. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Memorial Service in the Glasford Room at Homestead Village, 1800 Village Circle, Lancaster, Pa., on Saturday, November 25, 2017, at 11 a.m. Friends may greet the family from 10:30 a.m. Interment will be private in the Memorial Garden of the Church of the Apostles. If considering a memorial gift, please make a donation to the Red Cross for disaster relief.

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Thelora "Peddie" Bliss

Gloria M. Cotier, 75, Enjoyed Time Spent With Family and Friends

Gloria M. Cotier, 75, of Swanton, Vt., passed away Saturday morning, October 21, 2017, at the Franklin County Rehab Facility in St. Albans, Vt.

She was born March 31, 1942 in Melrose, Mass., the daughter of the late Edwin Searle Mitchell, Jr. and Grace Mary (Muller) Mitchell.

Gloria moved around the world as the daughter of a career Army father. She attended BFA St. Albans and graduated from high school while living in Germany. She married J. Bart Cotier on February 17, 1962, and they made their home in New Jersey, where they raised their two sons. She worked as a systems manager from 1977 through 2000 for an advertising agency in New Jersey. The family spent summers at Lake Champlain and in the summer of 2000, she bought her lake house, making Vermont her permanent residence. Shortly after coming to Vermont she became a paraprofessional at the Highgate Elementary School, retiring in 2013.

Gloria loved to spend time at her lake house with her family and friends. She also enjoyed reading, especially crime and mystery novels.

She is survived by her sons and their wives, Joseph and Eun Cotier of Glastonbury, Conn. and Matthew and Charolette Cotier of Wellington, Colo.; her grandchildren, Hannah, Joshua, Christopher, Jessica and Krystal; her brother, Edwin Searle Mitchell, III, and his wife, Lori, of Guilford, Conn.; her sister-in-law, Michele Soriero of Dayton, Ohio, and several nieces and nephews. Besides her parents and husband, Gloria was predeceased by her brother, Robert Curtis Mitchell.

Visiting hours will be held today, Thursday, October 26, 2017, from 4 to 7 p.m., at the Kidder Memorial Home, 89 Grand Avenue, Swanton, Vt. A memorial service will be held in the spring of 2018. Interment will be private at a time to be arranged by the family.

For those who wish, contributions in Gloria's memory may be made to Voices Against Violence & Laurie's House, P.O. Box 72, St. Albans, Vt. 05478 or to American Legion Post No. 1, 100 Parah Drive, St. Albans, Vt. 05478.

Condolences, photos and favorite memories may be shared through www.gossfs.com.

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Gloria M. Cotier

Patricia Day Connell, Was Church Member, Golfer and Bridge Player

Patricia Day Connell passed away on Sunday, October 22, 2017, at her home in Westfield.

Born in 1916, she was brought up in Scotch Plains, where her father was the Chief of Police. She graduated from Scotch Plains High School as salutatorian.

Surviving are her husband of 77 years, Grover Connell; two daughters, Terry Connell of Watchung, N.J. and Toni Connell of Manassas, Va., and three grandsons, Shane Connell

of Mendham, N.J., Duane Connell of New Vernon, N.J., and Sean Connell of New York.

Pat belonged to The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, Echo Lake Country Club and Baltusrol Golf Club, where she was an avid golfer and bridge player.

Memorial services will be held at a future date. The family has requested no flowers or donations.

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Documentary to Spotlight Journey of Egyptian Jews

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Israel Support Committee of Central New Jersey invites the public to attend the New Jersey premiere of the documentary *Starting Over Again* on Sunday, November 5, at 2 p.m., at Temple Beth El/Mekor Chayim, located at 338 Walnut Avenue, Cranford.

Egypt had a thriving Jewish community for centuries, which grew to 75,000. The community was destroyed by anti-Semitism and Arab nationalism in little more than 10 years, forcing the Jews to leave the homes they and their ancestors had known for countless generations.

