

Arthur F. Maher, 78, Navy Veteran; Retired Executive With Linden Firm

Arthur F. Maher, 78, of Mountainside died on Thursday, May 21, at Overlook Hospital in Summit. Born in Queens Village, Long Island, he had lived in Mountainside for the last 20 years. Mr. Maher had been a Vice President and Comptroller with Rheem Manufacturing Company of Linden before retiring in 1985 after 33 years of service. He was a 1948 graduate of Pace University in New York. During World War II he served with the United States Navy on a destroyer escort with the Atlantic fleet. Surviving are several cousins.

Viola M. Ammirata

Viola M. Lombardi Ammirata of Westfield died on Monday, May 25, at Union Hospital. Born in Campobasso, Italy, she was raised in Newark and had lived in Westfield for the last 42 years. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Ammirata was predeceased by a son, John Ammirata. Surviving are her husband, John Ammirata; a daughter, Judith Pici of Islandia, New York; a brother, Wilson Lombardi of Toms River, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held today, Thursday, May 28, at 10 a.m. at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Burial will take place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield. Arrangements were under the direction of the Dooley Colonial Funeral Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

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Walter R. Nelson, 83

Walter R. Nelson, 83, of Lehigh Acres, Florida, died on Thursday, April 30. Mr. Nelson had worked for the Scotch Plains Post Office retiring in 1977. He served with the United States Naval Amphibious Forces in the Pacific during World War II. Mr. Nelson was a member of the National Association of USS LCS (L) 1-130 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4174. Surviving are his wife, Marguerite Nelson; two stepdaughters, Barbara Sloboda and Denise Worrell; a stepson, Glenn Hansen; a sister, Marjorie Nelson; 10 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to the United States Navy Memorial Foundation, 701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Suite 123, Washington, D.C. 20004.

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Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 23, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

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Warren A. Brannon, 74

Warren A. Brannon, 74, of Fanwood died on Sunday, May 24, in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. Born in Whiteford, Maryland, he had lived in Long Branch before moving to Fanwood 39 years ago. A teacher for 44 years, Mr. Brannon had taught history and humanities at Summit High School in Summit for 29 years before retiring in 1988. He held a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education from Millersville University in Pennsylvania and a master's degree in literature from the University of Pittsburgh. He was a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains. Mr. Brannon was Past President of the Fanwood Library Board and the Summit Adult School Board. He was a John Hay Fellow in the Humanities at Columbia University in New York City. Surviving are his wife of 42 years, Patricia Price Brannon; three daughters, Claire Biffis of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, Hope Pantazis of Westfield and Helen Brannon of Fanwood; three sons, W. Price Brannon of Chalfont, Pennsylvania, Peter Brannon of Edison and Christopher Brannon of Easton, Pennsylvania, and nine grandchildren.

The funeral was held yesterday, Wednesday, May 27, from the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood, followed by a Mass at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Interment took place at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Fawn Grove, Pennsylvania. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Little Sisters of the Poor, 140 Shepherd Lane, Totowa, 07512.

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Zelda Eisenberg

Zelda Eisenberg of Westfield died on Monday, May 18, in Overlook Hospital in Summit. Born in Brooklyn, she had lived in Springfield before moving to Westfield two months ago. Ms. Eisenberg had been a private bookkeeper for Peerless Electric in Newark for many years prior to retiring. Surviving is a sister, Pearl Eisenberg. Arrangements were handled by the Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union.

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— Obituaries —

Robert DeLazaro, Former Journalist; Was Assistant to Two Congressmen

Robert DeLazaro, 69, of Westfield died on Friday, May 22, in the Veterans Administration Medical Center at Lyons in Bernards Township. Born in Elizabeth, he had lived in Plainfield before moving to Westfield 25 years ago. Mr. DeLazaro had worked as an aide to now-retired Congressman Matthew Rinaldo of the Seventh District and later for his successor, Congressman Robert Franks, before retiring in 1994. Previously, he had been a reporter, columnist and editor for several New Jersey newspapers, including the *Courier-News* and the now-defunct *Elizabeth Daily Journal*.

Mr. DeLazaro had met former Congressman Rinaldo when they were children growing up in Elizabeth. He joined Mr. Rinaldo's staff in 1973 as his press secretary and worked for him for 20 years. He subsequently served as Special Assistant to Congressman Franks. Mr. DeLazaro graduated from Syracuse University in 1951, and attended graduate school at Columbia University and Stanford University.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict as a diplomatic courier in Europe. During his years as a newspaperman, he won awards from the New Jersey Press Association for his work as an editorial and political writer. He also won an award from the American Political Science Association for distinguished reporting.

