

DEATH NOTICE

Louise Armstrong, 77, Had Performed In Operas, Solo Recitals and Concerts

Louise Irene Armstrong, 77, a life-long resident of Westfield, died on Wednesday, February 2. She was predeceased by her parents, the late Louis and Elsie Armstrong, also of Westfield. Descended from the Coats and Clark families of New Jersey, she was a direct descendant of Winfield Scott.

Born in Dayton, Ohio on September 21, 1927, Ms. Armstrong earned degrees in arts, music and education from Centenary College for Women, Syracuse University and Newark State, with additional graduate work at New York University, Rutgers University and the Juilliard School of Music.

Ms. Armstrong made her New York debut as a concert soloist (contralto) at Town Hall in 1959 and had an extensive repertoire of operatic roles.

Demetre Lepinsky, 85

Demetre Lepinsky, 85, of Fanwood died on Monday, February 7, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Newark, he had lived in Neptune and then in Newark before moving to Fanwood in 1960.

Mr. Lepinsky had been employed as a quality control manager with Adams Industries in Union prior to retiring in 1985. Earlier, he had worked for American Aluminum in Springfield.

He was a United States Army veteran of World War II.

He was predeceased by his wife, Christine Lepinsky, in 2002.

Surviving are two sons, Bill Lepinsky and Garry Lepinsky; a daughter, Carol Lepinsky, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, February 11, at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Visitation will take place from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, February 10, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a favorite charity.

February 10, 2005

Pauline S. Nebus, 91, Church Rosarian; Was Film Inspector For E.I. DuPont

Pauline S. Nebus, 91, of Sayreville died on Monday, February 7, at St. Joseph's Catholic Home in Woodbridge.

Born December 18, 1913 in South River as one of nine children, she lived most of her life in Sayreville.

Mrs. Nebus had worked as a film inspector at E.I. DuPont in Sayreville for 25 years before retiring.

She was a longtime member of the Rosary Society of St. Stanislaus Koska Roman Catholic Church in Sayreville.

She was predeceased by her husband, John Nebus, in 1980.

Surviving are a daughter, Justine DiRienzo of Fanwood; two sisters, Irene Novik of East Brunswick and Doris Makoski of Hightstown, and two grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, February 12, from the Me-

morial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. A Funeral Mass will follow at 10 a.m. at St. Stanislaus Koska Church, with interment to take place at St. Stanislaus Cemetery.

Visitation will take place from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, February 11, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Muhlenberg Foundation, Park Avenue and Randolph Road, Plainfield 07061.

February 10, 2005

Guy H. deVoe, 52

Guy Harding deVoe, 52, of Ormond Beach, Fla., died on Thursday, January 27, at Ormond Memorial Hospital in Florida.

Born October 27, 1952 in Westfield, where he was raised, he had also resided in Nashville, Tenn. before relocating to Florida in 2004.

Mr. deVoe was a carpenter for 30 years.

Surviving are a son, Remy, 14, and a daughter, Davis, 10, both of Nashville; a brother, Jack deVoe of Branchburg, and four sisters, Megan McNamara of Bridgewater, Dana Hill of Ormond Beach, Fla., Juliet deVoe of Red Bank and Gabrielle Crouchy of Sausalito, Calif.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 19, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 158 High Street in Somerville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Hospice of Ormond Beach, 555 W. Granada Boulevard, Building H, Ormond Beach, Fla. 32174.

February 10, 2005

Theodore Shults, 95

Theodore Michael Shults, 95, of Scotch Plains died on Monday, February 7, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in New York City, he lived most of his life in Scotch Plains.

A carpenter by trade, Mr. Shults had worked in the maintenance department at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center for many years prior to retiring.

He was a longtime member of the Messiah Lutheran Church in Plainfield.

He was predeceased by his wife, Mary Shults, in 1985.

Surviving are four brothers, Edward Shults of Warren, Wallace Shults of Fanwood, Warren Shults of Berkeley Heights and Michael George Shults of Lakewood.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, February 11, at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. Interment will follow at Lake Nelson Memorial Park in Piscataway. Visitation will take place tomorrow from 11 a.m. until the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Muhlenberg Foundation, Park Avenue and Randolph Road, Plainfield 07061.

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Obituaries

DEATH NOTICE

Stanley C. Lane, 101, MIT Graduate; Had Done Research For Standard Oil

Stanley Clark Lane, 101, of Surry, Me. died on Sunday, February 6, 2005 at his residence. He was born November 28, 1903 in Brockton, Mass., the son of Stephen Boothby Lane of Leeds, Me. and Lottie Lee (Moore) Lane of Winthrop, Me.

Stanley attended Brockton schools and graduated as salutatorian of his high school class. He went on to the University of Maine at Orono for his freshman year, transferring to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass., where he graduated with a degree in chemistry in 1925.

