Edward M. Cabral Sr.

Edward M. Cabral Sr., 74, of 11 Mark St., Pawcatuck, died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2001, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital, New London, after a lengthy illness.

Born in Stonington, Nov. 7, 1927, a son of the late Manuel and Diamantina Cabral, he attended local schools. He married the former Maria Medeiros in San Miguel, the Azores, on Aug. 3, 1959.

Mr. Cabral was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

He had been employed as a waxer at the Wyman Gordon Company in Groton for 35 years, retiring in 1993.

Mr. Cabral was a communicant of St. Mary Church, Stonington, a member of Our Lady of Fatima Society, and a former member of the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society.

In addition to his wife, he leaves two sons, Edward M. Cabral Jr. of Pawcatuck, and Mark Cabral of Westerly; a sister, Natalie Pent of Wakefieckwick; and a granddaughter, Kayleigh Cabral of Pawcatuck.

He was preceded by two brothers, Danny and Manny Cabral.

The funeral will be held from the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, on Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. with a funeral Mass in St. Mary Church, Stonington, at 10. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, Stonington. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home on Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Contributions may be made in his memory to the Connecticut Chapter of the Leukemia Society, 300 Research Parkway, Suite 310, Meriden, CT 06450.
Edward Cabral Sr. 12-17-01

Pawcatuck — Edward M. Cabral Sr., 74, of 11 Mark St., died Sunday at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

He was born Nov. 7, 1927, in Stonington, the son of the late Mequiel and Dimmentina Cabral. He married Maria Madieros on Aug. 3, 1958, in San Miguel, the Azores. Mr. Cabral attended local schools.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Cabral had been employed as a waver at Wyman Gordon Co. in Groton for 35 years until he retired in 1988.

He was a communicant of St. Mary's Church in Stonington, a member of Our Lady of Fatima Society, and a former member of the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Edward M. Cabral Jr. of Pawcatuck and Mark Cabral of Westerly; a sister, Natalie Pont of Wequetuck; and a grandchild.

The funeral will be at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, Stonington. Calling hours are 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Connecticut Chapter of the Leukemia Society, 300 Research Parkway Suite 310, Meriden.
Donna Cadro

Brooklyn — Donna L. Cadro, 40, of Canterbury Road, died unexpectedly Wednesday evening, Jan. 6, at Day Kimball Hospital, Putnam.

She was born Aug. 25, 1969, in Westerly, a beloved daughter of Kenneth Santos and Mary Soares, both of Pawcatuck. Donna grew up in Pawcatuck and had resided in Brooklyn for the past 15 years.

She had been employed as a cleaner at Foxwoods Resort & Casino for 10 years. Donna loved animals and was a fan of movies and music.

On Nov. 11, 1994, she was united in marriage to Christopher M. Cadro, who survives her.

There was not a person who was not affected by Donna’s smile and her ability to overcome challenges.

Besides her husband and parents, she leaves her daughter, Nicole L. Cadro, at home; a brother, Kenneth Santos Jr. of Pawcatuck; three sisters, Mary Carroll and her husband, Raymond, of Stonington, Brenda Santos of Colchester, and Wendy Strain and her husband, Patrick, of Griswold; her nieces and nephews, Candace Stamm, Kyleigh Manziella, Christopher Stamm, James Shabatok, Lawrence Walsh, Patrick Strain, Kyle Santos, Jacob Strain, Michael Strain, Lacie Strain, and Leah Carroll; also, her father and mother-in-law, Paul and Rena Cadro and many, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visiting hours are from 2 to 6 p.m. Monday at Dougherty Bros. Funeral Home, 595 Norwich Road, Plainfield. Burial will be at the convenience of the family in South Cemetery, Brooklyn.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Road, Newington CT 06111.
Charles Cady, Honey House Owner, Dies

OLD MYSTIC — Charles S. Cady, 89, of 21 Main St., owner and operator of the Honey House in Old Mystic and a beekeeper since he was a teenager, died Wednesday at Green tree Convalescent Home where he was a patient since June 18.

Born in Stafford, Nov. 29, 1893, he was the son of John and Harriet Whitney Cady.

Mr. Cady established the Honey House in 1930 and many school groups have toured it since its beginning. He was a piano and organ technician also.

His wife, Geraldine Dodge Cady, died July 3, 1964.

A member of the Union Baptist Church, he was also a member of the Orient Masonic Lodge of East Hartford and the Connecticut Beekeepers Association.

Survivors include a son, Charles V. Cady of Mystic; two sisters, Mrs. Clifford L. Douglaston of New London and Mrs. Thomas McManus of Old Mystic; and three granddaughters.

Graveside services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday in Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic. The Church & Allen Funeral Home, Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.

There are no calling hours.
Mystic — Betty Anne Caldara, 97, wife of the late W. Stuart Caldara, passed away in Mystic on Monday, Sept. 16, 2013.

Born in Ann Arbor, Mich., on Nov. 14, 1916, the daughter of the late Dr. Hugh M. and Ruth (Pearson) Beebe.

Betty Anne graduated from University High School in Ann Arbor in 1933 and while there was an outstanding athlete, earning All American Honors in field hockey. She went on to major in English and fine arts at the University of Michigan and was active in the Collegiate Sorosis, one of the nation’s important early organizations to promote scholarship and professional opportunities for women. After graduating in 1937, she moved to Cambridge, Mass., where she taught for several years at the Shady Hill School. Then while teaching at the Park School in Buffalo, N.Y., she met Stuart and they were married in 1942 in Ann Arbor. After living in Buffalo for several years they resided in Rye, N.Y., before settling in Greenwich with their son Hugh. In Greenwich, Betty Anne became active in community service and in particular serving at the Greenwich Hospital and chairing the Brunswick School Fashion Show, an annual fundraising event.

She retired with her husband to Stonington in 1972 and continued her volunteerism as a docent for 30 years at the Lyman Allyn Museum in New London and the Lighthouse Museum in Stonington. Throughout her life, she was a wonderful shipmate on cruises of the family sloop Baroda, from the Canadian Maritimes to the Windward Islands of the Caribbean.

Betty Anne's spirit and humor appealed to all who knew her and at the age of 83, she was “discovered” in Mystic by a production company and subsequently was cast in a television commercial that was made for the Super Bowl in 1999 and filmed locally in Stonington. Betty Anne was also a talented needlepoint designer and craftsman and created several award winning works in New London County.

An avid world traveler, she enjoyed following her curiosity for other cultures and countries well into her 90s. A decade ago, she began to volunteer as a tutor and help young primary school students learn to read. In addition, Betty Anne remained an active member of the Stonington Garden Club, the Wabanack Club, as well as the Stone Ridge community in Mystic, where she lived for the past nine years.

She is survived by her loving son and daughter in law, Hugh and Joanne Caldara of Washington, a niece, Sharon Beebe; a granddaughter and nephew in Jacksonville, Fla.; and a cousin, Molly (Potter) Scheu of Hanover, N.H.

A memorial service for family and friends will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at The Road Meetinghouse, First Congregational Church of Stonington, 903 Pequot Trail, Stonington.

Betty Anne requested that any contributions be made to the Lawrence A. Memorial Cancer Center/ Dana-Farber Institute, c/o Office of Development, 365 Montauk Ave., New London, CT 06320 or The Wounded Warriors Project at 4899 Belfort Road, Jacksonville, FL 32256 (www.support.woundedwarriorproject.org).
Stonington — The world lost a remarkable human being when Hugh Caldara, 73, of Stonington, passed and sailed away to the Unknown Shore on Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018, at Smilow Cancer Hospital in New Haven.

He leaves behind the love of his life, his wife, Joanne; and legions of friends.

He was predeceased by his parents, Stuart and Betty Anne (Beebe) Caldara of Stonington.

Hugh was happiest at the helm of any sailboat in a breeze. He sailed big and small boats around the world as an active member of the Cruising Club of America, the Storm Trysail Club, the N.Y. Yacht Club and the Wadawanuck Club in Stonington. His extraordinary seamanship skills, good humor and story telling gifts made him the perfect shipmate.

Hugh’s biggest impact on the world, and his greatest professional gift, was as an educator. He was a legendary history teacher, varsity football and hockey coach, and athletic

director for 41 years at The Gunnery School, in Washington, CT. Hugh inspired countless students to reach higher than they thought possible. He was inducted into the Gunnery School Athletic Hall of Fame, and was a past president of the New England Prep School Athletic Council Football Coaches’ Association, where an annual award was named in his honor.

Hugh grew up in Greenwich, where he attended the Brunswick School. He graduated from the Taft School in 1964.

After graduating from Coe College, Hugh served in the U.S. Navy, then completed a master’s degree in history at Wesleyan University in Middletown. He was also an avid and accomplished fly fisherman in salt and fresh waters.

A memorial service will be held in celebration of Hugh’s life at 2 p.m., Nov. 17, 2018, at Calvary Church, 27 Church St., in Stonington.

Donations in Hugh’s memory may be made to The Innocence Project, 40 Worth St., Suite 701, New York, NY 10013.
W. Stuart Caldara

STONINGTON — W. Stuart Caldara, 73, of 53 Quanaduck Cove, died Wednesday at his home after an extended illness.

Mr. Caldara had been a resident of Stonington for 18 years and was previously a resident of Greenwich.

He was born in Buffalo, N.Y., on Aug. 14, 1914, son of the late Humbert and Margaret Smith Caldara, He was the husband of Betty Anne Beebe Caldara and they were married March 28, 1942.

Before his retirement in 1979, Mr. Caldara was employed as sales manager for the Standard Register Co. with offices in New York and Ohio. He had been with the company for many years.

Mr. Caldara was a member of the Cruising Club of America, the New York Yacht Club, Storm Tryssell, the Royal Swedish Yacht Club, Wadawanuck Club of Stonington, and the East Haddam Fish and Game Club. He served as treasurer on the Board of Trustees of the Stonington Free Library, and was a corporator of Lawrence and Memorial Hospital in New London.

He graduated from Nichols School in Buffalo and the University of Michigan.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Hugh Beebe Caldara of Washington, and a sister, Adele Grub of Buffalo.

A memorial service will be conducted at a later date. There are no calling hours. Donations in his name may be made to the Stonington Free Library building fund.

Church & Allen-Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is in charge of arrangements, which are incomplete.
Caldwell Jr., Hamlin

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Charlottesville, Va. — Hamlin A. Caldwell, Jr. died May 2, 2005, losing his courageous 10-month battle with cancer and heart disease.

Ham was born Feb. 28, 1931, in Birmingham, Ala., to Hamlin Alexander Caldwell and Rosa Gould Caldwell. After graduating from Ensley High School, he was awarded the prestigious Kellogg scholarship and attended the University of North Carolina for two years, where he played lacrosse. He was then appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy, from which he graduated in 1954. Ham's challenges to authoritarian upperclassmen made his plebe year in the notorious 12th Company unusually difficult. Ham claimed to hold the all-time record for hours spent marching on extra duty. After leaving the Navy in 1965 as a lieutenant commander, Ham worked for Electric Boat, before joining the Naval Underwater Systems Center ('Sound Lab') as an electronics engineer and operations analyst in 1967.

During his tenure at the Lab, Ham graduated from the Naval War College with high honors in 1975. He retired from government service in 1978 and moved to Reston, Va., where he worked as a senior naval analyst for BDM Corporation, and a naval consultant to a number of private and governmental agencies. He earned a master's degree in national security studies from Georgetown University in 1981. Ham lectured and published articles particularly in the areas of anti-submarine warfare and the Soviet navy. He was especially proud to be the co-holder of three ASW related patents, the most significant of which is the free-floating linear passive acoustic array patent.

In 1987, Ham moved to Charlottesville, Va., where he earned a master's degree in history from the University of Virginia. He passed his Ph.D orals in February 1991. Ham wrote voluminously on his dissertation topic, the introduction of jet aircraft to the U.S. Navy. Rather than complete his dissertation, Ham indulged his passion for teaching, spending the last 14 years instructing undergraduate students in history at the University of Mary Washington and James Madison University.

Well-known in the Charlottesville community for his insightful and trenchant letters to the editor, Ham was not shy about taking a stand for what he believed. He reveled in precipitating lively debate. He frequently exercised his penchant for skewering authority, challenging commonly accepted practices, and writing tirelessly in support of his convictions. Ham's irreverent letters to the editor captured a loyal following, including a handful of vocal opponents as well as admirers. He read voraciously on a wide range of topics starting each day with at least three daily newspapers. He was a lively and faithful correspondent with classmates and friends around the globe after he discovered the Internet.

Ham was an avid gardener. He loved to fuel his compost heap, develop creative irrigation systems and share the fruit of his gardening efforts with friends and neighbors. His love of nature extended to promoting the responsible use of natural resources. Ham opened his home and his heart to a menagerie of small animals. Stray dogs and cats could always find a warm bed and a good meal at the Caldwell household. Ham was an enthusiastic football fan. From high school to the NFL, nothing pleased him more than spending a beautiful fall afternoon cheering on his favorite teams.

A humorous, warm and generous man, Ham truly loved life and the people he encountered. He was a cherished friend. Ham's special talent for communicating with young people made him a sought-after...
professor. He challenged his students to think critically and to speak their minds. His exuberant spirit will be sorely missed.

Ham was preceded in death by his parents, Rosa and Hamlin Caldwell, and by his first wife, Delight Wood Caldwell.

He is survived by his wife of 14 years, Kathleen Dawson Caldwell, of Charlottesville, Va.; two sons, Alec Caldwell of Detroit, Mich., and Arnold Wood Caldwell, of Spartanburg, S.C.; a daughter, Delight Caldwell Oelerich and her husband, Gregory Oelerich, of Madison Wis.; and two grandsons, Maximilian Caldwell Oelerich and Lars Francis Oelerich, also of Madison Wisconsin.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Public Policy Virginia, 1110 Rose Hill Drive, Suite 203, Charlottesville, VA 22903 or the University of Mary Washington Foundation, Department of History, University of Mary Washington Foundation, Jepson Alumni Executive Center #105, 1119 Hanover Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401 5412.

A memorial service will be held on May 17, 2005 at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Memorial Church in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Friends may sign the guest book at teaguefuneralhome.com.

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Priscilla Cale

Priscilla Augusta (Braga) Cale, 79, of 48 Washington St., Mystic, who died Wednesday, May 17, 1989, at her home after a long illness, was the wife of the late Wilbur Cale.

Born in Stonington on April 11, 1910, she was the daughter of the late Francisco and Antonia (Suza) Braga.

Mrs. Cale was a communicant and a former active member of Blessed Sacrament Church in Jamaica Plain, Mass. She attended St. Mary Church in Stonington where she was active with the First Communion and confirmation classes.

A former employee of American Velvet Co., Stonington, she had worked in the warp room. She had also worked at Display Art and as an inspector at Yardney Electric Co. in Pawcatuck. She retired in 1977.

She is survived by her two sons, Robert A. Cale of Stonington and L. Wayne Cale of Mystic; one granddaughter; and one great-granddaughter.

Robert Cale

Robert A. Cale, 50, of 48 Washington St., Mystic, a marine artist whose work is on display at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C., and the Louvre in Paris, died Thursday, April 12, 1980, when his lobster boat capsized near Fishers Island.

He was born in Westerly Jan. 9, 1940, son of the late Wilbur and Priscilla (Braga) Cale.

Mr. Cale was a graduate of Stonington High School and Rhode Island School of Design.

He leaves a daughter Shanna Nemeth of North Kingstown; a brother Wayne Cale of Mystic; and two grandchildren, Anna and Josiah Nemeth.

Funeral services will be held from the Thomas L. Neill & Sons Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, Monday, at 9:15 a.m. with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary Church, Stonington, at 10. Interment will follow in St. Mary Cemetery.

Calling hours at the funeral home are Saturday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.
Robert Cale, Lobsterman and Artist, Dies in Accident at Sea

By DEBORAH FITTS
Sun Staff Writer
FISHERS ISLAND — Internationally-known artist Robert A. Cale, 50, a longtime resident of Stonington and veteran fisherman, died at midday Thursday when his lobster boat capsized off the eastern end of Fishers Island.

Cale was found on a beach by rescue personnel from the island’s fire department, responding to a report of a man in the water. His overturned boat, a 24-foot fiberglass Privateer, was nearby on the rocks.

Attempts to resuscitate him were unavailing. An Air National Guard helicopter at the island airport transported Cale to Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London, where he was pronounced dead shortly after 2 p.m.

The cause of the capsizing was not known. But Stonington Dockmaster Richard Bardwell noted that Thursday’s brisk winds and the famed choppy water off the eastern end of the island were likely factors.

“It was rough — it was a bad day,” Bardwell said. “There are a lot of theories, but he was alone so it’s pretty tough to know.”

Cale, who bought the lobster boat and went fishing full-time about a year ago, was apparently working his lobster traps close to shore, Bardwell said. “My personal opinion is, he probably got a rope tangled in the propeller and went stern to the waves. And those boats have very little freeboard.”

Once he was in the water, the cold would have been devastating, Bardwell said. “This time of year you don’t have much time, and he wasn’t in the best of shape.” Cale was wearing ordinary work clothes.

Tod Johnstone, owner of the Anguilla Gallery on Water Street, described Cale as a man who was on the water all his life, and who combined his love of fishing with his skill as an artist.

Cale was best known for his fish prints, employing the old Japanese art form of Gyotaku, where actual specimens are inked and then paper is carefully laid on them to capture the form and texture — “literally fish rubbings,” Johnstone said.

Cale worked the technique to his own style, he said. “Bob used a lot of native fish.”

Cale studied in Paris for several years, Johnstone recalled, and became a master plate maker — an etcher. At one time he taught graphics at Trinity College in Hartford, and later opened his own studio, the Stonington Print Workshop, in the Borough.

Johnstone said Cale took on students and apprentices at his workshop, where he taught the exacting art of etching and printmaking. He caught his own fish for the fish prints, or got them from Stonington trawlers. He sometimes created whole schools of fish using the process.

In recent years, Cale’s prints were part of a major traveling exhibition of nature art, Johnstone noted. He added that although he had been selling several of Cale’s works on consignment, he took them off the gallery wall today pending a resolution of the artist’s estate.

Johnstone said Cale’s career as an artist appeared to flag about a year ago, and Cale closed his workshop and returned to fishing.

“I sort of think he went out to do some soul-searching,” Johnstone said. “I talked to him the other day and he seemed quite content, quite happy. He was thinking of getting a Winnebago and packing up his studio and travelling around the U.S. selling his work.”

Cale was divorced a number of years ago and sold his home on Gold Street in the Borough about a year ago, Johnstone said. He was living with his brother on Washington Street, Mystic, at the time of his death.

“He was a hard worker,” said Johnstone, who saw Cale daily. Cale kept his new boat near the gallery at the end of the Slippery Dock wharf.

