

## Ida C. Berenson, 93, Former Teacher; Co-Owned Liquor Store in Westfield

Ida C. Berenson, 93, of Westfield died on Thursday, December 9, at home.

Born in Elizabeth, she lived in Westfield for many years.

Mrs. Berenson had been an elementary school teacher in the Elizabeth public school system from 1928 to 1942.

From 1943 through 1968, Mrs. Berenson and her late husband, Jacob Berenson, had owned Liquor Spirits in Westfield.

She graduated from the Newark Normal School.

She was a member of the Hadassah and the Temple Emanu-El of Westfield Sisterhood.

Surviving are a son, Robert B. Berenson; a daughter, Jane K. Kessler; a brother, Saul Coplin; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held on Friday, December 10, in the Mount Lebanon Cemetery in Woodbridge.

Arrangements were handled by the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

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## Mattie Mayo, 84, Retired Housekeeper; Great-Great Grandmother of Two

Mattie P. Mayo, 84, died on Tuesday, December 7, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Greenville, N.C., she lived in Westfield for several years.

Mrs. Mayo had been a housekeeper before her retirement in 1976.

She was predeceased by her husband, Joe Mayo, Sr., in August; a son, David Charles Mayo, and a daughter, Della M. Burton.

Surviving are three sons, Joe Mayo, Jr. of Houston, Tex., John D. Mayo

of Elizabeth and Robert Hall of New Brunswick; two daughters, Johanna Smith of Westfield and Mattie R. Clemons of Union; 15 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, December 11, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. Interment was at Rosehill Cemetery in Linden.

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## Martha Lee McGill, 67, Was Teacher; Athlete and Member of Local Clubs

Martha Lee McGill, 67, of Cranford died on Sunday, December 12, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Baltimore, she had lived in Red Bank, Heidelberg, Germany, and Chicago before moving to Westfield 28 years ago. She relocated to Cranford in 1996.

Mrs. McGill, a teacher of history and English, had taught in Red Bank from 1953 to 1959, in Heidelberg from 1959 to 1960, then in Red Bank again in 1960 and 1961. She had worked since 1981 as a substitute teacher in Westfield at the middle schools and the high school.

She graduated in 1953 from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa., with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Arts.

While in college, Mrs. McGill was

### Consuelo D. Diaz, 93

Consuelo D. Diaz, 93, of Warsaw, Kosciusko County, Ind. died on Saturday, December 11, at home.

Born on December 15, 1905 in Utado, Puerto Rico, she was the daughter of Jesse and Josefa Ines Quintana Buterbaugh. She had lived in Westfield before moving to Kosciusko County in 1995.

Surviving are her husband, Rogelio V. Diaz, whom she married on October 15, 1932; three daughters, Mine Lozier of Warsaw and Ida Diaz and Jeanette Stagaard, both of Westfield; two sons, Roger Diaz and John Diaz, also of Westfield; a sister, Ida Ursulich of Virginia; 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of the McHutton Sadler Funeral Chapel in Warsaw.

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## Dorothy Kirkley, 72, Y Director; Was Recipient of Congressional Award

Dorothy Kirkley, 72, of Westfield died on Friday, December 10, in Rahway Hospital.

Born in Glen Ridge, she had lived in East Orange before moving to Westfield in 1976.

Mrs. Kirkley had worked for the Bell Telephone Company in Bloomfield and other locations for many years before retiring in 1977.

She graduated from Kean University in Union.

Mrs. Kirkley was the outreach director for the Westfield Y and directed the Westfield High School Awareness Club, for which she received a Congressional award for public service.

Mrs. Kirkley was a longtime member of the Board of Directors of the Westfield Neighborhood Council and

a licensed substitute teacher.

She was a member of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Association of Westfield and founded the annual Martin Luther King Day in Westfield with three other town residents.

She was also a member of the Sarah Allen Missionary Society in Cranford.

Surviving are three daughters, Leona Flake, Kim Kirkley and Karen Kirkley; six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held yesterday, Wednesday, December 15, at St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church in Cranford.

Arrangements were handled by the Suburban Home of Cotton Funeral Service in Orange.

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# — Obituaries —

## William J. Kennelly, 65, Was Teacher And Guidance Counselor in Belleville

William J. Kennelly, 65, of Nutley died on Thursday, December 9, in the Clara Maass Medical Center in Belleville.

Born in Newark, he had lived in Belleville for 30 years and in Westfield for 21 years before moving to Nutley.