He was employed by Atlantic Refining Co. in Franklin, Pa., one of J.D. Rockefeller, Sr.'s oldest oil refineries. After four years, he returned to MIT for a master's degree in chemical engineering, which he received in 1930.

He then went to work for Standard Oil of New Jersey, a research subsidiary of Standard Oil of L.A., which became Esso Research and Engineering Co. Stanley's line of research was chemicals and polymers, notably in development of butyl-rubber, on which he was active throughout World War II. His active military service consisted of ROTC training in college, and upon graduation, a five-year commission as Second Lieutenant in the Coast Artillery, which became obsolete and was disbanded after planes obtained control of the air.

In 1937, he married Grace Welch of Madison, Wis., with whom he recently celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary. They had one daughter, Katherine S. Lane, M.D., also living in Surry with her husband, Marshall R. Dodge.

Stanley was a member of the American Chemical Society and the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. After retiring from Esso (now ExxonMobil) he worked

for two years for Garden State Paper Co. in New Jersey, and then retired to Surry, Me., where he became active in civic affairs.

He served for many years on the Surry Planning Board, including a four-year term as chairman, and was also active in SCIA, almost from its inception, until ill health made it difficult for him to attend meetings.

He was also an active member of the Lunch Bunch in Blue Hill, and was the holder of the Boston Post Cane for Surry. As he reached his 100th and eventually his 101st birthday, he suffered from a variety of health problems, including cardiac problems and blood infection.

Stanley is survived by his wife, Grace; his daughter, Katherine, and her husband, Marshall; granddaughters, Beth O'Malley (and her husband, Dylan McKenney) and Tiffanie Dodge; grandsons, Daniel P. Nelson and Stephen F. Nelson; great-grandsons, Taylor Dodge and Griffin Maxwell Nelson, and his nephew, Stanton Lane.

He was predeceased by an adopted son, Thomas G. Lane, and by a brother, Norman H. Lane of North Yarmouth, Mass.

Friends are invited to visit with the family from 6:30 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, February 10, at the Jordan-Fernald Funeral Home, 113 Franklin Street in Ellsworth.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, February 11, at the Blue Hill Congregational Church in Blue Hill, Me., with the Reverend Rob McCall officiating. Spring interment will be at the Morgan Bay Cemetery in Surry.

Contributions may be sent to Hancock County Home Care and Hospice, P.O. Box 156, Blue Hill, Me. 04614.

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DEATH NOTICE

Enoch G. Van Hoesen, 76, Businessman; Descendent of Mayflower Passenger

Enoch G. Van Hoesen, a lifelong resident of New Jersey and loving husband of Patricia Van Hoesen, passed away on Friday, February 4, at the age of 76 at his home in Watchung.

One of four boys, Enoch was born in Fanwood on May 7, 1928 to Walter H. and Naomi Van Hoesen.

In 1946, he graduated from Scotch Plains High School and then faithfully served his country as a Sergeant assigned to the Headquarters Squadron Aircraft Fleet, Marine Force Atlantic, at Norfolk, Va. He also served as a Sergeant in the Korean Conflict.

Enoch was a licensed custom broker and owner of Premier Shipping, the fourth generation in this family business.

He traced his ancestry back to New Amsterdam, prior to 1646, and was a descendent of Peter Brown, who came to America on the Mayflower.

Enoch was a member of the Holland Society of New York, the membership of which was based on being a direct, male descendent of one of the Mayflower passengers. He also was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution; the Mayflower Society and the American Legion.

He was a member of the Scotch Plains Baptist Church since 1957, having joined upon his marriage to his wife, Patricia. Enoch and Patricia would have been married 48 years on February 9 this year.

At the Scotch Plains Baptist Church, he served as Chairman of the Board of Deacons, as a deacon, and on many divisions, including Finance and Building and Property. Enoch's service was far reaching, as he contributed his time and resources to many projects. Among them were the restoration of the church sanctuary;

the 250th Anniversary Celebration of Scotch Plains Baptist Church, and the Annual Church Bazaar.

Enoch also helped oversee the use of the Coles Fund, which was given to maintain the church building, and he worked on the restoration of the historic parsonage.

Enoch received the 2004 Ronald Reagan Republican Gold Medal Award for his support of the Republican Party, outstanding leadership in business, and for his commitment to the President's vision for an entrepreneurial America.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; one brother, Everett Van Hoesen and his wife, Alice, of Marco Island, Fla., and their five children; his sister-in-law Beatrice (wife of the late Stephen Van Hoesen) and their son; sister-in-law Jean (wife of the late Walter Van Hoesen) and their five children, including son Jan Van Hoesen and his wife, Karen, and their son, Eric, of Fanwood; Patricia's brother, Edward Penry and his wife, Joan, of West Chester, Pa. and their daughters, Linda Mastrangelo of Mandam, N.D. and Deborah Weston and family of Orinda, Calif., and a host of grandnieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at the Scotch Plains Baptist Church on Saturday, February 12, at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at the church cemetery. There will be no calling hours.