“He was a smart, gentle person,” Johnstone said. “He was respected and well-liked. He kept to himself.”
Harold Calkins Jr.

Stonington — Harold T. "Tony" Calkins Jr., 63, died suddenly on Tuesday, July 4, 2017.

Tony was born on Nov. 10, 1953, to his parents Harold T. Calkins Sr. and Doris Calkins, at the Groton Submarine Base.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1971 to 1975 aboard the USS Tripp. He married Kathy on Aug. 26, 1989, in Norwich.

Tony worked at Electric Boat for 41 years, most recently as a ship's manager. Tony was noted as a distinguished shipbuilder in 2016 for his 40 years of service. Tony traveled extensively for Electric Boat to various shipyards around the world, including his favorite, Freemantle, Australia.

A lifelong seaman, Tony always had a love for the water and spent most of his free time on his boat, Sea Y Knot. When not at sea, he spent time traveling with his wife on his Harley.

Mr. Calkins is survived by his wife, Kathy Calkins of Stonington; his son, Matthew Calkins and his daughter-in-law, Margaret Calkins and two grandchildren, Madison and Mia Calkins of Wallingford; his father, Harold T. Calkins Sr.; his brothers, Robert, Bruce and Daniel Calkins, all of Norwich; and sister, Cynthia Aguilar of Danielson. He is also survived by his daughter, Autumn Chaffee, and son, Keith Calkins.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Doris Calkins.

His family will receive friends from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 9, at the Mystic Funeral Home on Route 1 in Mystic. A service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at the Stonington Cemetery on North Main Street with military honors.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Assoc.
Rae Calkins

STONINGTON — Rae Stackhouse Calkins, 88, of 50 Circle Drive, Arlington Acres, formerly of Ledyard, died Wednesday afternoon, June 2, at William W. Backus Hospital in Norwich from injuries sustained in an automobile accident earlier in the day in Ledyard.

She was born April 22, 1913, in Phoenixville, Pa., the daughter of Ray and Anna Rice Stackhouse. She attended schools in Pennsylvania before moving to Connecticut with her family, and graduated from Fitch High School in 1931.

She married Kenneth F. Calkins at the Groton Congregational Church on Nov. 30, 1932. Mr. Calkins died in 1986.

A certified dental assistant, Mrs. Calkins worked at Dr. Fales’ office in Groton. With her husband she co-owned and operated Calkins Universal Store on Route 1, Mystic, for several years. After retiring, she worked in the membership office at Mystic Seaport, a position she held until the time of her death.

A resident of Stonington since 1986, Mrs. Calkins was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Mystic. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for 50 years.

Mrs. Calkins is survived by a son, Kenneth R. Calkins of Westbrook; a daughter, Carolyn Banks of Ledyard; a sister, Ella Kunisch of Phoenixville; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday, June 6, at Dinoto Funeral Home, Mystic, in charge of arrangements.

Gifts in Mrs. Calkins’s memory may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 23 Willow St., Mystic, CT 06355.
Ruth Calkins


She was born in Woodstock, a daughter of the late Elmer L. and Rose L. (Ludwig) Calkins. She was a factory worker for the former Durham’s Enders, Mystic. Ruth was a member of the Mystic Methodist Church.

Survivors include a sister, Muriel J. Ozanne of Center Valley, Pa.; nephews, Keith Ozanne of Center Valley, Pa., Kenneth Calkins of Connecticut, and George Calkins of Old Lyme; nieces, Pam Wohltsmann of Lansdale, Pa., and Carolyn Banks of Ledyard; and several grandnephews and nieces.

A graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, 2008, in Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic.


Please share online condolences at www.stephensfuneral.com.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of the VNA of St. Luke’s, 1510 Valley Center Parkway, Suite 200, Bethlehem, PA 18017.
Isabelle Calmar

Stoneington — Isabelle Moschos Calmar, 16, of Stoneington, passed away Sunday, Dec. 19, from brain cancer. Blessed with ethereal beauty and grace, Isabelle inspired everyone who knew her. Isabelle attended Stoneington High School and achieved the highest academic honors. She was an accomplished athlete and loved playing lacrosse. She spent her summers swimming, sailing, playing tennis and boating with her family. Her dream was to attend the Brown-RISD program after graduating from high school.

The eldest of three children, she is survived by her loving mother and father, Marisha (McCormick) Calmar and the Honorable Harry E. Calmar; her siblings, Harry and Margot; paternal grandmother Thalia Moschos Calmar; great aunt and uncle Celeste and Demetri Moschos; and her aunts and uncles, Anne and Jim Heller, David and Mary McCormick, Norah McCormick, Sarah and Michael Regan, Shelia and Jack Hocking, Bridget and Kevin Giovanucci, Leigh and Nick Psaltos, Elizabeth Calmar and George Kasparyan, and Charles Calmar. Isabelle was adored by her 20 cousins.

She is predeceased by her grandfather, Emanuel Harry Calmar, and grandmother and grandfather, Jane (Hickey) McCormick and Jack McCormick.

The funeral service will take place at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, at St. Sophia Hellenic Orthodox Church, 200 Hempstead St., New London. Burial will be held at the Stoneington Cemetery, 345 North Main St., Stoneington.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Tomorrow Fund, Rhode Island Hospital Campus, 593 Eddy St., Providence, R.I. 02903-4947; St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105; Ronald McDonald House of Providence, 45 Gay St., Providence, R.I. 02905; or Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Memphis, 535 Alabama Ave., Memphis, TN 38105.

Please visit www.byles.com to leave a condolence note for the family or for directions.
A well respected anesthesiologist at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital for two decades, Bart received his degrees from Tufts University and the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

Bart leaves behind his loving wife of 21 years, Lori; his daughters, Amanda and Emily; his brother, John Calobrisi; his niece and nephew, Jamie and Jason; and brother, Cosmo Calobrisi.

In addition to his father, he was predeceased by his sister, Brenda Calobrisi.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 4, at St. Patrick Church, East Main St., Mystic. Guests are asked to meet directly at church. There are no visiting hours.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Dr. Bart Calobrisi Music Scholarship, established in his honor at Stonington High School, 176 South Broad St., Pawcatuck CT 06379.

The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic, is assisting the family.

To share a message of remembrance/condolence with Bart's family, please visit dinotofuneral.com
Christina Elizabeth Calouro
Stonington native; worked at American Velvet


Born in Stonington, Aug. 19, 1914, she was the daughter of Antone J. and Mary Perry Santos.

She married Armand Calouro at St. Mary Church in Stonington on Jan. 16, 1943. Mr. Calouro died Nov. 5, 1993.

Mrs. Calouro worked as a reeler at the American Velvet Mill in Stonington, retiring 25 years ago.

She is survived by a son, Armand J. Calouro of Pawcatuck; three sisters, Gloria Malagrino and Linda Trebissacci, both of Westerly, and Constance Santos of Stonington; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by two sisters and three brothers.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday, Nov. 20, 1997, at St. Mary Church in Stonington. Burial is in Stonington Cemetery. Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions in Mrs. Calouro's name may be made to the Stonington Ambulance Corps Inc., P.O. Box 424, Stonington, 06378-0424.
OBITUARIES

Richard E. Cameron

STONINGTON — Richard E. Cameron died on April 22, 2000, of pancreatitis.

He was born Aug. 9, 1945, in Burlington, Vt.

Rick spent most of his life here in Stonington and Mystic. He was an Eagle Scout with leader Stan Dodd.

He is survived by his wife, Pat Crothers Cameron, and two children, Heath, 26, and Heather, 22.

He served in the Marine Corp for four years, and was an active member in the Marine Corp League.

He moved from this area to work for General Electric in the Philadelphia area.

On August 13, his wife will scatter his ashes in the Mystic River, as he spend most of his life in Stonington.
STONINGTON — Constance Margaret "Peg" Camfield, 73, of Cove Road died Sunday at the University of Connecticut Medical Center in Farmington after a long illness.

She was born in Darwen, England, on Dec. 11, 1920. She came to the United States in 1964 and lived in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. She also lived in Canada before moving here about 20 years ago.

Mrs Camfield was the manager of the Edgemere Manor apartments on Quiambaug Cove for several years.

She is survived by a son, I. Max Camfield of Stonington; a daughter, Sarah St. Amour of Norwich and two grandsons.

Memorial donations may be made to Stonington Visiting Nurse Association, 20 South Anguilla Road, Pawcatuck 06379.

Mystic Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.
Ann Marie Campbell
WESTERLY — Ann Marie Campbell, 69, of Westerly, Rhode Island, died peacefully on August 15, 2019 with her children by her side.

Ann was the daughter of the late Earl and Marie Smith and grew up in Pawcatuck, CT. She is survived by her three children, JoAnn Kilpatrick of Massachusetts, Mark Campbell and his wife Kaitlyn of New Hampshire, and Michael Campbell of California; her grandchildren, Quinn Kilpatrick, Fiona Campbell, and Joseph Campbell; her sister, Sandra Andaloro, and her brother, Earl Smith, as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded by her beloved husband of thirty-eight years, John Campbell, her brother, Thomas Smith, and her granddaughter, Harlow Campbell.

A graduate of Stonington High School, Ann earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Rhode Island. She went on to earn her master's degree from Connecticut College, and she counted among her dearest, lifelong friends the women in her master's group.

She touched many lives as an elementary school teacher in the Stonington Public School system, spending some of her most treasured years teaching at West Broad Street School. She maintained a household where her children's friends were always welcomed with open arms. She loved to travel, read, decorate her beautiful home, spend time with family and friends, and her greatest joy was being a devoted grandmother.

Visiting hours will be held at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce Street, Westerly on Monday, August 19th from 4:00-6:30pm. Funeral service and burial are private. For online condolences please visit www.gaffney-dolanfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Ann's name to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at https://www.stjude.org/donate.
Betty B. Campbell

Betty B. (Megin) Campbell, 79, of Pawcatuck, beloved wife of the late Francis Campbell passed away Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008, at Mystic Manor from complications due to Alzheimer’s.

Born in Waterbury, she was the daughter of the late Fred and Edith (Crandall) Megin.

She was a graduate of the Meriden School of Nursing class of 1950.

Betty had been a resident of Pawcatuck since 2000, previously residing in North Stonington for most of her life. She was employed for many years as the school nurse for the North Stonington School System and for public health. She was a member of the Nurses Club and the North Stonington Congregational Church.

Betty leaves a son, Brian Campbell and his wife, Tina, of Pawcatuck; her twin brother, Eugene “Bud” Megin and his wife, Dorothy, of Florida; sisters-in-law, Marie Megin of Virginia, Jean Concello of Connecticut, and Esther Jordan and her husband Fred of South Carolina; two grandchildren, Justin and Ian Campbell of Pawcatuck; and three great-grandchildren, Brendan, Gavin and Briana Campbell; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Frederick and Wally Megin.

A memorial service in her memory will be celebrated Friday, Feb. 29, at 11 a.m. at the North Stonington Congregational Church, 89 Main St. Burial will be private. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Assn., CT Chapter, 279 New Britain Road, Suite 5, Kensington, CT 06037.

The family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for the online register book.
George L. Campbell, 79, of Cove Road, Stonington, died peacefully on Saturday morning, May 4, 2002, in New Haven.

George was born on Sep. 27, 1922, in Ann Arbor, Mich., a son of Henry Monroe Campbell and Isabella (Lothrop) Campbell. He graduated from St. George’s School in 1940, Harvard University in 1944 and Columbia Teachers College in 1953. He served in the Navy during World War II and achieved the rank of lieutenant.

George taught for many years at a number of private schools, including Grace Church School in New York City, The Pemfret, in Pemfret, Conn., and Pine Point School in Stonington.

He was very involved in the community and a member of a number of organizations including the Avalonia Land Conservancy Society, The Indian and Colonial Research Center, the Stonington Historical Society, the New London Maritime Society, Cercle Francois and Calvary Church, where he was a member, and a former member of the vestry.

George was also a member of the Phoenix S-K Club, the Harvard Club of New York for more than 50 years, the Harvard Club of Boston, the Wadawanuck Club and the Mellow Fellows.

He married the late Helen Hughes Campbell, the granddaughter of the former U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes, on March 27, 1954. Mrs. Campbell died in 1995.

He was a life-long learner who loved to travel. During his lifetime, he traveled extensively, both by himself and with his family.

He will be remembered by those who knew him for his warmth and kindness, as well as his ever-present smile.

He is survived by his son, G. Stuart Campbell of Pawcatuck.

Besides his wife, he was predeceased by a brother, Henry Monroe Campbell III; and a son, Robert Lothrop Campbell.

A service will be conducted at Calvary Church, Church Street, Stonington, on Friday at noon with a reception following in the church’s parish hall. Burial will be in Stonington Cemetery.

Donations may be made to St. George’s School, P.O. Box 1910, Newport, RI 02840. The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl Street, Mystic, is assisting the family. For complete obituary information and online guest registry for the family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
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He is survived by his son, Q. Stuart Campbell of Pawcatuck.

Besides his wife, he was predeceased by a brother Henry Monroe Campbell III and a son Robert Lothrop Campbell.

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His Service will be conducted at 12 noon on Friday at the Calvary Church, Church Street, Stonington, with a reception following at the church's Parish Hall.

Burial will be in Stonington Cemetery.

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The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl Street, Historic downtown Mystic, is assisting the family.

For complete obituary information and on line guest registry for the family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
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George was born on September 27, 1922, in Ann Arbor, MI the son of Henry Monroe Campbell and Isabella (Lothrop) Campbell.

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Helen Campbell
Stonington — Helen Hughes Campbell, 67, of 88 Cove Road, died Monday at Bayview Health Care Center in Waterford after an extended illness.

She was born Nov. 5, 1927, in New York, N.Y., daughter of Charles E. and Merjory Bruce Stuart Hughes Jr. Mrs. Campbell was a granddaughter of Charles Evans Hughes, former Chief Justice of the United States.

She was a graduate of Riverdale Country School of Girls in Riverdale, N.Y., and later graduated from the Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, N.Y.

Mrs. Campbell was a member of the Calvary Episcopal Church and had served as a volunteer at the Westerly Hospital. She also served with Child & Family Services of Southeastern Connecticut.

She married George Lathrop Campbell in New York on March 27, 1954.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, George Stuart Campbell and Robert L. Campbell, both of Stonington; a brother, H. Stuart Hughes of La Jolla, Calif.; and a sister, Marjory Hughes Johnson of Oxford, Md.

She was predeceased by a brother, Charles Evans Hughes III.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Calvary Episcopal Church in Stonington. Private burial will be in Stonington Cemetery. There are no calling hours.

Donations in her memory may be made to Bayview Health Care Center Resident’s Council, 301 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, 06385.

The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Florence
Irene Campbell

Stonington — Irene F. Campbell, 81, formerly of Stonington, died April 21, 2006, in The Western Hospital. She was the wife of the late Raymond E. Campbell.

Born in Bridgeport, she was the daughter of the late John and Gladys (Murray) Fahy.

Mrs. Campbell received a degree in psychology in 1947 from the University of Vermont. While there, she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, the Council at Large, served as campus manager, the news editor for the "Cynic," the Ariel office manager, and the fall play manager. She participated in many sports and numerous other activities as well.

Irene received her master's degree in teaching from William and Mary College and began her teaching career in the Stonington school system. In 1965 she was employed by Pine Point School and in 1977 was appointed director of the Lower School. Irene later served as assistant head master of the school until her retirement in 1989, and continued to support the school as a member of its board of trustees. The "Campbell" building on the school campus is named in her honor for her years of dedication and innovation on behalf of Pine Point School, its faculty, and students.

Mrs. Campbell was also a member of ADK, served on the Stonington Youth Services Board, and was a volunteer at The Western Hospital, and participated in many other community activities for the town of Stonington.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, John and Ann Campbell of Westerly and a daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Steve Gordon of Newport, Ore.; three grandchildren, JoAnn E. Campbell and Mark D. Campbell, both of Boston, and Michael J. Campbell of Westerly. She is also survived by a sister, Terese Mello of Bridgeport and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at St. Mary's Church, Main St., Stonington, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 26, followed by burial at Stonington Cemetery. There will be no procession from the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Irene's memory to Pine Point School, 85 Barnes Road, Stonington CT 06378.

The Campbell family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for obituary information, directions, and an online memorial register to leave a note of condolence.
Raymond Campbell

Stonington — Raymond E. Campbell Jr., 78, of Stonington, died Tuesday at The Clipper Rehabilitation Center.

Mr. Campbell was born on Aug. 21, 1921, in Lyndonville, Vt., the son of Raymond and Helen Campbell. He married Irene Fahey in 1943.

Mr. Campbell was a 1939 graduate of Lyndon Institute High School and was a 1948 graduate of Boston University with a degree in business.

Mr. Campbell entered the Army Air Force in 1943 and attended parachute rigging school at Chanute Field near Chicago. He joined the renowned 82nd Airborne Division, serving first in Africa, and then in the battle of Sicily and the D-Day Invasion of Normandy.

He retired from the State of Connecticut Tax Service and also worked for the Internal Revenue Service and Monsanto in Stonington.

Mr. Campbell was actively involved with the community as a deacon in the United Church of Stonington, as treasurer of the Borough of Stonington and by working at the Republican polls for several elections. He also served on the board of the Stonington Visiting Nurses Association.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, John Campbell of Westerly; a daughter Elizabeth Campbell Gordon of Portland, Ore.; three grandchildren; and a sister, Virginia Campbell Downs of Lyndonville.

The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the United Church, Main Street, Stonington.

Calling hours will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Macular Degeneration Research at Casey Eye Institute, OHSH, 3375 Terwilliger Blvd., Portland, Ore. 97201.
Robert Campbell

STONINGTON — Robert Lothrop Campbell, 37, of Cove Road, died Tuesday, Feb. 2, at his home.

He was born March 21, 1961, the son of George L. Campbell of Stonington and the late Helen Hughes Campbell. A lifelong resident of Stonington, he graduated in 1976 from Pine Point School in 1976, where he designed the school's official flag and received the Headmaster's Award. He was a 1979 graduate of St. George's School, Newport, R.I., and a 1983 graduate of Denison University, Granville, Ohio.

Mr. Campbell worked for five years as an interpreter at Mystic Seaport. Working as a cook on tall ships including The Spirit of Massachusetts, he will be remembered for his cooking skills, baking abilities, and kind, gentle nature.

In addition to his father, Mr. Campbell is survived by a brother, George Stuart Campbell of Stonington.

Services were held Saturday, Feb. 6, at Dinozo Funeral Home, Mystic, was in charge of arrangements.

Gifts in Mr. Campbell's memory may be made to Pine Point School, 89 Barnes Road, Stonington, 06378.

Robert Campbell

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A lifelong resident of Stonington, he was a 1976 graduate of Pine Point School. While a student there, he designed the school's official flag and was a recipient of the prestigious Headmaster's Award.