Mr. Kennelly was a teacher and guidance counselor with the Belleville school system for 35 years.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English and history from Seton Hall University in South Orange in 1957 and later received a Master of Arts Degree in education from the same school.

He was a member of the New Jersey Education Association, (NJEA) the Belleville Education Association (BEA) and the National Education Association.

Mr. Kennelly was a negotiator for the NJEA and President and Chief Negotiator for the BEA for many years.

He was a member of the Essex County Teachers Association, the Knights of Columbus in Belleville and the Mt. Carmel Church in Nutley. He was a volunteer with the North Jersey Blood Bank in East Orange.

He was predeceased by his brother, John Kennelly, earlier this year.

Surviving are three daughters, Suzanne M. Santangelo, Kathleen Kennelly and Kara Kennelly, all of Basking Ridge; three brothers, James Kennelly of Rockville, Md. and Bernard Kennelly and Francis Kennelly,

both of Coquille, Ore., and three grandchildren.

A liturgy of Christian Burial was offered on Tuesday, December 14, in St. James Roman Catholic Church in Basking Ridge.

Arrangements were handled by the Galloway & Crane Funeral Home, Inc. in Basking Ridge.

Memorial donations may be made to the Tomorrow's Children Fund, Hackensack University Medical Center, Hackensack, 07602.

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### Jean Guglielmi, 89

Jean Guglielmi, 89, of Westfield died on Thursday, December 9, in Rahway Hospital.

Born in Pietra Cupa, Italy, she lived in Westfield since 1936.

Mrs. Guglielmi had been a seamstress with Hilton Clothiers in Linden for 20 years before retiring in 1981.

Surviving are a son, Joseph Guglielmi; four daughters, Julie Meikle, Jean Diskin, Antoinette Reinhardt and Tillie Weinzierl; two sisters, Rina Guglielmi and America Cuseo; 21 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

A Mass was offered on Monday, December 13, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield, following the funeral from the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

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## Edward J. Herrmann, 48, Executive; Active With Athletic Booster Club

Edward J. Herrmann, 48, of Scotch Plains died on Sunday, December 12, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Bayonne, he had lived there before moving to Scotch Plains 23 years ago.

Mr. Herrmann was Vice President of Design and Consulting with Central Parking in New York City.

He was a graduate of the New York Institute of Technology in New York City.

He was active with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Athletic Booster Club.

Surviving are his wife, Kathleen Bartolomeo Herrmann; two daughters,

Debbie Herrmann and Kerri Herrmann; a son, David Herrmann; his mother, Mary Ellen Gallagher Herrmann.

Funeral services were held yesterday, Wednesday, December 15, from the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood, followed by a Mass at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

Memorial donations may be made to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Athletic Booster Club, 667 Westfield Road, Scotch Plains, 07076.

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## Sheila Miner, 67, Former Teacher; Was Docent at Craft Museum

Sheila Miner, 67, of Westfield died on Friday, December 10, in Overlook Hospital in Summit.

### Doris E. Messler, 80

Doris Ellen Messler, 80, of North Plainfield died on Monday, December 13, at McCutchen Nursing Home in North Plainfield.

Born in Plainfield on April 15, 1919, she was the daughter of the late William and Christine Marienscheck Sutton. She had lived in Scotch Plains and then in Westfield for 35 years before moving to North Plainfield.

Mrs. Messler had been an executive secretary for Magnus Chemical Company in Garwood for 25 years before retiring in 1979.

She was a member of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Gilbert Messler, in 1973.

Surviving are her sister, Alice Rosania of Flemington; a niece, Barbara Jo Bianco of Stockton, and a nephew, William Sutton, 3rd of New Providence.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered yesterday, Wednesday, December 15, at the Holy Trinity Church. Interment was at the Holy Redeemer Cemetery in South Plainfield.

Arrangements were handled by the Sheenan Funeral Home in Dunellen. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of one's choice.

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## William Brower, 69, Professor Emeritus; Taught Mathematics at NJIT for 32 Years

William Daniel Brower, 69, of Lakewood died on Saturday, December 11, in the Kimball Medical Center in Lakewood.

### John H. Bruckner, 69

John Henry Bruckner, 69, of Westfield died on Wednesday, December 1, at home.

Born in New York City, he moved to Westfield 35 years ago.

Mr. Bruckner had been a custodian with Union County College in Cranford for 20 years before retiring in 1998.

He served as a Corporal in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict.