He was a parishioner at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield and was a member of the Westfield Republican Club. Surviving are his wife of 36 years, the former Catherine Sansalone; a daughter, Hollie DeLazaro of West-

field; a son, Peter DeLazaro of Westfield; his mother, Ann DeLazaro of Cranford and his brother, S. Walter DeLazaro of Cranford. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, May 28, at St. Helen's Church. Burial will follow at St. Gertrude's Cemetery in Colonia. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorial contributions be made to the Center for Hope Hospice, 176 Husa Street, Linden, 07036.

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Joseph F. Lawless, 88, Hero Officer; Rescued 11 During 1943 Hotel Fire

Joseph F. Lawless, 88, of Berkeley Heights died on Saturday, May 23, in the Berkeley Convalescent Center in Berkeley Heights. Born in Jersey City, he had lived in New Monmouth and Scotch Plains before moving to Berkeley Heights. Mr. Lawless had been a police officer with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for 25 years before retiring as a Lieutenant in 1962. He then became the Director of Police in Englewood for two years. Mr. Lawless rescued 11 people from a hotel fire on Christmas Eve in 1943. He received the first Medal of Honor awarded by the Port Authority for his part in the evacuation of the hotel. At the time of the fire, he was on motorcycle patrol at the Lincoln Tunnel. He was a volunteer with St. Joseph's Children's School for the Blind in Jersey City and a member of the Policemen's Benevolent Association of New York and New Jersey, the Superior Officers Asso-

Helen Tetley, 74, Former Librarian; Was Member of Suburban Golf Club

Helen G. Tetley, 74, of Mountainside died on Thursday, May 21, in Overlook Hospital in Summit. Born in Bayonne, she had lived in Mountainside since 1953. Mrs. Tetley had been a librarian for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school system for 15 years before retiring in 1983. She also was a librarian at the Mountainside Public Library. A 1943 graduate of Montclair State College, Mrs. Tetley held a bachelor's degree in education. She was a member of the Friends of the Mountainside Public Library and the Suburban Golf Club in Union. Surviving are her husband, Will-

iam Tetley; two sons, Mark E. Tetley and William C. Tetley; a brother, Edwin Golubrewski, and a grandchild. Memorial services were held on Monday, May 25, in the Community Presbyterian Church in Mountainside. Arrangements were under the direction of the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

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Curtis L. Kaufman, 77

Curtis Lee Kaufman, 77, of Edison died on Wednesday, May 20, at Veterans Memorial Home in Edison. Born in Charlottesville, Virginia, he had lived in Westfield for many years before moving to Edison two years ago. Mr. Kaufman had worked for Conrail Railroad for more than 30 years, retiring in 1983. He was a United States veteran of World War II. Surviving are his wife, Clara Kaufman, and a sister, Florence Lewis of Astoria, Queens. Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 23, at Clover Leaf Memorial Park Chapels in Woodbridge. Arrangements were handled by the Plinton Curry Funeral Home in Westfield.

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Emilie R. Richold, 78

Emilie R. Alfson Richold, 78, of Westfield died on Tuesday, May 26, at home. Born in Brooklyn, she had lived in Westfield since 1953. She was a member of the Amity Club of Westfield. Surviving are her husband, Robert J. Richold; two sons, Robert G. Richold of Lebanon and William C. Richold of Pittstown; a sister, Louise Watson of Arlington, Virginia; five grandchildren, and a great-grandchild. Visitation will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight, Thursday, May 28, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. Graveside services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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Odelia M. Grandner, 90

Odelia M. Grandner, 90, of Orefield, Pennsylvania died on Sunday, May 17, at Lehigh Valley Hospice in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Born in Brooklyn, she had lived in Fanwood from 1950 to 1993 before moving to Orefield. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Grandner was a member of St. Joseph the Worker Roman Catholic Church in Orefield. She was a former member of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains. She was predeceased by her husband, John F. Grandner, in 1973. Surviving are a son, Wilfrid "Bill" Grandner of Orefield; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 21, at the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains.

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Louie F. Farmer, Sr.

Louie Franklin Farmer, Sr. of Scotch Plains died on Saturday, May 23, at his home. Born in Olive Branch, Mississippi, he had lived in Jersey City before moving to Scotch Plains 26 years ago. Mr. Farmer was a postal supervisor in Jersey City for 35 years. He served in the United States Air Force. Surviving are his wife, Olive Farmer; two sons, Leonard Farmer and Louie Franklin Farmer, Jr.; three daughters, Malinda Harrison, Brigitte Morgan and Dawn Petty, all of Scotch Plains; his mother, Florida Farmer; two brothers, Gerald Farmer and Michael Farmer; a sister, Linda Jean Lewis, all of Memphis, Tennessee, and seven grandchildren. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. today, Thursday, May 28, at the Judkins Colonial Home in Plainfield.