He then attended St. George's School in Newport, R.I., graduating in 1979. He later continued his studies at Denison University in Granville, Ohio, graduating in 1983. Mr. Campbell spent part of his junior year at the University of Dundee in Dundee, Scotland. He was also active with the Greek Summer Program sponsored by the American Farm School.

He worked for five years as an interpreter at the Mystic Seaport Museum. He was known for his cooking skills, which were showcased when he worked as a cook on tall ships, including The Spirit of Massachusetts.

He traveled extensively with his family to Europe, Bermuda and the Caribbean.

In addition to his father, he is survived by a brother, George Stuart Campbell of Stonington.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Pine Point School in Stonington. A private burial in Stonington Cemetery will precede the service.

Calling hours will be private.

The Dinozo Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pine Point School in Stonington.
Memorial Service for
Robert Lothrop Campbell
Pine Point School
February 6, 1999
Rev. Richard W. Mitchell, officiating

We have gathered today to give thanks for the life of Robert Lothrop Campbell. In a spirit of worship, let us give thanks for Robbie's life.

OPENING SENTENCES AND PRAYER

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Let us pray:

Eternal Spirit, before whom the generations rise and pass away, even in the presence of death our first words to you are in praise of your unnumbered mercies. For the memory of loved ones now departed, in whom we have seen the light of your presence, we praise you. For victories of character over trial, of courage over difficulty, of faith over sorrow, and for all souls who have done justly and loved mercy and walked humbly with their God, we give you thanks. Especially today we give thanks for the life of Robert Lothrop Campbell which has been shared with us. Grant us now such spiritual triumph in the memory of our friend, that in our hearts death may be swallowed up in the knowledge of your great victory. Help us, as we worship you, to put our whole trust in your wisdom and give ourselves to the ministry of your love. Open our hearts that we may truly hear the words of life as they come to us from the scriptures, that by their encouragement we may be lifted out of our sorrow and into your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Psalm 121
Psalm 23
1 John 4:7-8, 16b-21
Matthew 25:31-40

MUSICAL INTERLUDE AND SILENT PRAYERS

In the next few moments, let us individually reflect on the life of Robert Lothrop Campbell and silently offer our personal prayers of thanks for his life and of support for his family.
MEDITATION

On Cove Road last Tuesday, heart disease shut off the supply of blood to a heart that had, for too few years, supplied smiles, caring concern, selfless friendship, and delicious bread to countless people. Robbie Campbell's heart stopped beating, and our part of the world lost one of its treasures. In the last few days, many of you have shared with me so many stories of Robbie's selfless concern for others that I could go on at some length today retelling the memories that have been shared with me. I will pass on only a few, but I'm sure that in your conversations with each other you have shared many memories that I have not yet heard. I'm also sure that memories of Robbie will come to the forefront of your consciousness for years to come, particularly as you see someone riding a bike, as you cut into a loaf of fresh bread, as you look at a beautiful garden, or as your day is brightened by someone who greets you with a smile and expresses genuine concern about you and your family.

In the last few days I have come to regret profoundly that my personal memories of Robbie are more than twenty years old, and that I did not know the loving, caring young man that grew from the middle school student I taught. I do remember a student who was always ready to help -- to help anyone, anytime, anywhere that he could. That's why at his 9th grade graduation here at Pine Point then Headmaster Norman Jason awarded him the Headmaster's Prize, which recognizes the graduating student "whose quiet efforts have helped make this a better school and a happier place to be." His efforts to make the school a happier place were not always totally quiet, though. For example, I remember when he donned the Santa Claus suit and impersonated Santa for the benefit of the younger children.

Adam Feitzsche recalled Robbie's role as a soccer fullback. He was determined that no ball would pass his station. If it meant a collision with an approaching player, it was the other player who ended up on the ground. Robbie had done his job, but Adam also recalled that he would then help you up and ask if you were ok. I think it was from the fact that Robbie always ended standing that his friends coined the phrase "weeble wobbles but they don't fall down."

Robbie also exhibited artistic skill while a student here. We decided during his time at Pine Point that the school needed a flag, and invited students to submit designs in a contest. Robbie's design won, and was then used to make the flag you see before you today. His yearbook page, which is on display on the table to your left, contains a drawing of a tall ship, an example of his artistic skill and a precursor to an important part of his life. Norm Jason remembers going to a conference in Newport a couple years after Robbie left Pine Point to attend St. George's School. One of the treats of the conference was a sail on that school's tall ship. It was a rainy day, so all aboard were hunkered down in rain slickers, leaving little of the person visible. Norm recalls that a student crew member approached him and greeted him by name. As Norm looked at the broad smile inside the hood of the slicker, he saw Robbie Campbell, as happy as he could possibly be.

Perhaps it was that sail, or others like it at St. George's, that led Robbie to combine his culinary skill with his love of sailing and head for adventures few of us have experienced. Sarah Leone recalled that Robbie would telephone her when he was ashore while working on the Rose. His cuisine was exquisite as the ship's cook. He delighted in seasoning things just so. As in so much else, he was at least a borderline perfectionist. However, one of the crew members must have been a meat and potatoes, salt and pepper man, because he literally threatened to throw Robbie overboard if he presented one more gourmet meal to the crew.

Cove Road was, to Robbie, not just another rural road with houses separated by yards and trees, but it was a neighborhood of people and their pets, all of whom were his friends. When he saw Prudence Monroe fall and break her wrist, he stopped to help her, as many of us would. However, as
probably few of us would, he developed a friendship that included calling her every day, visiting her regularly, and taking her out in his boat. On Tuesday this week, her birthday, she knew something was wrong, because it was the first day Robbie hadn't called her.

Along Cove Road, people who really didn't know each other well, all knew Robbie. And their cats and dogs also knew Robbie. The pets knew where to come to be welcomed into the house, to get an extra dose of petting and loving, and, on occasion, to get a prime piece of leg of lamb, cooked to perfection by Robbie, then slipped to them from the family dinner table. After all, aren't animals God's creatures as well? I wish I had witnessed the scene, described by Stu, when Robbie came upon a squirrel, stunned by a car, I believe on Route 1. Robbie stopped traffic with his bike, scooped up the injured squirrel, and rode off toward the nature center with one hand on the handlebars of the bike, the other arm cradling the squirrel.

Robbie loved people. He loved to hang out at the Green Marble, Daniel Packer Tavern, or another of his favorite places, read his newspaper, and talk with whomever was there. But there was no one to whom he was more devoted than his mother. When she came home after her stroke, Robbie rigged a flag and a horn on her wheelchair so cars would be able to spot them more readily, copied a map of a substantial area around Cove Road, and began a series of mother and son excursions to all places on the map. When the wheelchair was returned to Higgins for repair, they were utterly amazed. They had never, ever, seen a wheelchair that was in such a condition. It is unlikely that more than a very few wheelchairs in the history of humankind have had as many miles put on them in such a short time.

When his mother went to Bayview, he visited her each day, bringing flowers from his garden or a travel video to help her continue to see the world from the confines of her room. After her death he continued his regular visitation, bringing cut flowers, installing live plants, and insuring that her grave was a place of beauty.

Sarah told me a story that reflects his determination, his tendency toward perfectionism, and his love for his mother. While he worked at the Seaport, he spent some time in the shop of the shipsmith. He decided to make an iron rose to give to his mother. Sarah would stop in from time to time to see how the project was coming. On many occasions they would look at the latest attempt, Sarah would assess it as beautiful, but Robbie would find something about it that was not right, throw it out the shop door into the Mystic River, and start over again. Only Robbie knows how many iron roses lie on the bottom of the Mystic River, just offshore from that shop.

In recalling Robbie's life, I am tempted to say, "Robbie never quite found himself." Perhaps this is so. Perhaps Robbie saw the good in others and had difficulty seeing the good in himself. He probably would be amazed at the number of lives he touched. Perhaps he did view himself through the eyes of a perfectionist and always felt he should do better. But as I begin to think that way, I am compelled to return to the portions of scripture I read a few minutes ago.

In telling the parable of the last judgement, Jesus speaks of those who have come before the Almighty Judge and are told that they will inherit the Kingdom prepared for them since the beginning of time -- that they will enter into eternal oneness with their Creator God. And they will do so because they fed him when he was hungry, and clothed him when he was naked, and visited him when he was lonely, and spoke to him when he was a stranger, and comforted him when he was disconsolate, and wheeled him around when he was confined to a wheel chair. And Jesus says that those who are being judged will be incredulous. They will ask in confusion when they had seen the Almighty God in such conditions. They don't remember that at all. Jesus then explains it to them. When they saw any of God's children in conditions of need and responded, it was responding to God himself.

So this leads me to other questions. Did Robbie never quite find himself, or have I found too
much of myself? Yes, I know. We are all individuals, we each have our own strengths and weaknesses, we are all human and as such are imperfect. Was Robbie Campbell a perfect human being? No, of course not. Must I judge myself in comparison to Robbie? No, of course not. Do I have something I can learn from Robbie about the nature of self-giving love? Yes, I think I do. There are many of God’s creatures, including you and me, who are more complete because Robbie Campbell gave a bit of himself to us.

May God guide each one of us as we seek to live our own lives in ways that reflect the love God asks us to share with each other. In our efforts to respond to those ways we are called to love and care for each other, may God lead us to find and use the power of God’s creative will, and may we be comforted and strengthened by the presence of God’s forgiving grace.

CLOSING PRAYERS AND Benediction

Let us pray.

O God, you are the God of the living. With you there is no death. Our departed who have passed out of our sight are at home with you for evermore. As you did not lose them in giving them to us, so we have not lost them by their return to you. Deepen in us our faith in the cycles of life you established in the creation of the world, and allow each of us to be your minister of mercy to those that mourn. Enable us so to live in this life that we shall be the servants of your will, and in that service come to know you whom to know is life eternal.

And now may the peace which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ; and may the blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, rest upon you and abide with you now and for evermore. Amen.
Mystic loses a treasure

By Linnea Lindstrom

Robbie Campbell’s heart stopped beating, and, our part of the world lost one of its treasures,” the Rev. Richard W. Mitchell said at a memorial service held for Robbie at Pine Point School on Saturday. Robert Lothrop Campbell had died from heart disease.

Robbie was indeed a treasure of Mystic. In town, he will be remembered as the boy-man who rode in from Cove Road on a rickety old bicycle with a basket brimming full of wildflowers.

Robbie delighted in surprising me with spring flowers shortly after I was hired at the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, where he first called me to discuss a column I had written for the Mystic River Press. We soon began a friendship that encompassed my weekly column and his interpretation of it, and his philosophy regarding nature.

When I moved downtown to the Mystic Chamber of Commerce, I discovered the nature center was not Robbie’s only hangout. Robbie spent a better part of each day delivering flowers to Barbara Dixon at Steamboat Wharf, Mary Kirby at Heritage Marine Insurance, and a dozen or so others. He spent a lot of time drinking coffee and reading his paper at the Green Marble, and befriended many who needed a friend there.

“(Robbie) was a humble man,” said DiAngelo Romney, who works at the Green Marble. “He was a poet, and he would go out of his way to do nice things for people.”

Among those nice things, Robbie delivered bread from his home bread-baking business, Le Pain. During one summer, Robbie spent hours baking banana bread, garlic bread and other varieties. Covered with flour from head to toe, he flew into town with deliveries.

“It was a delicious summer,” Barbara Dixon recalled. “He’d ride his bike down the dock at Steamboat Wharf and poke his head through the window of our office, taking orders or delivering bread.”

Robbie also spent time working for Tom Nicholas aboard his yacht, Hop Toad. “The quality of his bread was a barometer of his love life,” he said. “It was like the stock market—if he was on the up wing, the bread was really good.”

Before his foray into baking, Robbie had spent a few years working as an interpreter at Mystic Seaport. Former supervisor Christopher Fay said he was one of the nicest and gentlest staff members he had the privilege of working with at the Seaport.

Seaport co-worker Elena Eaton loved the time she spent with Robbie. “He had so many interests,”

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she said. "But when he spoke to you he was interested in your concerns. He made you feel like you were an important person. It was a real tonic to talk to him."

According to his brother, Robbie inherited the qualities for which many remember him from his mother. "My mother made the difference in his life," said his brother Stu. "She was selfless, and Robbie inherited that and took it one step further."

After his mother's stroke, Robbie mapped out the local area and made excursions with her each day, pushing her wheelchair along Route 1. "My mother would ask him where they were off to today," Stu said, "and he would get out his clipboard and highlight a route."

After his mother was moved to Bayview in Waterford, Robbie wanted to keep her mind active and focused on pleasant things. Because his parents had traveled extensively, Robbie thought to bring her travel videos of places she had visited. "No one else would think of this," Stu said. When Stu graduated from Connecticut College just before his mother died, Robbie argued that her mother had to attend the ceremony. "He asked me what the school colors were, and he tied tons of blue and white balloons to her chair."

Although it can be said that he was different, Robbie's true avocation was his effect on those around him. "He built a life for himself, Elena Eaton said. "A wonderful life built around caring about other people."

"Robbie Campbell was a beacon of gentleness and kindness in a barren, unforgiving landscape," Tom Nicholas remembered. "He will be sorely missed."

Former Cove Road neighbor Prudence Monroe also came to form a bond with Robbie. A few years ago, Prudence fell while walking her dog, Pixie. Robbie stopped to help her, and a friendship began. Robbie was seen tending her garden, cooking her gourmet meals and visiting her daily.

Last year, Prudence moved into a retirement home in Groton, and even though Robbie was unable to make daily trips on his bike, he continued to keep in touch by phone, calling her each day.

Last Tuesday, as Prudence celebrated her birthday, there was no call from Robbie, and she knew something was wrong. She said she would never forget his lovely meals that included lobster and artistically arranged food.

Robbie possessed a childlike innocence that did not allow him to grow up into a man, but that quality is exactly what made him special. "I'm sure that memories of Robbie will come to the forefront of your consciousness for years to come," said the Rev. Mitchell.
Charles A. Campo  
NORTH STONINGTON — Charles A. Campo, 82, of Mystic Road, died Friday, May 21, at The Westerly Hospital, where he had been admitted the Saturday previous.

He was born Oct. 20, 1916, in Mystic on Reynolds Hill, the son of Eugene and Theresa Ceeina Campo. He attended local schools. He married Betty McGowan at Third Baptist Church, North Stonington, on Oct. 25, 1941.

Mr. Campo worked at the former Hamilton Propeller Co. in Pawcatuck, then worked for the town highway garage in North Stonington for 32 years. He later worked at Electric Boat, retiring in 1987.

He was a longtime member of the Third Baptist Church, a member of the North Stonington grange and the Pequot Golf Club. He had served as an umpire with the North Stonington Little League and was an avid bowler, horseshoe and cribbage player, and Yankees fan. He was an accomplished guitar player.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Campo is survived by two sons, Thomas Campo of Old Lyme and James Campo of Mystic; a daughter, Betty Doucette of Ledyard; a brother, Clifford Campo of Ledyard; three sisters, Spain Panciera of Mystic, Ren Delicato of Westerly, and Jean George of Fairpoint, N.Y.; 14 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a brother, Henry Campo, and three sisters, Helene Willet, Leah Musanti, and Olive Higgins.

Services were held Monday, May 24. Mystic Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Gifts in Mr. Campo's memory may be made to the North Stonington Ambulance Corps, Main's Crossing Road, North Stonington, CT 06359, or to the Third Baptist Church, Rocky Hollow Road, North Stonington, CT 06359.
Charles Canavan

Storington — Charles P. Canavan, 63, of Storington, husband of 34 years to Camille (Castro) Canavan, died Wednesday, April 20, 2016, after a brief illness at Connecticut Hospice in Branford. Born in Springfield, Mass., he was the son of the late Charles and Cecilia (Sullivan) Canavan and lived in Storington since 1996.

Chuck graduated with a bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of Notre Dame. He was a self-employed architect for over 30 years, a professor at Three Rivers Community College for seven years, zoning official at Groton Long Point and commissioner of the Architectural Review Board for the Town of Storington. He is also the author of a children's book titled "Rocky's Race to Sunshine," which was illustrated by his very close friend, John Q. Galler.

Chuck enjoyed the simpler things in life and spending time with family and friends. He lived a life full of love and laughter while never missing a moment for a little fun.

In addition to his wife, he leaves his three daughters, Trish Cornell and her husband, Andrew, of Westerly, Tina Canavan of San Diego, Calif., and April Canavan of Wakefield, R.I.; two sisters, Cecelia Sullivan and her husband, Robert, of Longmeadow, Mass., and Elizabeth Canavan of West Springfield, Mass.; two brothers, James Canavan and his wife, Lisa, of Old Saybrook and Brendan Canavan of Atlantic City, N.J.; three grandchildren, Leo, Griffin and Brock Cornell; and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, May 6, at St. Patrick Church, 32 East Main St., Mystic. Burial will be private. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Boston Children's Hospital (www.childrenshospital.org).
Richard Canavan

Pawcatuck — Richard W. Canavan, 87, of 6 Oakwood Ave., died Friday at the Pendleton in Mystic.

Mr. Canavan was born June 27, 1912, in Webster, Mass., the son of Richard W. and Amelia Brewer Canavan.

He was the widower of Clarie E. O'Neil Canavan.

Mr. Canavan attended local schools in Webster. He received a bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1938 and a master's degree in 1938 from the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester.

He was a textile chemist at American Velvet Co. in Stonington. He retired in 1977 after 25 years.

Mr. Canavan was a member of the American Textile Chemist Association among other professional organizations.

He was an avid golfer and was a member of the Elm Ridge Golf Club. He was an ardent baseball fan and piously rooted for the Red Sox. He also had an extensive collection of baseball memorabilia.

Mr. Canavan was a model train enthusiast and a ham radio operator. Mr. Canavan would contact members of the Maryknoll mission serving as missionaries in South America so they could speak with their families in New England.

He is survived by a daughter, Patricia Tyne of Wakefield, Mass.; two sons, Richard Canavan of Woodstock and Neil Canavan of Denver, Colo.; a sister, Dorothy Stefanik of Webster, Mass.; four grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at noon Wednesday at St. Michael Church, Pawcatuck. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery, Norwich.

Calling hours will be 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St.

Memorial contributions may be made to the college of the Holy Cross Library, Worcester, Mass., or to St. Michael School, 63 Liberty St., Pawcatuck.
James Canfield

Stonington — James E. Canfield, 70, died peacefully at L+M Hospital, with family by his side after a long illness.

“Jim,” as he was best known, was born in Norwich on May 20, 1947, to the late Earl and Elsie (Smith) Canfield. After graduating high school, Jim joined the U.S. Marine Corp, serving his country in Vietnam. After his honorable discharge, Jim first lived in the Boston area, moving back to the Norwich/Montville area. He worked as a mental healthcare worker for the former Norwich State Hospital until its closing, moving on to continue that same career with Southeast Mental Health Authority until retiring 15 years ago.