Mr. Bruckner was a member of Martin Wallberg Post No. 3, American Legion of Westfield.

Surviving are his wife, Judith Egan Bruckner; a son, John Joseph Bruckner of Menlo Park, Calif. and a daughter, Jacqueline Bruckner Heath of Cranford.

A private memorial Mass was held on Monday, December 6, at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church in Garwood.

Arrangements were handled by the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

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## Dr. Margaret Ball, 45, Psychologist; Westfield High School Valedictorian

Dr. Margaret M. Ball, 45, of Knoxville, Tenn., died on Saturday, December 11, at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle, Washington.

Born in Plainfield, she was raised in Westfield and lived the last 18

### Margaret Grauff, 81

Margaret Grauff, 81, of Athol, Mass., died on Thursday, November 4, in The Highlands in Sitchburg, Mass.

Born in Quebec, Canada, she had lived in Athol and Scotch Plains before returning to Athol 25 years ago.

She was a graduate of the Newark Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Newark.

Mrs. Grauff had been a registered nurse at School One in Scotch Plains for many years before retiring.

Surviving are two daughters, Helen Watts and Margaret Roberts; two brothers, Bruce Bocardy and Joseph Bocardy; a sister, Grace Roach, and four grandchildren.

Services were arranged by the Witty Funeral Home in Orange, Mass.

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## Ruth E. Dwyer, 76, Executive Secretary For Tri-State Rubber in Scotch Plains

Ruth E. Dwyer, 76, of Bridgewater died on Monday, December 13, at Arbor Glen Health Center in Bridgewater.

Born on June 4, 1923 in Brooklyn, the daughter of the late James F. and Ruth Arnold Reddy, she had lived in Westfield before moving to the health center two years ago.

Mrs. Dwyer was a retired executive secretary for the Tri-State Rubber Corporation in Scotch Plains.

She was predeceased by her husband, Arthur G. Dwyer, in 1995, and by a son, Robert Reddy.

Survivors include two stepdaughters, Virginia Pierce of High Bridge and Sharon Duple of Chesterfield, Mo.; six step-grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

There will be no calling hours. Funeral services will take place today, Thursday, December 16, at 10 a.m. at the Arbor Glen Chapel, 100 Monroe Street, Bridgewater. Interment will be at Moravian Cemetery

in Staten Island.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society New Jersey Division, Inc. Hunterdon Unit, 84 Park Avenue, Flemington, 08822.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Scarponi-Bright Funeral Home Inc. in Lebanon.

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### Anthony J. Curto, 30

Anthony J. Curto, 30, of Phoenix, Ariz. died on Sunday, December 12, in Maricopa Center Hospital in Phoenix.

Born in Newark, he had lived in Mountainside for 12 years and in Colorado before moving to Arizona many years ago.

Mr. Curto was a personal trainer in Phoenix for many years.

Surviving are his wife, Lourdes Curto; a daughter, Camille Angelina; his parents Raymond and Camille Curto, and a sister, Gina Zannino.

A Mass will be offered at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, December 17, in the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Newark. The funeral will be from the Galante Funeral Home in Union.

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### Joseph T. Conroy, Jr.

Joseph T. Conroy Jr. of Humble, Tex. died on Monday, December 6, at home.

Born in Elizabeth, he had lived in Westfield for 22 years before moving to Humble in 1977.

Mr. Conroy had been employed at the Exxon Corporation for 43 years before retiring as the head of the Accounting Department there in 1982.

He was a graduate of Seton Hall University in South Orange and received a Master of Business Administration Degree from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business.

Mr. Conroy was a member of the first graduating class of St. Mary's High School in Elizabeth.

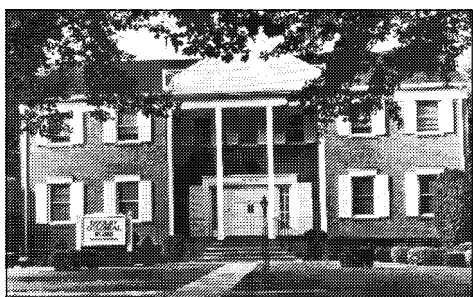
Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Patricia Conroy; three sons, Joseph Conroy, William Conroy and Christopher Conroy; four daughters, Margaret Winters, Mari Conroy, Kathleen Conroy and Patricia McCaw; a sister, Kathleen Burns, and 10 grandchildren.

Services have been held under the direction of the Rosewood Funeral Home in Humble.

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