This film tells the story of Egyptian Jews, many prosperous professionals and merchants, who became expelled refugees, forced to start over again in new countries. Viviane Acker Levy, herself an Egyptian Jewish refugee, will share her experiences after the movie.

Light refreshments will be served.

The cost is \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Checks can be sent to: Israel Support Committee, 18 Shalom Way, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076.

The Israel Support Committee of Central New Jersey represents Congregation Anshe Chesed of Linden, Congregation Beth Israel of Scotch Plains, Congregation Israel of Springfield, Temple Beth El/Mekor Chayim of Cranford, Temple Beth O'v/Beth Torah of Clark, Temple Emanu-El of Westfield and Temple Shalom of Scotch Plains. Its mission is to disseminate information about issues affecting Israel and to provide support for the people and the State of Israel. For questions, contact Conrad Nadell at conradwho@gmail.com or at (908) 531-8228.

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Richard C. Gottlick, of Westfield; Was Beloved Family Man

Richard C. "Dick" Gottlick passed away at home surrounded by loved ones on Saturday, October 21, 2017.

Dick was born December 10, 1928 and was the son of Edward and Evelyn Gottlick. Raised in Westfield, N.J., he graduated from Holy Trinity High School in 1946. He graduated from Holy Cross College with a degree in physics in 1950. Soon after graduating from Holy Cross, Dick was drafted into the U.S. Army and served until 1953. In 1957 he graduated with a Master of Science degree from Stevens Institute of Technology. He worked for Johnson & Johnson headquarters as a data processing manager for most of his career in New Brunswick, N.J. Dick ended his career working as a Loaned Executive for United Way, where he led the North Jersey Combined Federal Campaign (CFC).

During all his years in Westfield, Dick was a committed parishioner and dedicated steward for the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church. He loved the town of Westfield and was an avid supporter of Scouting and sports programs. He was pack leader for Holy Trinity Cub Scouts, president of the Westfield Boys Wrestling League and president of the Westfield High School Boosters Club. He also was active with the Lupus Foundation of America, New Jersey chapter. As quoted by their president and CEO, "Whatever we needed, he was always there to help."

Dick married the love of his life, Mary Joan Markey Gottlick, on July 17, 1954. For the first three years of their marriage they lived in Cranford, N.J., when two of their

children were born. They then moved to South Plainfield, where their next four children were born. In 1963 they moved to Westfield. Here, they resided for the remainder of their lives, raising nine children. Along with his children, Dick had 22 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. One is also on the way, due in April, 2018.

Dick enjoyed painting, golfing, playing poker with his buddies, doing the daily crossword puzzles in pen, long walks in the park with his wife, Mary Joan, and spending loving time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dick was predeceased by his loving wife, Mary Joan; his son, Eugene, and his parents, Edward and Evelyn. He is survived by children Richard (Linda), Jerome, Annmarie Stancato (Vince), Mary Joan Hurley (Vinny), Philip, Laura Larkowski (Ron), Irene McGrew (Robert) and William (Chrisoula), and his sisters, Patricia and Geraldine. He also leaves behind numerous loving relatives and friends.

Visitation hours are on Friday, October 27, from 5 to 8 p.m., at Dooley Colonial Funeral Home, 556 Westfield Avenue, Westfield, N.J.

The Funeral Mass celebrating Dick's life will be at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield on Saturday, October 28, at 10 a.m., followed by interment at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be sent in his name to the Lupus Foundation of America, New Jersey Chapter, website: www.lupusnj.org; address: P.O. Box 1184, Springfield, N.J. 07081.

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Richard C. Gottlick

Eugene Panarese, 56, Was Devoted Family Man, Youth Baseball Coach

Eugene Panarese of Westfield, N.J., formerly of Hillside, N.J., passed away on Saturday night at Overlook Medical Center in Summit, surrounded by his loved ones. He was 56 years old. Eugene was a loving husband to Rosemarie Panarese (née Menza), of 32 years, and a devoted father to Christina Marie Panarese, Joseph Anthony Panarese, Gabriella Rose Panarese and Maria Grace Panarese. Eugene's family was what he lived for; he loved his children deeply and was so proud of them.