He was married to the former Margery Barnes in Montville, on March 11, 1989. She survives him. Jim was a Mason, wood carver, woodworker, stained glass artisan, and avid golfer, but what he will be most remembered for was his honest caring personality, always putting others first. He will be greatly missed.

Jim is survived by his wife Marge; daughters, Julia and Natalie Canfield; son, John Haggerty; sister, Linda Wilechowski; grandchildren, Taylor, Daniel and Kristen Haggerty; niece, Mary Nelson; nephew, Thomas Wilechowski; and many in the community who called Jim “friend.”

Visitation will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Montville Funeral Home of Church & Allen, 53 Norwich-New London Turnp., Uncasville, with a Memorial Service and Celebration of Jim’s Life at 3 p.m., concluding with Military Honors rendered at the funeral home. Burial is private at the convenience of the family.

Donations in Jim’s memory may be made to Smilow (Yale) Hospital Cancer Center at www.closetofree.com, or Office of Development, Yale-New Haven Hospital.
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Thomas Cannan Jr.

Pawcatuck — Thomas F. "Tom" Cannan Jr., 69, beloved husband of Dorothea "Dottie" (Sheridan) Cannan, of Pequot Trail, Pawcatuck, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, April 4, 2011.

Born in Bayonne, N.J., he was a son of the late Frances and Thomas F. Cannan Sr.

Tom enjoyed a 30 plus year career as a mechanical engineer for the Naval Underwater System Center, specializing in sonar systems for the Department of Defense. Following his retirement from NUSC, Tom served as a consultant for companies including Raytheon BEN Technologies and Rite-Solutions. He was a 1964 graduate of Villanova University where he was a letter holder on the varsity swim team. Tom was a member of the North End Social Club, the Calabrese Society, and the Bocce Club, all located in Westerly. He enjoyed boating and fishing. His lifelong passion was farming.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Susan A. Cannan of Middlebury; a brother, George Cannan of Ocean Gate, N.J.; nephews and nieces, George Cannan Jr, Stacy Cannan, Jack Stefiuk, George Stefiuk, and Jane Archambault.

Tom was predeceased by a nephew, Stephen Stefiuk Jr. He is also predeceased by his many canine friends including "Chips", "Magnum", and is survived by his beloved dog, "Missy."

Tom enjoyed wonderful friendships and wonderful friends. We thank you all.

So much more to say, so little space. Would love to expand but would have rather you come enjoy the celebration and share your interesting stories in their full satiness. Tom was a friend of D.B.

Visiting hours will be held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Friday in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. A funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in River Bend Cemetery, Westerly.

For online condolences, go to www.gaffneydolanchorfuneralhome.com.
Peter Hill Canning

Stonington — Peter Hill Canning was born in the early evening of Sept. 19, 1962. He was a beautiful baby.

He had a happy childhood growing up on Masons Island. His best friends were and always will be David Andrias, Tim Sheffield, Jon Ball and Lucas Frey.

He loved summer, the beach and boating. He was a Lego-maniac.

He was a good athlete and was one of the original SEALs Lacrosse Team. He was always grateful to his favorite coaches, Todd O’Donnell and Dave Schulz. Pete scored the most goals in the inaugural season of the Stonington High School lacrosse team. He later was the co-captain of the Williams School team.

Pete was a member of the Mount Snow Ski Team. He won his last race in 1997. The four racers that finished behind him that day became members of the US Ski Team.

Pete attended Deans Mill School, Mystic Middle School and Stonington High School. He spent his winters at Mount Snow Academy and graduated from The Williams School.

Pete graduated from Trinity College with honors in economics in 2005.

Pete loved boating with his friends. He spent many summer afternoons with them at Ram Island, East Harbor and Sandy Point ... or just cruising the Mystic River.

Pete was the mainsail trimmer on our family sailboat, the Melges 32, Wild Horses.

He loved picnics, the Fourth of July and the New London fireworks. He loved any family party, but his favorite holidays were Thanksgiving and Christmas. Pete was a great cook, and he always made the gravy.

Pete was a financial adviser at Morgan Stanley and a member of the Canning-Bergendahl Group.

Peter died July 8, 2019. He leaves his father and mother, Bill and Susie Canning; his brother, Will Canning; and sister-in-law, Tracy; his uncles, Peter and Douglas Canning; his aunts, Sarah and Annabelle Canning; and his grandfather, William P.T. Hill Jr. He was pre-deceased by his grandmother, Sally Hill, and grandparents, William and Marian Canning.

He will be missed by his cousins, Martha and Kate Canning, John Canning, and Caroline and Maddie Canning.

He loved his nieces, Sabina, Flora, and Louisa (his goddaughter) Canning; and his nephew, William Canning.

There will be a gathering in Pete’s memory at The Masons Island Yacht Club near his birthday in September.

Pete loved seeing his nieces and nephew swimming and enjoying the water. He loved taking his friends and their children on his boat. A fund in Pete’s memory has been established at the Ocean Community YMCA to provide free swimming lessons to kids in need. He would want more kids to be able to enjoy the beautiful place he loved so much.

Peter Hill Canning Fund,
Ocean Community YMCA, 95 High St., Westerly, RI 02891
ATTN: Stacey Jackson.
Pawcatuck — Warren Nicholas Canova, 80, of Pawcatuck, died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017, at the Westerly Hospital.

He was born in Norwich, on July 17, 1937, the son of Aldo and Mary Amato Canova.

He was predeceased in June by his partner of 32 years, Luane Lange of Niantic.

He is survived by his children, Robert P. Canova of Stonington (Carol) and their child, Nicole; Debra Woodworth of Georgetown, S.C. and her child, Justin (Eilee) of Herndon, Va. and their children, Elizabeth, Josephine and Rebecca; Nicholas J. Canova (Angela) of Avon and their children, Julia and Marisa; Janet Garcia of Surfside, S.C. and her son, Trevor Garcia; Eric J. Canova of Georgetown, S.C. and his children, Mackenzie and Ryen; He was predeceased by his son, Steven D. Canova. He is also survived by his partner's children, Lisa Rue (Robert Waterman) and their children, Clara and Graham Waterman-Rue of East Bridgewater, Mass.; Melinda (Fred) Bates and their children, Derek and Carter of East Greenwich, R.I.; Randall Rue (Kara Kahler) and their children, Leo, Mia and Abby Rue of Seattle, Wash.; Krista Mingo and her children, Tyler and Samantha of Niantic. He is also survived by two brothers, Richard Canova of Norwich and Lawrence Canova of Griswold, and was predeceased by a brother, Albert Canova. He is also survived by many cousins, nephews and nieces.

He was retired from a career of almost 40 years at the Electric Boat Company in Groton where he had been employed as a rigger and rigger supervisor, directing complex construction of Navy submarines. After he retired, Warren volunteered for many years at CRIS Radio reading to the blind, winning Volunteer of the Year awards for his dedicated service. Warren loved to cook, exchange witty banter, entertain family and friends and spend time listening to great music, watch good movies, whistle and take long car rides. He was an incredible fly fisherman, avid marksman and gifted dart thrower.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Thomas L. Neilan & Sons East Lyme Funeral Home, 48 Grand St., Niantic, followed by interment in Old Stone Cemetery, Niantic.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Norwich Free Academy Art Department to the Steven Daryl Canova Scholarship Fund.

The family would also like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff of Westerly Hospital for the compassionate care, support and kindness that they showed to Warren and to them over these last few months of his life.
Leo 'Leo' Capuano

Stonington — Leo "Leo" Capuano, 91, a former resident of East Springfield, Mass., and the Sixteen Acres neighborhood of Springfield, passed away peacefully Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015, at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital in New London, surrounded by his loving family.

Leo was born in 1923, to the late Carmine and Anna Capuano in the province of Salerno, Italy, before immigrating to Springfield. Leo was a graduate of Springfield Technical High School. Following high school, Leo served his country honorably during World War II with the Company B 20th Armored Infantry Battalion. He fought in Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland, Ardennes, and the Battle of the Bulge in the Central European Theater where he was one of the first soldiers to cross the Rhine River into Germany when his unit captured the bridge at Remagen.

Leo married his wife, Geraldine "Geri" (Walkowitz) Capuano, on Nov. 23, 1951, and the couple remained happily married for more than 57 years.

Leo returned from service to Springfield where he joined his father and brother in the family construction business before moving to Wethersfield in 1966, where he raised his family. Leo and Geri moved to Stonington in 1982, and then split their time between Stonington and Naples, Fla., throughout his retirement. Leo owned and operated Capran Construction Co., formed Capuano Builders and Developers with his son, and was a partner in the CFS Group and Ninety-One Building Corp.

Leo was an avid racquetball player and rose to be ranked as high as sixth in the region in the Over 55 Golden Masters category in tournament play. Some of his favorite hobbies included clamming in Rhode Island and collecting antique duck decoys.

He is survived by a son, Paul Capuano and his companion, Ruth Johnson, of Stonington; and a granddaughter, Valia Capuano and her fiancé, Alexander Santinello, both of Boston.

Leo also leaves behind his sisters, Michelle McClellan and her husband, Robert, of Shelburne, Vt., and Nicolina Sullivan of Kansas City, Mo.; and a daughter, Ellen and her two daughters, Geraldine and Melissa of Florida.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Geri Capuano, and two brothers, Gennaro "Gerry" Capuano and David Capuano.

Leo's family would like to welcome visitors from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015, at Sampson's Chapel of the Acres Funeral Home, 21 Tinkham Road, Springfield.

Family and friends are also invited to attend a funeral home ceremony at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 13, 2015, at Sampson's Chapel followed by the burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, 895 Parker St., Springfield.

If friends desire, memorial donations in Leo's name may be made to the Center For Hospice Care Southeast Connecticut, 237 Dunham St., Norwich, CT 06360.
Geraldine Capuano

Naples, Fla. — Geraldine “Geri” Marie (Walkwitz) Capuano, 79, a former resident of Springfield, Mass., Wethersfield and Stonington, passed away peacefully at her home in Naples, Fla., on Saturday, Dec. 27, 2008, surrounded by her family.

Geraldine was born in Holyoke, Mass., on Nov. 22, 1929, the daughter of the late Stanley and Lillian (Rooney) Walkwitz. She was educated in Holyoke Schools and was a graduate of the Providence Hospital School of Nursing in Holyoke. Geri became a registered nurse in Massachusetts and worked at Providence Hospital before meeting her future husband.

She married Elio “Leo” Capuano on Nov. 23, 1951, and the couple remained happily married for more than 57 years.

After their marriage, Geri and Leo resided in the Sixteen Acres section of Springfield before moving to Wethersfield and then Stonington and finally to Naples. Geri had a love of flowers and was an avid and accomplished artist recognized by many in those communities. Geri was active with the Wethersfield Art League and the Westerly art community, where she worked in various mediums.

She loved oil painting and was awarded Best in Show in the 1980 Wethersfield Art League Spring Show and was invited to exhibit her work at the Wadsworth Athenaeum in Hartford.

Over the years Geri received numerous awards, ribbons and citations in those communities for her work. Geri also supported her husband in his successful Construction and Real Estate Development career in the greater Springfield and Hartford areas. Her dedication to her husband and her family was first and foremost.

In addition to her devoted husband, Geri is survived by her son, Paul Capuano of Stonington; her daughter, Ellen (Capuano) Musumeci and her husband, Sebastian, of Naples Fl., three cherished grandchildren, Geraldine (Musumeci) Garcia and Melissa Lynn Musumeci, both of Naples, and Valia Marie Capuano of Canton, Conn.; and many dear friends and extended family members.

Geri’s family would like to welcome visitors from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009, at Sampson’s Chapel of the Acres Funeral Home, 21 Tinkham Road, Springfield, MA 01119.

Family and friends are also invited to attend a funeral home ceremony at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5, 2009, at Sampson’s Chapel, followed by the burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, 885 Parker St., Springfield, Mass.

If friends desire, memorial donations in Geraldine’s name may be made to the Alzheimer’s Support Network, 680 Tamiami Trial North, Suite 21, Naples, FL 34102.
Alice M. Carey

Alice M. (Howard) Carey, 71, of 16 Morgan St., Pawcatuck, died at The Westerly Hospital on Friday, Jan. 25, 2002. She was the wife of the late Daniel J. Carey Jr.

Born in the Bronx, New York, July 26, 1930, she was a daughter of the late George and Alice (Slater) Howard.

Mrs. Carey was a communicant of St. Michael Church in Pawcatuck. She truly dedicated her life to her children and grandchildren. She also thoroughly enjoyed reading and watching her daily dramas.

She is survived by one son, Daniel J. “Duke” Carey III of Pawcatuck; three daughters, Elaine A. Trumpetto of Hopewell Jct., N.Y., and Alison M. Gagnon and Maureen J. Carey both of Pawcatuck; and three grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her sister Elaine Ann Howard.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in St. Michael Church, Liberty St., Pawcatuck, on Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 10 a.m. Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery. Visiting hours will be held in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home 59 Spruce St., Westerly, on Monday from 5 to 7 p.m.
Hollis Carlisle

Stonington — Hollis M. Carlisle, 83, of 5 Union St., died Friday at home.

He was born June 14, 1906 in North Adams, Mass., son of Fred E. and Josephine Locke Carlisle. He graduated from Classical High School in Springfield, Mass., and attended Dartmouth College and the University of Paris. He studied with Gundigoff in Fountainebleau, France.

Prior to his retirement in Stonington, he spent most of his life in Springfield and Longmeadow, Mass., where he was a principal of the Carlisle Hardware Co. In Springfield he participated in numerous civic organizations, including the Springfield Community Council, United Fund, Community Chest, Wesson Memorial Hospital, Eastern States Exposition, Springfield Library and Museum, and the Springfield Symphony.


In Stonington Mr. Carlisle served as treasurer of the Historical Society for more than 20 years. He was a communicant of St. Mary Church.

He is survived by one daughter, Deborah Carlisle Abbott of Stonington; one son, Christopher Carlisle of Northampton, Mass.; and three grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Mary Church. There will be no calling hours. The Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.

Contributions may be made in his memory to the Stonington Visiting Nurse Association Inc., 20 South Anguilla Road, Pawcatuck, 06379.
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The Mystic Funeral Home was in charge of the service. Burial was in the family plot at the Mystic Cemetery.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Hollis M. Carlisle, 88, who passed away peacefully on May 5, 1999. He was a long-time resident of Mystic and was a active member of the Mystic Historical Society. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary Carlisle; two children, John Carlisle of Mystic and Joan Smith of Mystic; and two grandchildren, Mary and John Smith.

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Elizabeth Carlson

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth (Fritz) Carlson, of 22 Pearl St., Stonington, were held at 10 o'clock yesterday morning from the Shea-Williams Funeral Home in Pawcatuck. A service of Christian burial at St. Mary's Church, Stonington, was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. by the Rev. James E. Ryan, S.S.F. Mrs. Raymond Garlin was the organist. The soloists were Miss Marion Rose, Mrs. Beatrice Allen and Miss Lida Vincent. Intermemt followed in St. Mary's Cemetery where the Rev. William P. Loftus, pastor of St. Mary's Church, gave the benediction.

Serving as bearers were Richard Fritz, Gary Fritz, Kevin Flynn and Glenn Churchill. Mrs. Carlson, wife of the late John Carlson, died Thursday afternoon at the Westerly Hospital at the age of 80 after a brief illness.

Mrs. John Carlson

STONINGTON — Mrs. Elizabeth (Fritz) Carlson, 80, of 22 Pearl St., died Thursday afternoon at the Westerly, R.I. Hospital. She was the widow of John Carlson who died in 1945.

Mrs. Carlson was born in Long Island City, N.Y., Jan. 23, 1922, daughter of the late Theodore and Teckla (Kirchhofer) Fritz.

She had lived in Stonington for many years and was a communicant of St. Mary Church and a member of Nina Circle Daughters of Isabella.

Surviving are one brother, Richard E. Fritz, Sr. of Stonington and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral services will be held from the Shea Williams Funeral Home, 110 West Broad St., Pawcatuck, Saturday at 10 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Mary Church at 10:30 a.m.
Erick Carlson


He was born in Solway, Minn., on May 16, 1932, the son of the late Nels and Eva (Henderson) Carlson.

He received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Air Force in June of 1956 after serving four years. He was a member of many local and national associations. He retired from federal service in 1980 after 20 years and retired from Eastern Connecticut State University in June of 1985 after 10 years of service.

Mr. Carlson is survived by his daughter, Karyn Celnick of Stonington; a brother, Jackie Carlson of Aurora, Ill.; three sisters, Ida Coninx of Budevette, Minn., Margaret Tripp of Clayton, Ill., and Ruby O'Beirne of Shevlin, Minn.; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his wife, Noella Carlson, his son, Robert Carlson, and three brothers, Lawrence, Harry and Charles Carlson.

A memorial service will be held in January at a time and place to be announced. The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic, is assisting the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Salvation Army, 11 Governor Winthrop Blvd., New London, CT 06320.

To share a message of remembrance with his family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com
Robert Carlson

Stonington — Robert A. Carlson, 50, of Linda Lane, Stonington, passed away Oct. 14, 2008, at Hartford Hospital.

He was born in Hartford on Feb. 28, 1958, the son of Erick R. Carlson Jr. of Stonington and the late Noella (Parent) Carlson. After receiving his education, he served in the U.S. Air Force.

Bob enjoyed a distinguished career as a chef, most recently at Elm Ridge Golf Club. Previously, he was employed at other restaurants in the area including Mary’s Italian Restaurant in Westerly, Zack’s of Stonington, Lorisi Restaurant in Groton, Floodtide Restaurant, and Charlie’s in Waterford.

In addition to his father, he is survived by his sister, Karyn Oelnick of Ledyard; his children, Jeffrey and Erica Carlson of New Orleans, La.; a nephew, James Oelnick of Ledyard; aunts, uncles, and cousins; and his life companion of 22 years, Barbara Thompson of Stonington.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1, at Enders Island Chapel, Mystic. There will be no visitation.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the family.

The DiRocco Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Historic downtown Mystic, is assisting the family.

To share a note of remembrance or condolence with his family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Albertus Carney
Stonington — Albertus “Al” G. Carney, 73, formerly of 15 Oak Drive, North Stonington, died Monday at the Mariner Health Care at Pendleton, Stonington.

He was born on Nov. 8, 1923, in Ossining, N.Y., the son of Grace Merrill Carney McBride of White Plains, N.Y., and the late Frank Carney. He married Pearl Rosner on Dec. 24, 1952, in Farmington. She died on April 14, 1994.

Mr. Carney was a Navy veteran of World War II and Korea, retiring after 20 years of service. He worked at Pfizer in the chemical department, retiring in 1983.

He was a member of the Fleet Reserve Branch No. 20, American Legion. He was plank owner of the USS Coral Sea, which he served on for many years. He attended Shepard of the Sea Chapel on the U.S. Submarine Base, Groton.