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And the song, from beginning to end, I found again in the heart of a friend. — Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, from *The Arrow and The Song*

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cia of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and the Honor Legion of the State of New Jersey. Surviving are two sons, Joseph Lawless and Robert Lawless; three daughters, Margaret Boland, Jeanne McQuade and Anne King; a brother, Thomas Lawless; a sister, Ann Dieffendorf, 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. A Funeral Mass was offered yesterday, Wednesday, May 27, in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in New Monmouth. Arrangements were handled by the John F. Pfeleger Funeral Home, Inc. in Middletown.

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Elia Di Francesco, 96

Elia Di Francesco, 96, of Scotch Plains died on Wednesday, May 20, at home. Born in Montazzali, Chieta, Italy, she settled in Scotch Plains in 1924. She was a member of the St. Nicholas' Women's Auxiliary of Scotch Plains, and of the St. Bartholomew Rosary Altar Society. Surviving are four sons, Anthony M. Di Francesco, Victor A. Di Francesco, Nicholas Di Francesco and Mauro N. Di Francesco; a brother, Ernest Di Francesco; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. A Funeral Mass was offered on Saturday, May 23, at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains. Arrangements were handled by the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains.

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Bert E. Rich, 83

Bert E. Rich, 83, of Westfield died on Wednesday, May 20, in the Ashbrook Nursing Home in Scotch Plains. Born in Newark, he had lived in Irvington before moving to Westfield six months ago. Mr. Rich had been a mixer with the Congoleum-Naim Company in Kearny for 30 years prior to retiring in 1975. Surviving are his wife, Pauline M. Rich; two sons, Nathaniel Robb and Ernest B. Rich; two daughters, Barbara J. Mosely and Diane Fairfax; two sisters, Dorothy Jones and Adele Blakely; nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, May 26, at the Canaan Baptist Church in Newark. Arrangements were handled by the G. G. Woody Funeral Home in Roselle.

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Christian K. Larew, 45

Christian Kesel Larew, 45, of Plainfield died on Thursday, May 21, in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. Born in Canton, Ohio he had lived in Fanwood before moving to Plainfield in 1981. Mr. Larew was Special Projects Director for Baker & Taylor, a book distribution company in Bridgewater, for 20 years. He was a 1974 graduate of Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, Virginia, and received his master's degree in library science from the University of Maryland. Surviving are his father, John Larew, and two sisters, Laura Boisvert and Gabrielle Wallace. Memorial services were held on Saturday, May 23, in the Grace Episcopal Church in Plainfield. Arrangements were handled by the Higgins Home For Funerals in Plainfield.

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Lawrence C. Grambo, 74, Engineer; CSH Volunteer and Church Member

Lawrence C. Grambo, 74, of Westfield died on Saturday, May 23, in Overlook Hospital in Summit. Born in Kearny, he had lived in Westfield since 1953. A professional engineer, Mr. Grambo had been Director of Maintenance Facilities for the Hoechst Corporation in Bridgewater for 10 years before retiring in 1989. He received a mechanical engineering degree from Newark College of Engineering, now the New Jersey Institute of Technology, in 1947. Mr. Grambo later obtained a master's degree. He was a United States Army veteran of World War II. Mr. Grambo was a member of Atlas Pythagoras Lodge No. 10 of the Free and Accepted Masons in Westfield, and was a 32nd degree Knight of the Scottish Rite Masons.

Lester B. Lewy, 78

Lester B. Lewy, 78, of Toms River died on Friday, May 22, in the Bartley Manor Health Care Center in Jackson Township. Born in Westfield, he had lived in Chatham Borough before moving to Toms River five years ago. Mr. Lewy had been an executive with the Home Fire and Casualty Insurance Company in New York City for 43 years prior to retiring. He later worked for AT&T in Morristown for six years. Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Jayne Lewy; two sons, R. James Lewy and Bruce S. Lewy, and three grandchildren. Funeral services were held under the direction of the Pable-Evertz Funeral Home in Point Pleasant.

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Joseph H. Klein

Joseph H. Klein of Watchung died on Tuesday, May 19, in the Workmen's Circle of Elizabeth. Born in Austria-Hungary, he had lived in Scotch Plains and Warren before moving to Watchung. Mr. Klein had been a chef for Tabatchnick's in South Orange for more than 30 years before retiring in 1988. He was a member of B'nai B'rith in Livingston. Surviving are a daughter, Linda Fedinec; four brothers, Alfred Klein, Rabbi Moshe Gottesman, Rabbi Menachem Gottesman and Eli Gottesman, and two sisters, Sally Heinrich and Jean Reichlen.

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