Eugene was a 1979 graduate of Hillside High School and graduated from Lincoln Technical Institute in 1980. He was a draftsman for almost 40 years. He spent most of his career working for Nicholas J. Bouras Inc. in Summit, N.J. He also worked for CANAM Steel and A.C. Associates as a project manager. Eugene was the owner of PANCO Drafting Services for over 23 years.

Eugene was a long-standing coach of youth baseball. He had many fond memories of the boys who he

coached, and formed lasting relationships with many of them. Eugene was a great supporter of his children's athletic endeavors, and was always on the sidelines cheering them on.

Eugene was the son of Anthony Panarese and Rose Panarese (née Mangiacapre). He is predeceased by his parents and his sister, Angela Marie Panarese. Eugene is survived by his wife and children; his brother Anthony; his brother Louis and his wife, Lisa; his mother-in-law, Rosemary Menza; his sister-in-law, Angela Menza; his brother-in-law, Anthony Menza, and many nieces, nephews, as well as many great-nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, October 25, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

Arrangements were by Dooley Colonial Funeral Home, 556 Westfield Avenue, Westfield, N.J. (www.dooleycolonialfuneralhome.com).

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Maryellen D. Doldouras, Was Local Librarian and Quilter

Maryellen D. Doldouras (née Howard) of Colorado Springs, Colo., formerly of Fanwood, N.J., died on Thursday, October 19, 2017.

Born March 30, 1938, in Digby, Nova Scotia, Canada, to Edward and Dorothy Howard, Maryellen immigrated to the United States in 1956 to study at St. Mary's College of Maryland. During the voyage from Halifax to New York City on board the M.S. Giulio Cesare, she met her future husband, George Doldouras.

While her children were young, Maryellen was a homemaker and also volunteered at her children's school and her local church, All Saints Episcopal in Scotch Plains. She was noted

for her singing in the church choir as well as her needlework in embroidery and quilting, which was often seen for sale at the annual church rummage sale. She worked as a librarian at the Fanwood Memorial Library for 10 years, retiring in 1991.

She was predeceased by her husband of 56 years, George. Survivors include her brothers, John Howard and Alfred Howard (Jane); her children, Phillip (Debbie) and Anna Marshall (Sean); six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; numerous nephews and nieces as well as several close friends. Services will be private.

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Wednesday Morning Club To Meet on November 1

CRANFORD — The Wednesday Morning Club will hold its first meeting of the month on November 1 at the Cranford Community Center, located at 220 Walnut Avenue, Cranford.

The guest speaker will be Karen M. Enslie, a registered dietitian who has been a family and community health sciences educator in Union County since 1987. She is with the Cooperative Extension of Union County and her topic will be "Chocolate, Is It the New Health Food?"

Club President Sue Driscoll will preside at the meeting, which will begin at 10 a.m. All are welcome. The Public Affairs Department will meet at the home of Carolyn Moran on Tuesday, November 14, at 1 p.m., with guest speaker Emily Marchese from the organization Roots and Wings. Ms. Marchese will tell success stories about the young people helped by this organization.

The American Arts and Crafts Department will meet on Thurs-

day, November 16, at the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, located at 68 Elm Street, Summit. The telephone number is (908) 273-9121. The group will meet at 10:30 a.m. To arrange to carpool to the center, call Joan Davis.

The Literature Department will meet at the home of Sue Driscoll on Monday, November 27, at 1 p.m. Ms. Driscoll will lead a discussion of the book "Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk" by Kathleen Rooney. This book has been described by *The Boston Globe* as "a witty and heartfelt ode to a city (New York), to its infinite variety, and to its melting pot of citizens."

Club members are reminded to bring non-perishable items to donate to the food pantry to meetings.

For more information about The Wednesday Morning Club, call Vice-President Carolyn Moran at (908) 233-5635 or e-mail her at caromm@comcast.net.