Besides his mother, he is survived by a son, Steven Carney of Farmington; a brother, James Olsen of New York; a sister, Madeline Olsen of des Plains, Texas; and a granddaughter. He was predeceased by a brother, Russell Carney.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Shepard of the Sea Chapel, Gungywamp Road, Groton. Burial will be private. There are no calling hours. The Byles Groton Memorial Home, 310 Thames St., is in charge of arrangements.
Alfred Carnot  
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Stonington — Alfred B. Carnot, 87, of Pawcatuck, died peacefully in his home on Jan. 31, 2016.

He was born in Shamokin, Pa., the son of Leo and Veronica Carnot.

He spent the majority of his life in Wallingford and Stonington, where he was a land developer/builder over many decades.

He loved football, boxing, and building houses.

He is survived by two daughters, Renee Lund and Almea Marques; two sons, Christopher and Carew Carnot; a sister, Virginia Matyka; seven grandchildren, Chase, Christopher, Cale, Nicole, Drake, Gabriel and Allison; three great-grandchildren, Angelina, Penelope and Eden; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his wife, Mary (Slivinsky) Carnot; a sister, Rita Popovich; two brothers, Daniel and Bert Carnot; and a great-grandson, Grayson.

The wake will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6, at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, with a Funeral Liturgy immediately following at noon at St. Mary's Church, 85 Main St., Stonington. Burial will be at St. Michael's Cemetery, Pawcatuck.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully suggests memorial contributions be made to Hospice and Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern Connecticut.

For online condolences, please visit www.gaffney-dolanfuneralhome.com.
Mary Carnot

Pawcatuck — Mary Alice Sivigny

Carnot, 72, of Renee Drive, Pawcatuck, died Sunday afternoon, Oct. 20, at Westerly Hospital.

She was born in Meriden on May 10, 1930, the daughter of James and Mary Hanchruck Sivigny.

She married Alfred Carnot in Wallingford on Nov 18, 1951. They made their home there until 1975, when they moved to the Pawcatuck area.

She was an active member of St. Mary's Church, Stonington, and will be remembered always for her love of oil painting, landscapes being on of her favorite subjects to capture on canvas.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Renee Carnott Lund of Nauconuck and Aimee Carnot Marquess of Hlobron; two sons, Christopher Carnot of Pawcatuck and Carey Carnot also of Pawcatuck; two sisters, Clara Issacco of Jacksonville, Fla., and Katherine Amos of Wallingford; two brothers, Phillip Sivigny of Wallingford and Richard Sivigny of Somersworth, N.H.; five grandchildren, Chase, Cale and Drake Carnot, and Christopher Jr. and Nicole S. Carnot of Pawcatuck; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by a brother, James Sivigny.

The funeral will be held at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 24, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, with a 10 a.m. funeral Mass at St. Mary's Church in Stonington.

Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

The family respectfully suggests memorial contributions be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 116 Washington Ave., 3rd Floor, North Haven, CT 06473.
Willie Caron, of Mystic, a local tree farmer and conservationist, World War II veteran, and expressive artist, went home to the Lord on Sept. 5, 2007. He was 93.

Willie was born on Jan. 27, 1914, in Willimantic, Conn., one of eight children born to the late Marie Caron Harbec and Michel Caron.

Throughout his long and fruitful life, Willie wore many hats. During the Depression, he was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps, helping to build trails throughout the country and doing related forestry activities. This experience fostered his deep love of woods and the environment, leading to his eventual establishment of tree farms in Connecticut.

Willie served honorably in the U.S. Army in North Africa and Europe during the Second World War, attaining the rank of 1st Sergeant. His soldiery took him to Morocco, Algeria, Italy, France and Germany. Selected to be one of the first U.S. Army Rangers serving with the First Company of Rangers under the command of the hard-charging courageous Colonel Derby, he was the Colonel's personal adjutant and guard. Moreover, Willie employed his French language skills as interpreter for staff officers in France, and his 45th Division marched up the Rhone Valley into Germany, where they occupied the Munich area and protected materials seized at Berchtesgarten, Hitler's retreat.

After Willie's discharge from the army in 1945, he returned to the Mystic area, where he worked first at the Stonington Velvet Mill and then at Edgewood Manor, one of the finer restaurants in southeastern Connecticut at that time. There his roles included waiter, chef, and party planner. Subsequently, he was employed at the Electric Boat as a forklift operator.

Willie had tree farms on Route 27 in Old Mystic and behind his residence on New London Road. Besides selling timber and firewood, for many years Willie sold Christmas trees that he raised. Over the years, many residents of Mystic and surrounding towns went to his farm for their Christmas trees, and the Town of Mystic was the beneficiary of his trees for its holiday celebrations. He was awarded recognition by the American Tree Farm System for having the longest operating Christmas tree farm in Connecticut - 50 years, from 1941-1991. No one else has matched that distinction to date for a Connecticut Christmas tree operator.

Willie dabbled in art and was influenced by the Abstract Expressionists. He enjoyed incorporating pieces of wood and stumps into his multimedia concoctions that included drippings of polymers and semi-precious stones.

Willie was preceded by his brothers Michel and Leon and his sister Alice Ripple. He is survived by four sisters: Maryann Liiseo of Murrieta, California; Cecile Ivenson of Mystic; Incy Brooks of Washington, Maine; and Micheline Faulise of Pawcatuck. He also leaves behind his brother-in-law, Charles Ripple of Mystic; numerous nieces and nephews, and many dear friends.

Mystic Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. A Mass will be held at St. Patrick's Church in Mystic on Saturday, Sept. 15, at 2 p.m. Burial will be private. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 5 Brookside Ridge Drive, Wallingford, CT 06492 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

A memorial service will be scheduled at the convenience of the family at a later date. Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for our online guest book.
Bruce Carpenter

Stonington — Bruce R. Carpenter, 69, of Stonington, husband of 20 years to Lisa (Alden) Carpenter, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, June 21, 2014.

Born in Norwich, he was the son of the late Nelson and Nina (Sackett) Carpenter and lived in Stonington for most of his life.

He owned and operated for the past 22 years the Green Marble Coffee House in downtown Mystic and will be missed by his many friends, loyal customers, and dedicated co-workers who were like family to Bruce. Prior to his coffee business, he was a biology teacher at Plainfield High School and worked for the former Mystic Color Lab for 18 years.

When not working at the coffeehouse, Bruce enjoyed scuba diving, snorkeling, traveling, and was an avid pool player.

In addition to his wife, he leaves his two children, Deanna Carpenter-Scott and her husband, Heath, of Colorado, and Aaron Carpenter of Washington; sister Ann Maffio of Plainfield; a granddaughter, Veda Blue; mother-in-law, Judith Alden of Pawcatuck; niece Debra Breten and her husband, Gary, of Killingly; two nephews, James Maffio and Richard Simpson, both of Rhode Island; brother-in-law Eric Alden of Rhode Island; his former mother-in-law, Louise Faylor of Stonington; and his beloved pets, Radar and Ozzy.

He was predeceased by his siblings, Paul and Nelson Carpenter, and his former father-in-law, Alfred "Freddy" Faylor.

A reception to honor Bruce's life will be held at the family's home at noon on Saturday, June 28, at 250 N. Water St., Stonington.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave an online message of condolence.
CARPENTER — In Norwich, Conn., Sept. 6, 1966, Jennie (Northup) Carpenter, wife of the late Charles Carpenter, formerly of Elm Street, Stonington.

Calling hours will be held in the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, Main Street, Westerly, Tuesday at 7 p.m. The funeral service will begin at 7:30. Interment will be private. Donations may be made in her memory to Ruth Chapter No. 44, OES, c/o Dorothy Wingate, RR1, Box 18B8, Voluntown, Conn. 06384.
Funeral Services Monday For Mr. and Mrs. Carreira

STONINGTON — Funeral services will be held Monday for Police Commission Chairman Jordan J. Carreira and his wife, Dorothy, victims of a murder-suicide at the couple's Stonington Road home on Thursday.

Autopsies were being conducted today in Farmington and results were not available late this morning. Mr. Carreira shot his wife and then himself shortly after dawn Thursday.

Mr. Carreira was born in Stonington March 13, 1931, a son of Mary (Eugene) Carreira of Stonington and the late Joseph Carreira.

Mrs. Carreira, born May 14, 1928 in Stonington, was a daughter of the late Manuel and Nellie (Morning) Amaral.

Both were lifelong residents of Stonington and communicants of St. Mary's Church.

They are survived by a son, Jordan J. Carreira Jr. of Hartford; a daughter, Jeannine Charest of Stonington; two grandchildren, Michael Carreira and Jennifer Charest; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Carreira is also survived by his mother; and four sisters, Amelia Brown of North Stonington, Josephine Gomes of Stonington, Delphina Tottle of Moodus and Thaddeus Leahy of Stonington.

Mrs. Carreira's survivors also include two brothers, Eugene J. Amaral of Sarasota, Fla., and John "Jack" Amaral of Naples, Fla., and two sisters, Almira D'Ambrosio of Stonington and Elizabeth Gomes of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered in St. Mary's Church Monday at 10 a.m. Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery. There are no calling hours.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Stonington Visiting Nurse Association, 227 North Water St., Stonington, or St. Jude's Hospital, PO Box 308, Memphis, Tenn.

Thomas L. Nelan & Sons Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, in charge of arrangements.
John Carreiro

Pawcatuck — John M. Carreiro, 59, of Robin Street, Pawcatuck, and beloved husband of Debra (DeSilva) Carreiro, passed away Friday, Nov. 20, 2009, at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

Born in San Miguel, Azores, John was the son of the late Manuel and Irene (Raposa) Carreiro.

He was employed for many years as a union carpenter with Local 24. He had participated in many major projects, including both local casinos and several bridges as well.

A communicant of St. Michael Church in Pawcatuck, Mr. Carreiro also loved working with his hands and enjoyed working in the yard.

In addition to his wife he leaves one son, Christopher J. Carreiro of Thompson, Conn.; one daughter, Kathy Dennett of Pawcatuck; one brother, Ernest Carreiro of North Stonington; and four sisters, Norma Fortuna, Maria Sousa, and Angelina Simas, all of Pawcatuck, and Natalie Fortuna of the Azores. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Cameron Rodriguez and Luke Dennett, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by one granddaughter, Analia Rodriguez.

Visiting hours will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. A funeral liturgy will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Wednesday in St. Michael Church, Liberty Street, Pawcatuck. Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery.
PAWCATUCK — Jose “Joe” Carreiro, 89, beloved husband for 64 years of Idalina doRego of Pawcatuck, passed away on Monday, December 30, 2019.

Born in St. Miguel, Azores, Portugal, he was the son of the late Noemía and Jose Carreiro. Joe was a communicant of St. Michael Church.

In addition to his wife, he leaves behind 4 children, Carmelita (Joseph) Cabral, Joseph (Kathy) Carreiro, Michael (Trudee) Carreiro and Lina (William) O’Leary; and 7 grandchildren, Christina, Paul, Jared, Ashlee, Victoria, Miranda and Michael; and 4 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Ana Maria Carreiro and brother Antonio Carreiro.

Visiting hours will be held on Thursday from 5-7pm at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. A Funeral Liturgy will take place at 12:30p.m. on Friday at St. Mary’s Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. There is no procession from the funeral home to church. Burial will follow at St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck. For online condolences please visit www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com.
Eugenio Rodrigues Carroca

Pawcatuck — Eugenio M. Rodrigues Carroca, 72, of Pawcatuck, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, June 16, 2010, at home.

Born on June 16, 1938, in San Miguel, Portugal, he was the son of the late Manuel Rodrigues and Maria DoCarmo (Pedro) Carroca.

Eugenio worked in the maintenance department for the American Valve Co., for more than 20 years before retiring. He was an avid fisherman; his favorite spot was the Stonington Docks. He enjoyed being outdoors and spending time gardening. He came to this country in 1975, making Stonington his home.

He leaves his five children, Maria Henry and her husband, Rick, of Pawcatuck; Teresa Dickson and her husband, Troy, of Leavitt; Cella Blount and her husband, David, of South Berwick, Maine; Maria Carroca of Stonington, and Norberto Carroca and his wife, Randi, of Groton; five beloved grandchildren, Joshua and Brittany Henry, Isabel and Sophie Carroca, and Gabriella Dickson; a brother, Jose Carroca of Taunton, Mass.; two sisters, Maria L. Rodrigues Carroca of Portugal and Cacica Rodrigues Carroca of Bermuda; and his former wife, Maria L. Melo of Stonington; also many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a son, Joseph M. Carroca, and a brother, Augustino Rodrigues Carroca.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, June 21, at St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial will follow at St. Mary Cemetery, Route 1, Stonington. Calling hours will be private for the family.

Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, has charge of arrangements.
James Carroll

Stonington — James Carroll, 85, passed away on Friday, June 2, 2017, at Avalon Health Care Center in Mystic, surrounded by loved ones.

James was born Aug. 20, 1931, in Waltham, Mass., the son of the late John and Esther (Dennis) Carroll and was raised in Glen Ellyn, Ill.

James graduated from Marquette University where he met his wife, Joan Secord. They were married on July 2, 1955 and enjoyed a long and happy life together. James and Joan raised their family in Green Brook, N.J., and spent many summers enjoying the Jersey shore.

James had a very successful career working for the telephone company and spent most of his time working in Manhattan. After a career of 30 years, he was fortunate enough to retire at the age of 55 and lived life to its fullest. He spent his retirement years in his favorite vacation spot, Madison, Maine. While living in Maine, he loved snowmobiling, four wheeling, hunting, fishing.

James, also known as Big Jim, was a devout Catholic and member of Our Lady of the Lakes Parish in Rangely (Oquossoc), Maine. Big Jim was also a Eucharistic minister at St. Mary's Church in Stonington, when they relocated in 2007.

Big Jim is survived by his son, Kevin J. Carroll of Stonington; daughter, Maureen Carroll of Piscataway, N.J.; and brother, D. Kevin Carroll of Elmhurst, Ill.

In addition to his parents, James is predeceased by his wife, Joan; his son, James D. Carroll; and his twin brother, John Carroll.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 6, at St. Mary's Church in Stonington. Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 8, in Resurrection Cemetery in Piscataway, N.J.

Donations in James's memory may be made to St. Mary's Church, 100 Main St., Stonington, CT 06378.

The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is assisting the family.
Jean Carroll

Mystic — Jean M. Carroll, 62, of Fair Acres Circle, Mystic, lost her courageous battle with cancer on April 6, 2009, surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Cambridge, Mass., she was the daughter of James LaRocca of Cambridge and the late Helen LaRocca.

She will be sadly missed by her loving companion and partner, Frank Schoomaker, her two daughters, Lisa Tavares and Melissa Higgins; her son-in-law, Sean Higgins, and three precious grandchildren, Josh Tavares and Brianna and Kaylee Higgins.

Her family will gather for a private memorial service at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic.

Donations may be made to American Cancer Society, 106 Franklin Commons, Route 32, Franklin, CT 06254 (www.cancer.org).

For information or to share a note of remembrance, condolence with her family, please visit (www.dinotofuneral.com).
In addition to her husband, James, she is survived by her son, Kevin J. Carroll, and wife, Melanie K. Carroll, of Stonington; daughter, Maureen Carroll of Piscataway, N.J.; brothers, Norman (Bud) Secord of Yonkers and Richard Secord of Chappaqua, N.Y.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her son, James D. Carroll.

The family will greet relatives and friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday evening at the Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at St. Mary's Church in Stonington. There will be no procession from the funeral home. Burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday in Resurrection Cemetery in Piscataway, N.J.

To leave a message of condolence for Joan's family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Joan Carroll's memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 5 Brookside Drive, Wallingford, CT 06492.

The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is entrusted with arrangements.
Melanie Carroll

Stonington — Melanie “Mel” (Kimak) Carroll, 58, passed away Sunday, Oct. 9, 2016, at her home in Stonington, surrounded by her loving pets and husband.

Born March 14, 1958, in Elizabeth, N.J., Melanie was the daughter of the late Mikhail and Helen (Varga) Kimak. She was raised in Mountainside, N.J., and was a graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield, N.J. (1976).

Melanie graduated from Lehigh University in 1980, with a degree in chemical engineering. She met her husband, Kevin Carroll, at Lehigh the winter of 1979, and he graduated the following year with a degree in industrial engineering. Melanie and Kevin were married on April 24, 1982, in Dunellen, N.J.

In 1980, Mel began a very successful career at Pfizer in Groton, which led her to traveling to Pfizer plants in England, Ireland, and Puerto Rico. Melanie retired in 2008.

Melanie’s passion was traveling with her husband to countless destinations across the U.S. and abroad. Mel and Kevin made regular trips to Maui, Hawaii, which became their favorite vacation destination. Mel was loved by all and was full of life, hosting countless parties at her home.

In addition to her husband, Kevin, Melanie is survived by her brothers, Mark Kimak of Bronxville, N.Y., and Geoffrey Kimak of Stirling, N.J., and his wife, Jean; sister-in-law, Maureen Carroll of Piscataway, N.J.; nieces Jennifer, Jessica and Emily; and nephew William.

Kevin will greet relatives and friends from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13, at the DiNoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Melanie Carroll’s memory may be made to the Visiting Nurses Association of Southeastern Connecticut, 403 N. Frontage Road, Waterford CT 06484.
Harriet Carter

Mystic — Harriet Hall (Rodes) Meigs Carter, 87, died peacefully and comfortably on Monday, Nov. 21, 2016.

Her beloved husband, William Hoyt Carter, predeceased her in 1996.

A celebration of her life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at StoneRidge, 186 Jerry Browne Road, Mystic. Burial in the family plot in Greenfield, Mass., will be private for the family.

Donations in her memory may be made to: The William H. Carter, Jr. prize in English at Clark University, 950 Main St., Worcester, MA 01610.

The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is assisting the family.
Minnie Carter, 93

Pawcatuck innkeeper led active, independent life

By JOHN FOLEY
Day Staff Writer

WESTERLY — Minnie R. Carter, 93, of 54 State St., who operated two inns in Pawcatuck and was known for her spirit and independent outlook on life, died Thursday at The Westerly Hospital, where she was admitted last Saturday.

Mrs. Carter, a native of New London, also worked at Connecticut College and was supervisor of housekeeping at The Westerly Hospital until she retired when she was almost 80 in 1993.

She remained active, keen of mind and seldom missed the weekly bridge game at Christ Church Parish House until recently, a relative said Friday. She began writing poetry in her 90s, with "An Ode to Ye Players of Bridge," her first published work.

Mrs. Carter began her long working life at age 14, baby-sitting and cleaning houses to give her father $400 to buy a house in West Haven. She later became a waitress in some of New York's top establishments, including Tilson's and the Alice Poote McDougal Grant restaurant. During this time, she also clerked in the Urban League's office in Brooklyn, spent nights pursuing her general equivalency diploma, taking secretarial courses, and reading and memorizing poems.