Arrangements are by the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Enoch Van Hoesen Memorial Fund at the Scotch Plains Baptist Church, 333 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076.

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DEATH NOTICE

Evelyn Mott, 98, Taught Art and Dance; Had Been Active In Community Affairs

Evelyn W. Mott died peacefully one day after celebrating her 98th birthday at the LaHoma Guest Home in Napa, Calif. on January 29, 2005. She was born January 28, 1907 in Nyack, N.Y. to Evelyn and Herman Wagner.

Evelyn, very talented and versa-

Charles Vella, 53

Charles Vella, 53, of Linden died on Monday, February 7, at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

Born and raised in Westfield, he lived in Linden since 1987.

Mr. Vella had been a mail handler at the Cranford Post Office from 1986 until retiring in 2000.

He was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

He was predeceased by his father, Carmelo Vella, and by his wife, Irene Kuzman Vella.

Surviving are his mother, Grace Vella; a sister, Roseann Schliesske; a brother, Carmen Vella; his fiancée, Cheryl Piccoli, and two stepsons, Salvatore Piccoli and Michael Piccoli.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, February 10, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church of Westfield.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Kidney Fund, 6110 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, Md. 20852.

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DEATH NOTICE

Michelle A. Reagan, Financial Advisor; Volunteer Loved Family and Friends

Michelle Antoinette Reagan of New York City died on Wednesday, February 2, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Belleville, she had lived in Clark before moving to New York City.

Michelle graduated from Rutgers University in 1991 with high honors and a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. She also was a graduate of the Parson School of Design. She additionally held a Real Estate License in New York City and served an internship at Merck Pharmaceutical.

She was employed by Deloitte and Touche as a tax auditor and with Lehman Brothers as an accountant and assistant trader. Michelle recently joined Jag FM as a senior financial advisor and broadcast analyst.

Michelle was a volunteer in soup kitchens and taught reading on her lunch hours. She was a world traveler, completed five New York City

marathons and was an accomplished artist. She was a kind, generous and very giving friend. Michelle adored her family, friends and traveling, and lived life with zest, leaving her mark wherever she went, as attested to by her many friends. Michelle thought of others before herself, and was called by those close to her "the essence of life."

Michelle is survived by her parents, Francis and Joann D. Reagan; a brother, Michael Francis Reagan; her sister-in-law, Paige; her niece, Caitlin Shea; her fiancé, Pat Coleman, and two children, Lindsay and Patrick Coleman.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Tuesday, February 8, at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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

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Thomas C. Ranney, 55, Was Partner At Deloitte & Touche in New York

Thomas C. Ranney, 55, of Scotch Plains died on Friday, February 4, at University Hospital in Newark.

Born in Chicago, Ill., he was raised in Westfield and lived in Scotch Plains for 24 years.

Mr. Ranney was a partner in the accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche in New York City.

He attended the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in 1971 and a Master of Business Administration degree in 1972, both in accounting.

He was predeceased by his father, David Ranney.

Surviving are his wife of 25 years,

Debra Miller Ranney; a daughter, Sarah Ranney; his mother, Helen Ranney; a sister, Ruth Franger, and two brothers, Richard Ranney and Edward Ranney.

A celebration of his life was held on Tuesday, February 8, at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

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

Memorial donations may be made to The Agape Soup Kitchen, in care of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Avenue, Westfield 07090.

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Joseph Devlin, 72, Retired Firefighter; Parishioner at St. Bartholomew Church

Joseph T. Devlin, 72, of Somerset died on Friday, February 4, at the Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Jersey City, he had lived in Fanwood before moving to Somerset one year ago.

Mr. Devlin had been a firefighter for the Jersey City Fire Department for 28 years before his retirement in 1987.

He was a member of IAFF (International Association of Fire Fighters), FMBA (Fire Member Benevolent Association), NJFF (New Jersey Firefighters Association), Jersey City Exempts Association, and The Gong Club Inc. of Jersey City.

Mr. Devlin also was a member of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

Surviving are his wife of 40 years, Patricia D. Devlin; a sister, Eleanor T. Devlin of Whiting, and three brothers, Thomas A. Devlin of Fort Myers, Fla., Hugh G. Devlin of Carteret and Edward F. Devlin of Akron, Ohio.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered yesterday, Wednesday, February 9, at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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

Memorial donations may be made to a favorite charity.

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