While at the Urban League, she heard complaints over and over that black professionals were unable to find decent accommodations when traveling because of segregation. She was determined to do something about the situation.

In 1936, she sold her home in Brooklyn and, along with her sister, Gertrude Owens, bought a five-room house in Pawcatuck, the former Durgin Spaghetti House on Upper Liberty Street.

They renamed the place The Orchard House, keeping it open every year from June to Labor Day. The sisters worked at other jobs during the rest of the year. In 1946, when they needed a larger place, they bought The White House Inn, a 16-bedroom clapboard inn on Route 1. The place soon became known for its good service and good food, especially the Sunday dinners. They ran it until 1972 when Mrs. Owens died.

Mrs. Carter became a world traveler at age 60, visiting such places as Morocco, Spain, Bermuda and the west coast of the United States. She continued her weekly bridge games at Christ Church Parish House into her 90s, was a tournament player at Westerly Senior Citizens Center and sang with the Westerly Senior Songbirds until this past season.

In an interview last year with The Day, Mrs. Carter noted her parents were sticklers for education. She said, "Growing up, I had an active curiosity, and I learned a lot by reading. Anything in print, I wanted to be educated."

Even with advancing years, she always looked considerably younger than her age. She credited ginger ale as the secret to her youthful appearance. She said she didn't take vitamins or drink water, was not fond of vegetables and didn't eat much meat.

"I think keeping your mind active has a lot to do with being youthful," she said. "I've admired educated people all my life. I can't tolerate people who don't try to help themselves, better themselves, in some way."

Mrs. Carter was born Oct. 5, 1903, in New London, the daughter of Andrew A. and Susie Coffey Epps. The family moved to New Haven shortly after her birth. Following her marriage, she moved to Brooklyn, N.Y.

She is survived by a daughter, Doris Simmons of Westerly, with whom she lived; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. In addition to her sister, Gertrude Owens, she was also predeceased by two brothers, Lee A. and Thomas Epps.

The funeral service will be at 9 a.m. Monday at Central Baptist Church, 1 Elm St., with interment in the churchyard. Burial will be in River Bend Cemetery. Calling hours are 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Rushlow-Jacoi Funeral Home, 64 Friendship St., Westerly.
A long time resident of New York City, Bay Head, NJ, and Madison, CT, passed away on Saturday in Clinton, New York. He was 84. Born in Newport News, VA, his father, Benjamin F. Carter, was Director of Ship Sales for the U.S. Maritime Administration. His mother, Gretchen Upshur, counted among her illustrious ancestors U.S. Secretary of State Abel Parker Upshur. His only brother, Barton French Carter, died in 1995. In 1950, Mr. Carter graduated from the University of Virginia. In 1956 he joined the J.P. Morgan Guaranty Trust Company. He was the Vice President in charge of running the firm's Madison Avenue Office in New York. Mr. Carter served as a Trustee for the Institute of International Education. In 1968, Mr. Carter married Elizabeth Ann Scott of Brookline, MA. They have one son, Peyton F. Carter III. The Carters spent their summers in Bay Head, NJ. After Mr. Carter retired in 1988, they resided in Madison, CT, Stonington, CT, and Needham, MA. Known as the consummate ‘Southern Gentleman’, Mr. Carter was a member throughout the years of several social organizations including the Union Club, Holland Lodge, Bay Head Yacht Club, and Madison Beach Club. He is survived by his wife, Liz, his son Peyton of Scarsdale, NY, and two grandsons, Parker Upshur and Peyton Franklin Carter IV. Interment will take place at Holyhood Cemetery in Chestnut Hill, MA. A Memorial Service will be held at St. Thomas More Church in New York City on June 28th at 10:00am.

CARTER—Peyton Franklin II. Holland Lodge #8 F. & A. M. announces with deep regret the death of our brother on June 18, 2011. Robert M. Shields, Jr., Master Michael M. Maney, Secretary
Edwin Cartier Jr.

Florida — Edwin J. Cartier Jr., widower of Demetra (Watson) Cartier, formerly of Stonington and Groton, died April 25, 2007 at a Florida hospital.

He was the son of the late Edwin and Rita (Sylvia) Cartier. He was a 1959 graduate of Stonington High School and was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

He is survived by a daughter, Demetria Cartier; and two sisters, Patricia Shafer of Pawcatuck and Catherine Orr and her husband, Richard, of North Stonington.

Friends and family are invited for a time of remembrance on Saturday May 19, 2007. The open house will be from 1 to 4 p.m. at the home of Patricia Shafer and Clarence Holt, 4 Lincoln Ave., Pawcatuck.
Arlene Carson

Mystic — Arlene Joyce Carson, 78, Friday, Jan. 24, 2020, a lifelong resident of Mystic and mother of three, passed away with her children by her side after a brief battle with cancer. Arlene was born Nov. 20, 1941, in New London to the late Harold and Florence (Munn) McLaughlin. She married Bernard Carson of Noank, who predeceased her in 2010.

Arlene had a passion for helping others. She also loved to decorate her house and yard during the holidays. In the summer, you could find her working in her garden and tending to her flowerbeds. She was an avid lover of birds, especially cardinals, and a collector of anything to do with both cardinals and the Pillsbury Doughboy. She had a strong will, easygoing personality, a wonderful sense of humor and a gentle heart.

She was preceded in death by her three brothers, Harold Jr., Russell “Ruck” and Carl McLaughlin. Arlene is survived by her son, John Sanborn (Johnny) of Menomonee Falls, Wis.; daughters, Robin Jamerson of R.I. and Karen (Blake) Peterson of Highland, Mich.; sister Marie Burns of East Haven; sister-in-law Joan McLaughlin of Mystic; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Her family will receive relatives and friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at the Mystic Funeral Home located on Route 1 in Mystic. A funeral service will be held 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 7, at the funeral home. Interment will follow the service at the Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic. A luncheon will be held at the VFW in Mystic immediately following her burial. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.
Bernard Carson

Mystic — Bernard J. "Bear" Carson, 82, of Mystic, beloved husband of 42 years to Arlene (McLaughlin) Carson, passed peacefully with his family by his side April 4, 2010.

Born and raised in Noank, he was the son of the late Samuel and Edith (Rollins) Carson and lived in Mystic for most of his life.

Bernie worked in the Sheet Metal Department and served as a supervisor with Electric Boat, retiring in 1994 after many years of dedicated service. During his time at EB, Bernie was also a chef with the Flock Tide Restaurant, the Seamans Inn, and the CT Yankee.

He served with the U.S. Army during World War II and was honorably discharged in 1947.

Bernie was a longtime member of the B.F. Hoxie Engine Co., the Connecticut Fire & Police Club and the New London County Fire Chief Association.

In addition to the Fire Department, he was a member of the New London Elks Club, Hugo Simonelli VFW Post 3263 Mystic, and a retiree member of the EB Athletic Club.

In addition to his wife, he leaves his five children, John Sanborn of San Diego, Calif., Robin Jamerson and her husband, Scott, of Salem, N.J., Karen Peterson and her husband, Blake, of Highland, Mich., Tammy Lafson and Susan Carson both of Bear, Del.; a brother, Edwin Carson of Pensacola, Fla.; six grandchildren, Craig, Annie, Michael, Naomi, Sarah and Larry; and one great-grandson, Nathaniel. He was predeceased by a son, Timothy, and a brother, Donald.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Elm Grove Cemetery, Route 27, Mystic, with full military honors.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mystic Fire Department, 34 Broadway Mystic, CT 06355 or to Hospice Southeastern Connecticut, (www.hospicesect.org).

The Carson family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to share an online message of condolence.
Michael A. Carver

Pawcatuck — Michael A. Carver, 63, of Pawcatuck, loving husband of 32 years to Charla in “Sue” (Sebastianelli) Carver, died unexpectedly, June 18, 2019.

Born in New London, he was the son of the late George and Theresa (Breton) Carver and lived in Pawcatuck for 32 years. Mike grew up on Ashby Street in Mystic, attending local schools and was a graduate of Fitch High School.

He was a rigger for over 40 years at Electric Boat and worked for a short period of time at Davis Standard in Pawcatuck. A hardworking and selfless individual, Mike loved his job, especially his brotherhood of fellow riggers at EB. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends and co-workers.

An avid Red Sox fan, he never missed an opening day. Mike loved the outdoors, his annual camping trips, grilling and sitting around his campfire. He also loved ice-fishing and snowmobiling in Maine.

In addition to his wife Sue, he leaves his daughter, Carolyn Szewc and her husband, Thomas; his son, Justin Carver; four siblings and many nieces and nephews.

His family will receive relatives and friends from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 22, at the Mystic Funeral Home located on Route 1 in Mystic. A service will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 23, at the funeral home. His burial will be held privately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Michael’s name to the National Kidney Foundation (www.kidney.org) or to a favorite charity of your choice.
Joseph Casali

Stonington — Joseph Dominie "Pap" Casali, 84, of Bloomfield, father of Donna Alzmann of Stonington and East Marion, N.Y., died Tuesday at the Bloomfield Convalescent Home after an extended illness.

He was born in Casale, Italy on Aug. 3, 1912, the son of Antonio and Angela Casali. He came to the United States with his family in 1917.

He was preceded by his wife, Jessica Wheeler Casali, who died Nov. 17, 1981. In addition to his daughter, he is survived by a son, Davis Casali of Windsor.

A graveside service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday at Cypress Cemetery, Old Saybrook. There are no calling hours. Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.

The Day, June 16, 1997
Stonington — Eleanor Geylellin (Sims) Casey (1924-2019) died peacefully at Dunwoody Village in Newtown Square, Pa., on March 10, 2019. Her burial was private at St. David's Church on May 11, 2019.

A memorial service will be held in Stonington on June 29, 2019, at her beloved Calvary Church to celebrate her long, and until her last few years, active and merry life. Her decades were filled with careful and loving counsel, and good humor toward her three children, Anne, Patterson, and David Sims, their spouses and offspring, her siblings and their families, and an amazing number of good cousins, friends and other cohorts.

Ellie Casey loved playing tennis, gardening, going to church, working at many jobs, volunteering for her community, and as a Burgess and a justice of the peace in Stonington, marrying couples.
Obituary Details

**Casey, Evelyn**

Stonington - Evelyn (Rademacher) Casey died peacefully at The Carriage House at the Elms on Feb. 28, 2008, after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's.

She was born Oct. 12, 1922, in New Haven, a daughter of the late Dr. Everett Rademacher and the late Grace (Corwin) Rademacher. She was a direct descendant of Samuel Huntington of Norwich, the first president of the Continental Congress.

Evelyn leaves behind her husband of over 40 years, Rob; her son, Nicholas Warner of Palo Alto, Calif.; her sister, Ann Burrow and her husband, Dr. Gerald Burrow, of Hamden; her stepson, Lukas and his wife, Lyndal; and her stepsons, Anton and Stefan of Bethesda, Md.; another stepson, Joshua Casey of Framingham, Mass.; nieces Elizabeth James and Dr. Sarah Burrow of Ontario; nephew, Peter Burrow of Guilford; and sisters-in-law, Holly Warner of Middletown, Calif., and Susi Williams of Kent.

She was preceded by her daughter, Miranda Scott Warner and her sister-in-law, Elizabeth Casey Rademacher.

Evelyn grew up in Hamden, then Middle Haddam, and Hartford, but lived at least part-time in Southeastern Connecticut all of her life. Her family had a cottage at Groton Long Point, and she and Rob have been in Stonington Borough for over 20 years. She was a graduate of Hamden Hall School, Wheaton College in Norton, Mass., and received a master's degree in art from Southern Connecticut State University.

Evelyn had a varied career. She taught art at Durham High School and for many years at the independent Day School in Middletown. She was the interim head of the Brookfield Craft Center, and she directed the Hartford Arts Festival. She spearheaded the inner-city double Dutch team to international victory while working for community relations at United Technology. For the last 15 years of her working career, Evelyn was a real estate agent in Southeastern CT. Most of it was spent with Prudential Realty in Groton, and for a few years in the 90s she was a leading agent.

Evelyn was enthusiastic about Southeastern Connecticut: the beaches, the water and watching the fishing boats go out early on a winter day, the lifestyle and its fabulous diversity of people. She was active in the community. She served on Borough committees, was treasurer of the Stonington Garden Club, president of the Friends of the Aquarium, a member of the Mystic Art Association, the Stonington Country Club, and was active in Child and Family where she was on the organizing committee of its first Kitchen tour. She attended the All Souls Unitarian Universalist Congregation in New London. She was passionate about gardening and swimming. She was a Master Gardener, and her garden was a showpiece. After she retired, she was at the beach every day from June until into October. She loved to entertain and for decades her New Year's Eve dinner party was an important holiday event. She was particularly fond of jazz and enjoyed being part of the regulars at the restaurants.

The family wishes to thank the management and staff at The Carriage House for their dedication to Evelyn in the last few months.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 2 Broadway St., Norwich CT 06360 or All Souls Capital Campaign, 19 Jay St., New London CT 06320.

There will be a memorial service for her at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, at All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 19 Jay St., New London.

The Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, is handling arrangements. You may contact them or the church for directions. The Casey family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for obituary information, directions, and an online memorial register to leave a note of condolence. Published in The Day on 3/2/2008.
Evelyn Rademacher Casey died peacefully at The Carriage House at the Elms on Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008 after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's.

She was born Oct. 12, 1932 in New Haven, a daughter of the late Dr. Everett Rademacher and the late Grace Corwin Rademacher. She was a direct descendant of Samuel Huntington of Norwich, the first President of the Continental Congress.

Evelyn leaves behind her husband of over 20 years, Robert of Stonington; her son, Nicholas Warner of Palo Alto, Calif.; her sister, Ann Burrow and her husband Dr. Gerald Burrow of Hamden; her stepson, Lukas and his wife Lyudmilla and their sons Anton and Stepan of Bethesda, Md.; another stepson, Joshua Casey of Framingham, Mass.; nieces Elizabeth James and Dr. Sarah Burrow of Ontario, nephew Peter Burrow of Guilford; sisters-in-law Holly Warner of Milpines, Calif. and Susi Williams of Kent. She was pre-deceased by her daughter, Miranda Scott Warner and her sister-in-law Elizabeth Casey Radulski.

Evelyn grew up in Hamden, then Middle Haddam and Hartford, but lived at least part time in southeastern Connecticut all of her life. Her family had a cottage at Groton Long Point and she and Robert lived in Stonington Borough for over 20 years. She was a graduate of Hamden Hall School, Wheaton College in Norton, Mass. and received a Master's Degree in Art from Southern Connecticut State University.

Evelyn had a varied career. She taught art at Durham High School and for many years at the Independent Day School in Middlefield. She was the interim head of the Brookfield Craft Center, she directed the Hartford Arts Festival, she spearheaded the inner city double dutch team to international victory while working for community relations at United Technology.

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Mystic — Marci-Lyn (Carew) Casey, 47, of Mystic, beloved wife of 22 years to John P. Casey and devoted mother to John E. “Jack” and Nora Margaret, died peacefully Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016, after living a life full of love, laughter, and grace, despite being diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 27 and learning that the cancer had recurred three years ago.

Born in Hartford on Dec. 2, 1968, Marci was the daughter of John and Joan (Roarke) Carew of East Lyme. Marci grew up in Enfield and attended public school there, graduating from Enrico Fermi High School in 1986. Marci attended the University of Connecticut, where she met John, and graduated magna cum laude, and a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, in 1990 with a bachelor of arts degree in communication sciences. Marci obtained her master of arts in speech-language pathology from The George Washington University in 1992, where she was a university fellow.

Between the years of 1991 and 1998, Marci and John lived first in Arlington, Va., and then in Washington, D.C., where Marci worked for Mount Vernon Hospital in Alexandria. They were married in 1994 and moved to Mystic in 1998 when John was stationed at the U.S. Submarine Base after completing law school.

After taking time off to raise her children, Marci returned to work and for the last two years was employed as a speech-language pathologist for LEARN Regional Educational Service Center in Old Lyme. Prior to working for LEARN, Marci worked in various school districts, including Groton, Ledyard, New London, and East Lyme. She also worked at Lawrence + Memori-

ral Hospital in the Speech and Audiology Department.

In addition to her husband, children, and parents, Marci leaves two brothers, John M. Carew and his wife, Laura, of Apex, N.C., and Michael Carew and his wife, Stephanie, of Zebulon, N.C.; her mother-in-law, Joan Casey and her companion, Alex Bralski of Springfield, Mass.; two sisters-in-law, Susan Casey and her husband, Peter Collins, of Gloucester, Mass., and Mary Casey and her husband, Jeffrey Blackwell, of Nantucket, Mass.; a brother-in-law, Steven Casey of Enfield, and her nieces and nephews, Heather and Paige Carew, Mikey and Rayleigh Carew, Ashley Bourland and her husband, Jim McCarthy, Hannah and Roger Bourland, Henry and Mae Blackwell, and Jared, Kyle, and Michael Casey. Marci will also be missed by her many close friends who have been a constant source of love, support, and companionship, as well as her dedicated co-workers, and wonderful neighbors.

Her family will receive friends from noon to 4 p.m. and from 5 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 22, at the Mystic Funeral Home located on Route 1 in Mystic. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Patrick Church, 32 E. Main St., Mystic, where Marci was a faithful parishioner. Everyone is kindly asked to go directly to church Wednesday morning. Burial will follow in St. Patrick Cemetery, River Road, Old Mystic.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Marci’s memory be made to Groton Education Foundation Inc., PO Box 825, Groton, CT 06340-0825.

The Casey family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave a note of condolence.
Crisis. After the Navy, he attended Rutgers University as an MBA graduate student and passed the CPA exam in 1965. He worked as a CPA for Lybrand in Hartford and San Francisco, Calif., until 1970, when he moved "in house" to work as vice president and controller for National Life in Montpellier, Vt. In 1979, he moved to Connecticut Mutual Life in Hartford, where he reached the role of senior vice president and remained there until retirement in 1994.

Rob was an active member of every community in which he lived, beginning with his editorship of the "Good Times Dispatch" in Kent, in the 1950s. He served on several boards, including the Vermont Industrial Development Authority and Child and Family of CT. He served as treasurer and other functions of his beloved All Souls Unitarian and Universalist Congregation, the Mystic Rotary Club and the Stonington Village Improvement Association.

In his last months of life, Rob was blessed by the "Rob Casey Village," a term coined by his longtime friend Carol Martin, who, along with Rob's sons, his nurse Sebrina Peterson and aide Nee Obahang, afforded Rob a 24/7 environment of love and support during his brief stay at Academy Point in Mystic.

Rob had an oversized heart and loved life, his family, friends, golf, tennis, bridge, good laughs and good food (often at the Stonington borough restaurants).

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 18, at All Souls Unitarian Congregation, 19 Jay St., New London. A short graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 20, at the Casey family plot, St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, 86 Fort Hill Road, New Milford, CT.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to All Saints Unitarian Congregation.
Karen Cashman, 76, a resident of Stonington, died peacefully Nov. 9, 2019, after being diagnosed with peritoneal cancer in 2018. Karen was born in Washington, D.C. Sept. 8, 1943, and was educated at Greenwich Academy and Mount Vernon College. She grew up in a family of oil painters, then later lived in Darien from 1973 to 1986, Lyme from 1986 to 1999, and Roxbury from 1999 to 2014.

Karen was an ambitious and resourceful woman, a racket sports enthusiast and champion, horsewoman, artist, hostess, homemaker and lover of animals, people, and nature. She was competitive by nature yet always had a smile on her face. She practiced and taught dressage and ran Hidden Meadow Bed & Breakfast in Lyme. Karen was an Elected Artist member of both the Salamagundi Club in New York City and Lyme Art Association in Lyme. She attended the Lyme Art Academy and exhibited oil paintings in Connecticut and Blue Hill, Maine. Karen played tennis and paddle from her younger years and into her 70s at clubs and with the USTA. She was a keeper of horses, cats and dogs, most recently two German Shepherds.

Karen's diverse interests were supported by her husband of 21 years, Lee Edward Cashman. Karen was formerly married to James Pierre Brossard, who died in 1994.

Karen is survived by her husband Lee Cashman; her sister Sandra Brucknerhoff; her four daughters, Lucie Brossard, Anne Van Praagh, Nancy Brossard Parent; and Katie Nazarian; and a son and daughter through marriage, David Cashman and Lesley Cashman-Peck. Karen was known and loved by 11 grandchildren who called her "Mimi."

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations for Karen can be made to the Gynecologic Cancers Program Fund to support the work of Dr. Elena Rainer by making a check payable to Smilow Cancer Hospital, YNHH Development, PO. Box 1844, New Haven, CT 06508 or online at www.givetoynnh.org. "Closer to Free Fund" and "memorial gift" or donations can be made to the United States Tennis Association Foundation. Either would be sincerely appreciated.

A service and reception will be held at 1 p.m. Nov. 23, 2019, at Calvary Church, Stonington.
CasperSen—Finn M.W. Harvard Law School mourns the passing of Finn M.W. CasperSen, beloved friend and visionary believer in the power of education. Finn served as Chairman of the Dean's Advisory Board from 1996-2009 and chaired the Law School's most recent fundraising campaign, the largest and most successful campaign in the history of legal education. As an exceptional friend and supporter of the School, he inspired others with his remarkable generosity and vision; his devotion to his law alma mater was unsurpassed. His extraordinary legacy at Harvard Law School includes the CasperSen Student Center. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Barbara, their sons, Finn Jr., Erik, Samuel, and Andrew; and the entire CasperSen family.

Martha Minow
Dean, Harvard Law School
Antonino Cassata

Antonino Cassata of Pawcatuck passed away Saturday, February 12, 2005 at The Westerly Hospital. He was the beloved husband of Angelina (Tudisco) Cassata.

Born in Tusa, Italy, in Sept. 8, 1934, he was the son of the late Rosario and Antonia (Lidestri) Cassata.

Mr. Cassata was a self-employed mason in the area for many years, and also enjoyed woodworking. A communicant of St. Michael Church in Pawcatuck, he had also served with the Italian Army during the 1950s. Mr. Cassata's greatest love was spending time with his family, especially his three grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he leaves two sons, Antonio R. and Giuseppe C. Cassata, and a brother, Nicholas Cassata, all of Pawcatuck; two sisters, Rosealie Franco of Pawcatuck and Josephine Caputo of North Stonington, and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Tuesday at 12 noon in St. Michael Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. There will be no procession from the funeral home. Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery.

Visiting hours will be held in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, Monday from 4-7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to St. Michael Church in his memory.

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OBITUARIES

George Cassell Jr.
Pawcatuck — George E. Cassell Jr., 56, of 5 Winthrop Ave., died Monday at Rhode Island Hospital, Providence.

Mr. Cassell was born on Oct. 3, 1941, in New London, the son of Jane Morrison Cassell of Pawcatuck and the late George E. Cassell.

Mr. Cassell served in the Navy as a radaron.

He was employed as a planner at Electric Boat until 1992.

An avid golfer, he was a member of the Winnapaug Country Club, Westerly, and also worked in the pro shop.

Mr. Cassell had been an active member of the Pawcatuck Little League.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by a son, Michael Cassell of Dover, Del., three daughters, Linda Bolduc of Pawcatuck, and Mary Jane Gavitt and Jennifer Gilbert, both of North Stonington; six sisters, Susan Cassell, Nancy Roderick, Jane Bruno, Patricia Donahue and Elizabeth Purdy all of Pawcatuck, and Deborah Contino of North Stonington; and nine grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. today in St. Michael Church, 62 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, followed by burial in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck. There is no procession from the funeral home. Calling hours were held at the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 69 Spruce St., Westerly.
Jane Cassell

Mystic — Jane Morrison Cassell died on Tuesday, June 19, 2018.

She was born Sept. 22, 1922 in Stonington. She was predeceased by her husband, George E. Cassell Sr.; her son, George E. Cassell Jr.; and her daughter, Susan Jane Cassell.

She is survived by her daughters, Nancy Roderick; Jean Bruno and her husband, Paul; Patricia Donohue and her husband, Jack; Deborah Contino and her husband, Rick; Elizabeth Furey; and daughter-in-law, Helen Cassell. She is also survived by 21 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She is a 1941 graduate of Stonington High School. While raising her children she was employed as a manager of the variety store at Mystic Seaport. Jane was an avid reader and golfer who loved the beach and travel. "Ladyl Jane" had a wonderful sense of humor and was known for her quick wit.

Jane's family will greet relatives and friends from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, June 25, 2018, at the Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic. A funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Services will conclude with burial in Elm Grove Cemetery.
Florence A. Castaldi

Florence Ann Castaldi, 84, passed away peacefully in her sleep on May 24, 2012, after a prolonged illness.

Florence Ann Buonaguro was born on Feb. 12, 1928, in Brooklyn, N.Y.

She graduated from Manhattanville College with a Biology major and was on the varsity basketball team. She settled in Stonington Borough shortly after her marriage to Frank Castaldi, who worked as a dentist there for many years until 1993. In 2008, she moved to Stoneridge in Mystic, Conn.

Ann was active as a librarian and as an assistant in her husband’s practice. She was an accomplished piano player and a Yankees fan. She enjoyed the beach, travel and was a master at the New York Times crossword puzzle. Ann was known for her unique sense of humor and devotion to her children and grandchildren.

An only child, Ann is survived by her four children and their spouses, Michael and Dawn Castaldi, of Pawcatuck, Conn., Frank and Catherine Castaldi, of Wilton, Conn., Ann and Michael Calihan, of Hope Valley, R.I., and Monica Castaldi of Burnsville, Minn.

She has six grandchildren, Christopher and Stephen Castaldi, Peter, Matthew and Thomas Castaldi, and Paul Castaldi. Ann is also survived by her sister-in-law, Lydia Simone, and her niece, Stephanie Mahaney, and her five grandnephews and nieces, Stephen, Eliana, Sophia, Patrick Jr., and Gianluca Mahaney.

A funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington, on Saturday, May 26, at 11:30 a.m. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, Stonington. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in her name to a charity of your choice.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave an online message of condolence.

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FUNERAL HOME AND CEMETARY
Frank Castaldi

Stonington — Dr. Frank A. Castaldi, 72, of 64½ Main St., a
dentist in the borough for 40 years,
died Saturday at Pendleton Health Care in Mystic, where he had been
a patient for three weeks.

He was born March 8, 1923, in
Brooklyn, N.Y., the son of the late
Giacinto and Josephine Giordano
Castaldi. He was a graduate of New
York University, and received his
Doctor of Dental Surgery degree
from Temple School of Dentistry.

Dr. Castaldi practiced with the
U.S. Public Health Service while in
the Coast Guard in Norfolk, Va.,
New York, Puerto Rico, New Jersey
and in Groton.

He married Ann Buonaguro in
Jan. 7, 1953, in Brooklyn, N.Y.

He opened his practice in 1955 in
Stonington and worked for 40
years, retiring earlier this year.

Dr. Castaldi was a member of the
American Dental Association, and
New London County Dental Society.
He also was a member of the
New London chapter of the Sierra
Club and a member of the Nina
Council No. 43 Knights of Col-
umbus of Stonington. He was a
communicant of St. Mary Church in
Stonington.

In addition to his wife, Dr.
Castaldi is survived by two sons,
Michael J. Castaldi of Pawcatuck
and Dr. Frank P. Castaldi of
Wilton; two daughters, Ann Calla-
han of Hope Valley, R.I., and
Monica Castaldi of Stonington; and
six grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will
be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary
Church in Stonington. Burial will
be in St. Mary Cemetery. There
will be no procession from the fun-
ereal home.

Calling hours are 7 to 9 tonight at
the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1,
Mystic.

Memorial contributions may be
made to St. Bernard High School
Scholarship Fund, 1593 Norwich-New
London Tpke., Uncasville.
STONINGTON — Frank A. Castaldi DDS, 72, of Main Street died Saturday, April 8, at Pendleton Health Care in Mystic where he was a patient for the past three weeks.

He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., March 8, 1923. He was a graduate of New York University and received a Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from Temple School of Dentistry.

He practiced with the U.S. Public Health Service while in the U.S. Coast Guard in Norfolk, Va.; Puerto Rico; New York; Cape May, N.J.; and Groton.

He married the Ann Buonaguro in Brooklyn on Jan. 7, 1953.

Dr. Castaldi opened his practice in Stonington in 1955 and worked for 40 years, retiring earlier this year.

He was a member of the American Dental Assoc. and the New London County Dental Society. He was a member of the New-London Chapter of the Sierra Club and a member of the Nina Council 43, Knights of Columbus, of Stonington. He was a communicant of St. Mary Church in Stonington.

In addition to his wife Ann, he is survived by two sons, Michael J. Castaldi of Pawcatuck, Dr. Frank P. Castaldi of Wilton; two daughters, Ann Callahan of Hope Valley, R.I., and Monica Castaldi of Stonington; two sisters, Gloria Castaldi and Lydia Simone, both of Brooklyn; and six grandchildren.

Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery in Stonington. The Mystic Funeral Home on Route 1 was in charge of arrangements.

Contributions may be made in Dr. Castaldi's memory to St. Bernard High School Scholarship Fund, 1593 Norwich-New London Turnpike; Uncasville 06382.
Joy Castle
Stonington — Joy Augusta Castle, 89, died Tuesday, June 21, 2016, at Avalon Health Center.

Joy was born on Feb. 16, 1927, in New York City, daughter of Raymond Rambach and Mary Louise (Harrie) Rambach. She was raised in Newton, Mass., and graduated from The Knox School in Cooperstown, N.Y.

In 1951 she married Steven M. Castle in New York City, where Joy had been working after graduating from Katherine Gibbs. Later that year, the couple arrived in Stonington, where they remained. Over the years, Joy and Steve supported a number of nonprofit organizations throughout southeastern Connecticut.

Steve died in 1990.

Joy is survived by her children and their spouses, Barbara and Marc Ginsberg; Thomas and Davit Castle; Peter and Deborah Castle, all of Stonington; a sister, Corine Tan of Delray Beach, Fla.; a brother, John Scott Rambach of Elgin, S.C.; and seven grandchildren.

Joy's family appreciates the comfort and care provided by The Cottage, Avalon Health Center and Seniors Helping Seniors.

Funeral services and burial will be private.
Steven Castle

Stonington -- Arrangements have been completed for Steven Murray Castle, 74, who died at his Montauk Avenue home on Saturday.

Funeral services and burial will be private. There will be no calling hours. A.C. Dimo Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Castle was born Dec. 24, 1915, in Norwich, son of the late Jacob and Hattie Stein Slosberg.

He was a 1937 graduate of Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Before his retirement, he owned and operated several heating oil companies and retail gasoline service stations in New London County.

Survivors include his widow, Joy A. Rambach Castle; two sons, Thomas R. Castle and Peter H. Castle, both of Stonington; one daughter, Barbara Ginsberg of Stonington; one brother, Irving Castle of Palm Beach, Fla.; one sister, Edith Grant of West Palm Beach, Fla.; and seven grandchildren.
George Caswell Sr. — George Stephen Caswell, Sr., 81, died at Mystic Manor Nursing Center on Monday, Jan. 12, 2004. He was born in Stonington on Oct. 8, 1922. George was married Nov. 10, 1943, to the late Gladys M. Singer in Stonington.

He was predeceased by a son, George S. Caswell Jr.; and three grandsons, George, Joshua and Jeremy.

He is survived by his sons, Joseph Caswell, Louis Caswell, and John Caswell, all of North Stonington, David Caswell of Groton, Elias Caswell of Ledyard, James Caswell of Stonington, and Paul Caswell of Florida; a daughter, Gladys L. Buck of North Stonington; several grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

He served in the Philippines in World War II and was awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart. He was a life member of the North Stonington VFW.

George worked for the railroad in New Haven, the American Velvet Mill in Stonington, and retired from the towns of North Stonington, and retired from the Groton VFW.

A memorial service will be held at the Second Baptist Church on Route 49 in North Stonington, Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004 at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the North Stonington VFW. The Dinofero Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic, is assisting the family. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.dinoferofuneral.com.
Diane Caulfield

Pawcatuck — Diane Vincent Caulfield died peacefully at Rhode Island Hospital in the early morning hours on Thursday, June 15, 2006.

She was born Aug. 13, 1954, to Harold J. and the late Patricia (Flaherty) Vincent in New London. Diane was a graduate of both St. Mary's School in New London and St. Bernard High School in Montville. She then went on to study at the University of Connecticut where she received her bachelor's degree in human development and master's degree in elementary education.

On Oct. 14, 1978, she was married to Timothy J. Caulfield of Norwich, at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church in New London. In 1981, they moved to Lisbon and welcomed their daughter, Jill Marie, into their lives on Feb. 2. The two then spent many years building a beautiful home for their family.

Diane's favorite times were spent with her family and close friends. She also loved to travel to such places as Jackson, N.H., Block Island, and Newport, R.I., with her family and always enjoyed a nice day at the beach. Diane enjoyed attending sporting and special events of her family, especially those of her nieces and nephews. She loved children, reading, and creativity. This was reflected in her accomplished career as an elementary school teacher for many years, and most recently as a head teacher at the Stonington Community Center's After School and Kinderfun Programs.

She was a long time parishioner of the St. Patrick's Cathedral in Norwich, where she was a lector. Diane was predeceased by her husband, Timothy, and her mother, Patricia.

She is survived by her daughter, Jill Charbon and her husband, Nathan, of Norwich; her father, Harold Vincent of Pawcatuck; her sister, Mary Ellen, of North Branford; her sister, Patricia Jensen and her husband, Peter, of Dothan, Ala.; and her brother, Peter Vincent and his wife, Denise, of Lisbon. Diane is also survived by nine nieces and nephews as well as eight great-nieces and nephews.

Diane was a kind and loving person who always made time for others. She had a warm and friendly smile that lit up the lives of her family and friends. She will be deeply missed by her family and all who were a part of her life and will never be forgotten.

There will be a Memorial Mass held in Diane's memory at 10 a.m. on July 17, 2006, at the St. Patrick's Cathedral in Norwich. Burial will be private at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Stonington Community Center's After School and Kinderfun Programs in Diane's memory. Donations may be sent to the Stonington Community Center, 28 Cutler St., Stonington, CT 06378.

The Thomas L. Neelan & Sons Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Please visit www.neelanfuneralhome.com to send an online condolence message to the family.
OBITUARY

Geraldine Caulfield
Mystic, Stonington, pharmacist

Stonington — Geraldine Connors Caulfield, 64, of Deep River, a native of Stonington, died Sunday at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

She was born Dec. 11, 1934, in Stonington, the daughter of Francs J. Connors and Elizabeth Mary Fallon Connors.


Mrs. Caulfield was a graduate of Stonington High School and attended the University of Connecticut College of Pharmacy.

She had been employed at Conner's Pharmacy in Stonington and Gaskell's Pharmacy in Mystic.

She is survived by a daughter, Kathleen C. Farwell of Bonson, Vt.; two sons, Christopher M. Caulfield of Old Lyme and Kevin L. Caulfield of Deep River; three sisters, Teresa Connors of Palm Springs, Calif., Elizabeth Martinelli of Mystic, and Kathleen Sproul of Titusville, Fla.; two brothers, John Connors of Lubbock, Texas and Eugene Connors of New Bedford, Mass., and four grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a brother, Francis J. Connors of Fresno, Calif.

A funeral liturgy will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. Joseph's Church in Chester. Burial will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

There are no calling hours.

Donations in her memory may be made to Lawrence & Memorial Hospital, 365 Montauk Ave., New London, CT 06320, or to a charity of one's choice.

The Swan Funeral Home, 211 Main St., Deep River, has charge of arrangements.
Jean Caulfield

Pawcatuck — Jean V. Caulfield, 89, of Cavendish Lane, died June 15, 2006, at Mystic Manor Nursing Home.

Mr. Caulfield was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy and worked later as a machinist at Pratt and Whitney.

His wife Lorraine Mason Caulfield predeceased him in 2005. He is survived by 2 daughters.

The funeral service and private burial was in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

Byles Memorial Home, 99 Huntington St., New London, is assisting the family with the arrangements.
Alfonso M. Cavalliere, 101, of Stonenge Retirement Community in Mystic, formerly of New Haven, passed away peacefully on Oct. 23, 2015, after a brief illness.

Alfonso was born in New Haven on Dec. 28, 1914, to the late Pasquale Cavalliere and Giovanna Marti ( Palladino) Cavalliere. In 1937 he received a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from Northeastern University during World War II. He served in the U.S. Army and was appointed to the staff of the photo interpretation section of the Military Intelligence School and served in the Pentagon for special structural bomb damage photo interpretation work with the Bureau of Economic Research. After the war, he continued his studies at the University of Rome, School of Architecture. His engineering career began in 1939 at Truesdell Steel Co., Youngstown, Ohio, and ended 57 years later at Seelye Stevenson Value & Kosciel at the age of 80, where he was in charge of reviewing bridge construction projects. He held various jobs and supervisory positions with the Connecticut Highway Department, Hamilton Standard, Arthur G. Benton Associates, and Worthington and Mapes, where he served as vice president and director and chief structural engineer. As a registered engineer in Connecticut, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Vermont, he worked on numerous buildings, schools, churches, power plants and bridges. Among them were Reeds Laboratory at Yale University, the Gorton Building of New Haven, the first pre-stressed, pre-cast high-rise concrete structure in the eastern United States, the Southern New England Telephone building and the rehabilitation of many older highway bridges as well as both fixed and movable span railroad bridges.

He was a Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers, charter member of the Structural Engineering Institute of the American Society of Civil Engineers, past president and director of the Connecticut section of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Connecticut Engineers in Private Practice. He was a former member of the Board of Appeals of the building inspector and the Board of Zoning Appeals, City of New Haven; a member of the arbitration committee of the American Arbitration Association, Saint Andrew Society; Life member of the President’s Club, Northeastern University; and a fourth-degree Knight, Knights of Columbus.

Alfonso is survived by his daughter, Alma Maria Carbone of Madison; son, attorney Pasquale (Koren Sheehan) Cavalliere of Stonington; and grandchildren, Robert of Boston, Catherine, William and Elizabeth Cavalliere of Stonington. He also is survived by several nieces and nephews. He was preceded by his beloved wife of 62 years, and his sister, Rose Cavalliere and Jean Cavalliere.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial at Saint Bernard’s Church, New Haven, at 10 a.m. Wednesday and burial at Saint Lawrence Cemetery. There will be no visiting hours.

All’s family would like to express thanks to the staff and caregivers at Avalon Health Center and StoneBridge for their loving attention and care. And a special thanks to Dr. Bartell Crisell and his staff, who were always there whenever needed. Brenda Wilson of Keep Me Home, his caregiver, Nora and Delia, his nurse and aides and Maria, his hospice nurse, for the loving care and comfort they gave.

Whidbee and Sons Funeral Home, Seaside, R.I., (401) 649-5421, is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Saint Francis Friends of the Poor, 135 W. 22nd St., Fl. 1, New York, NY 10011-1608 and the Center for Hospice Care Southeast Connecticut, 227 Dunham St., Norwich, CT 06360.
Helen Cavanaugh

Stonington — Helen F. (Kelleher) Cavanaugh, wife of James O. Cavanaugh of Crestwood Lane, Pawcatuck, passed away at her home on Thursday, July 10, 2014, after a courageous 13-year battle with dementia.

Helen was born to Daniel and Mary Kelleher in the family home at 36 William St. in Pawcatuck. She graduated from St. Michael’s Parochial School in 1951, Stonington High School in 1955 and Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School in Providence in 1957. After graduation, she was employed at Electric Boat in Groton until her first child was born. Helen then devoted her time exclusively to her family.

When her sons were in school, Helen’s favorite activity was volunteering in the libraries of West Broad Street Elementary School and Pawcatuck Junior High School. During the summer months, Helen enjoyed fishing and crabbing, as well as tending to a very large vegetable garden. She would give much of the produce to her extended family, neighbors and friends. For many years, Helen also gave much of her time to the care of family members, both young and old.

Helen also had a keen interest in athletics, which kept her busy throughout the year. She was proud to say that for 20 years, she never missed a ballgame her sons played in, whether it was soccer, football, basketball or baseball.

Helen also enjoyed following her favorite college teams: Notre Dame football, Syracuse men’s basketball and UConn women’s basketball. Helen was proud of her Irish heritage. In 1994, Helen visited the two towns in County Kerry where her parents’ ancestors lived. The 16-day trip to Ireland was a highlight of her life.

Along with Jim, her husband of 59 years, Helen is survived by her two sons, Michael and his wife, Diane, of Scarborough, N.Y., and Timothy and his wife, Marisa, of Lansdale, Pa., as well as five granddaughters, Meredith, Teresa, Catherine, and twins Sarah and Julia. In addition, Helen leaves her brother, D. William Kelleher of Norwich; and many nieces and nephews, especially Kathleen Franklin of Seattle, Wash., and Sally Ravenelle of Pawcatuck.

Helen was preceded by two sisters, Mary Stillman of Pawcatuck and Grace Collins of New Jersey.

Visiting hours will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, Funeral Mass and burial at St. Michael’s Cemetery in Pawcatuck will be private and held at the convenience of her family.

For online condolences, please visit www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com.

Contributions may be made to St. Michael’s Capital Campaign, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379, in Helen’s memory.
Joanne Cavanaugh, 43
Worked for Stonington schools

PAWCATUCK — Joanne Cavanaug, 43, of Oakwood Avenue, died Tuesday, Nov. 26, at her home after a long illness.

She was born in Westerly, Aug. 25, 1953, the daughter of Margaret Grills Abate of Pawcatuck and the late Joseph Abate. She graduated from Stonington High School in 1971. She married John O. Cavanaugh on June 24, 1972.

Mrs. Cavanaugh worked as a head cook at West Broad Street School and Mystic Middle School. She also worked at the Pawcatuck Variety Store, and the Cumberland Farms Store in Westerly. She was a graduate of New England Business.

Mrs. Cavanaugh was a communicant of St. Michael Church in Pawcatuck. She worked as executive secretary with the Regional Center for Retarded Citizens in Rhode Island and also at Paul Newman's Hole in the Well Camp in Ashford.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Cavanaugh is survived by her mother, Margaret Abate of Pawcatuck; two daughters, Tracie Ann Cavanaugh and Jamie Lynn Cavanaugh, both of Pawcatuck; one sister, Patricia Morrone of Westerly; three step-brothers, Joseph Abate, Cornelius Abate and Edward Abate, all of Westerly. She was predeceased by a step-brother, Frank Abate.

The Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, was in charge of arrangements.

Contributions in Mrs. Cavanaugh's name may be made to the Cavanaugh Children's Scholarship Fund, c/o Chelsea-Groton Savings Bank, 116 West Broad St., Pawcatuck, 06379.
Michael Cavanaugh

Mystic — Michael Dean Cavanaugh, Sept. 27, 1931 —
April 26, 2017.

Michael passed away peacefully April 26, 2017, with his
beloved wife, Linda (Waterman) Cavanaugh by his side,
along with family and friends, after a six-year battle with
ALS. Mike and Linda lived these years to the fullest with
dignity and grace.

Michael was born in Denver, Colo., and was the eldest son
of Michael and Rosemary Cavanaugh of Oakland, Calif.
He was a graduate of A&M University, College Station,
Texas, with degrees in nuclear engineering and language
arts. He was fluent in three languages and worked as a
nuclear engineer in Texas and Connecticut. He married the
love of his life, Linda Waterman Cavanaugh, on Oct. 10,
2000, and lived the remainder of his days with her. He is
survived by many members of the Cavanaugh, Waterman, Potter,
Harrison, Aranda and Nevarez families.

He was very active in the Mystic/Stonington community
and was known and loved by many. He worked at Millstone,
Pitzen, and his own company, MDC Machine Design, where
he designed and built countless machines. Design was
one of his many passions; he also was an avid sailor and
cyclist. He was co-founder of Mystic
River Yacht Club, and involved with Mason Island Yacht Club
Shields Race Committee,
Mystic River Mudhead Sailing
Association Commodore, Off
Soundings, and involved with
various charity regattas. He
loved sailing and racing, and
he was a special place in his
heart for his “Slippahs”: all
the tailend with him on the
Crystal Slipper.

Michael was passionate
about life, new experiences,
and the people around him.
He truly lived life to the fullest
and did not fear new expe-
riences. He was a creative
singer, problem solver, a
writer, a great storyteller, an
artist, devoted husband, son,
brother, and uncle. There are
so many groups of people who
include in their life experiences, too many to name. We
loved you all, and if you just take
a nickname from him, you are
extra special.

We will all miss that laugh,
that smile, that twinkle in your
eyes. May God keep you and
protect you.

Visitation will be held at the
Mystic Funeral Home, Route
1 (St Williams Ave) Mystic,
from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May
2, 2017.

In lieu of flowers, please
consider a donation to The
ALS Association of CT or the
Center for Hospice Care at
hospicesect.org.

A celebration of Mike’s life
will be held at a later date.
Robert Cavanaugh

Stonington — Robert "Bob" Cavanaugh, 63, of Stonington, beloved husband of 30 years to Sharon (Baptiste) Cavanaugh, passed away peacefully, Wednesday, March 4, 2009.

Born in Westerly, R.I., he was the son of the late Edward and Margaret (Trant) Cavanaugh and lived in Stonington for the past 25 years.

He owned and operated Bob's Café in Pawcatuck for several years. Following the café, Bob was employed with the former American Felt and Filter Co. in Westerly, R.I.

Bob enjoyed his numerous trips to the casino where he enjoyed playing poker.

Besides his wife, he leaves a brother, James Cavanaugh, and his wife, Helen, of Pawcatuck; two nephews, Michael Cavanaugh of New York and Tim Cavanaugh of Pennsylvania; and three great-nieces, Catherine, Sarah, and Julia Cavanaugh.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 7, 2009, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. Burial will follow in St. Michael's Cemetery. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of SECT, 227 Dunham St., Norwich, CT 06360.

Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic is taking care of arrangements.
Mary Ann Cawley

Stonington — Mary Ann Cawley, 86, of Pawcatuck died in Westerly on Feb. 16, 2015, after a short illness.

A Funeral Liturgy will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday in St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial is private.

It is Mary's request that donations be made to St. Michael School, 63 Liberty St., Pawcatuck.

For a full obituary, please visit www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com.
William Cawley, 81
Sports reporter who brought the news of '38 hurricane’s toll to outside world

By JOHN FOLEY
Day Staff Writer

Stoneington — William A. Cawley of 23 Oakwood Ave., Pawtucket, who was on the staff of The Westerly Sun for almost 50 years as a reporter, columnist and sports editor and who was nationally known for his story of the 1938 Hurricane, died Friday at The Westerly Hospital. He was 81.

Mr. Cawley had been in failing health in recent years. He retired in 1962 as sports editor of the Sun, where he began in 1929, three years after graduating from Stonington High School.

Mr. Cawley’s account of the hurricane, with emphasis on the death and destruction in Westerly, earned him a commendation from the Associated Press for his “courage and enterprise.”

However, as he often had occasion to muse, it was a story that he wrote with a heavy heart because he knew many of the people who died in the storm.

Mr. Cawley was determined to report to the nation the events of Sept. 21, 1938, when Westerly suffered some of the lowest death totals and damage of all the communities hit by the hurricane. But because of the destruction, he knew it might take days to get the account out.

Two days after the hurricane, he headed for the AP office in New Haven. He left Westerly about 4 a.m., drove through rear yards, golf courses and any clear spaces he could find to avoid downed power lines, utility poles and trees, and he talked his way through police and military barricades.

In “The Wind That Shook the World,” James Dodson wrote:

“Cawley finally staggered into the offices of the Associated Press several hours later. An editor on duty refused to believe the horror story he told about Westerly.

“Towering walls were placed in Washington. Cawley sat down to write his first-person account. His story broke on the front page of the Washington Evening Star that afternoon.”

Mr. Cawley wrote:

“I reached the outside world today after witnessing the scenes of horror and desolation that came into the town after the storm.”

able to pass the site where the gym was located without remembering “those lines of bodies on the floor.”

Mr. Cawley was constantly in demand as an after-dinner speaker and toastmaster. He had a keen wit, was a master storyteller and had a tremendously wide circle of friends in Rhode Island and Connecticut.

He always put his well-known sense of humor aside when he worked. His nephew, Don Cawley, noted Saturday, Cawley, sports editor of The Day, said his uncle took pride in his work and was serious about it.

Mr. Cawley was a good example of the best of the old school of journalism, Don Cawley said.

“He didn’t worry about the frills; Cawley continued. “He believed in getting the facts, getting them right and getting them into print on time. He always helped me and he had more of an influence on me than he realized. He was a real pro.”

Mr. Cawley was born May 8, 1915, in Glasgow, Scotland, the son of John and Margaret Doherty Cawley. He enjoyed pointing out that while he was born in Scotland, his parents were “100 percent Irish.”

Mr. Cawley was in the Army Air Corps during World II, attaining the rank of first lieutenant while in the Pacific Theater.

He was a charter member and past president of Words Unlimited Organization of Sportscasters and Sportswriters of Rhode Island, a life member of the Golf Writers Association of America, member and past grand knight of Narragansett Council of Knights of Columbus, a charter member of the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and a parishioner of St. Michael’s Church, Pawtucket.

In 1979, he was inducted into the University of Rhode Island Hall of Fame.

Mr. Cawley’s wife, the former Josephine Molin, died in January 1993.

Mr. Cawley is survived by a daughter, Frances Cawley of Pawtucket and Norwalk, three sisters, Jean O’Keefe, Margaret Conit and Mary Cawley, all of Pawtucket, and a brother, Charles Cawley of Harwinton.

He was predeceased by four brothers, Jack, Joseph, James and
story broke on the front page of the Washington D.C. Evening Star that afternoon."

Mr. Cawley wrote:

"I reached the outside world today after witnessing the scenes of horror and desolation that came in the hours after a tidal wave, hurled miles inland by a hurricane, engulfed Westerly, Rhode Island, my home town, two days ago.

"I counted bodies, row upon row of sickening row of them, stretched out in the old town high school after all the city's morgues were filled. When I left at 4 o'clock this morning, there were 74 dead and almost 100 missing."

Mr. Cawley often said he was uncatuck and Norwalk; three sisters, Jean O'Keefe, Margaret Conti and Mary Cawley, all of Pawcatuck, and a brother, Charles Cawley of Newington.

He was preceded by four brothers, Jack, Joseph, James and Fred Cawley, and two sisters, Winifred Cawley and Teresa Drago.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Michael's Church, Liberty Street, Pawcatuck. Calling hours are 6-8 p.m. Monday at Gaffney- Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St.

Gifts in memory of Mr. Cawley can be made to the Stonington Visiting Nurse Association, 20 South Anguilla Road, Pawcatuck 06379."
OBITUARIES

Alice Cedio

Stonington — Alice "Pinkey" (Marie) Cedio, of North Water St., Stonington, passed away peacefully at the Westerly Hospital on March 11, 2009, at the age of 89.

Pinkey was the wife of Rosario Cedio, who predeceased her on June 30, 2006.

Born in the Stonington Borough on Oct. 3, 1919, to the late Charles P. and Mary S. Marie, Pinkey graduated from Stonington High School in 1937. Upon graduation, she joined the Alfred Sheffield Insurance Agency, located in the area now occupied by the Dodson Boat Yard, until Mr. Sheffield retired. Pinkey then assumed ownership of the agency, operating it as the Alice E. Marie Insurance Agency until her retirement.

In addition to being a lifelong parishioner of St. Mary's Church, Pinkey was an active member of the Stonington Borough community. She was a longtime volunteer at the Stonington Como Thrift Shop and for Children's Friends and Family Services of New London County. She also served as a member of the Stonington Historical Society, along with numerous other community and charitable organizations.

Pinkey is survived by her sister, Mrs. Anna (Tesa) Downs and her husband, James, of Carolina, R.I.; her brother, Joseph T. Marie and his wife, Dorothy, of Pawcatuck; and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Florence Marie of Westerly, R.I. Also, she leaves her nephews, Thomas C. Marie of Medfield, Mass. and Dennis F. Marie of Blacksburg, Va.; nieces, Patricia (Marie) Naslund of Pawcatuck, and Judith M. Marie of Brookline, Mass.; and many grand-nephews and grand-nieces. She also leaves behind many kind neighbors and friends.

She was predeceased by her brother, Francis "Cappy" Marie and sisters, Marietta "Margie" Marie and Katherine "Kitty" Marie Gilbert.

The family will receive friends from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, March 13, 2009, at Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, followed by a funeral Mass at 1 p.m. at St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial will follow at St. Mary Cemetery, Stonington.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington, CT 06378.

The family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for obituary information, directions, and an online memorial register to leave a note of condolence.
Rosario Cedio

Corentyne — Rosario “Sharkey” Cedio, 83, of Stonington, passed away Friday, June 30, 2006, at the Avalon Healthcare Center at Stoneridge in Mystic.

Sharkey was born June 16, 1923, in Groton, the son of Dominic and Nancy Cedio, one of 13 children. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, having fought in the Invasion of Normandy.

Sharkey and his wife of 47 years, Alice Marie “Tink” Cedio were married at St. Mary Church in Stonington.

Sharkey worked as an auto body technician throughout most of his working career. Before retirement he worked at the A&P. Sharkey loved to work, but in his free time, he enjoyed golfing and working on his home and property.

In addition to his wife, Alice, he is survived by his brother-in-law, Joe Marie and his wife, Dottie, of Pawcatuck and his sister-in-law, Tesa Downes and her husband, Jim, of Carolina, R.I.

The funeral will be held from the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, at 9 a.m. on Monday with a Funeral Mass at St. Mary Church in Stonington at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Sharkey’s memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 228 West Town St., Norwich CT 06360.

The Cedio family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for obituary information, directions, and an online memorial register to leave a note of condolence.
Pawcatuck — Adam S. Celestino, 53, of Pawcatuck, passed away unexpectedly, Thursday, June 28, 2018.

He was the beloved husband of Shi Lao. Together they owned and operated Tiger Lily Teas in Olde Mystic Village for several years.

Services will be private for Adam.

Donations in his memory may be made to Quilambaug Fire Dept., 50 Old Stonington Road, Mystic, CT 06355.
In 1948, he immigrated to the United States and made a new life in America. Within his first year in the United States, he founded and organized the Polish association organization, Ogniwo, in Hartford. In 1951 he was approached by the State Department to work in Washington, D.C., where he remained until 1965.

He met and married Krystyna Gzowska, a survivor of the 1944 Warsaw Uprising, and in 1956 they moved to Hartford, eventually settling with their three daughters in their first home in Glastonbury.

From 1956 to 1966, Stefan worked for Connecticut Bank & Trust, ultimately as a vice president in charge of data programming and security. Since 1985, Mr. and Mrs. Celichowski had lived in Stonington, where they remained active community members. As a board member of the Stonington Historical Society, Stefan was the director of the Lighthouse Museum for nine years and continued to pursue his beloved hobbies, his friendships, tennis, bridge, and gardening.

In October 2006, Stefan achieved his goal to have the archives and museum of the Brygada Świętokrzyska successfully transferred from the United States to the Jagiellonski University in Kraków. As committee chair for the project, he worked with the Polish Embassy in Washington and Jagiellonski University library director and faculty in planning for the proper housing and opening exhibit of the archives.

As a political émigré, Stefan remained deeply committed to his religious beliefs, forever loyal to his native Poland, his family and friends, and eternally grateful to his new country the United States.

He is survived by his one and only wife, Krystyna Celichowska; their three daughters and spouses, Ewa and John Ojarovski of West- on, Maria and Charles Dudley of Redding, and Renata and Charles Oliver of New York City; and their four grandchildren, Alexandra, Stefan, and Isabel Dudley and Kajtek Oliver.

We salute his memory – zięćgo pamięć!

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007, at St. Mary’s Church, Stonington.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Stonington Lighthouse Museum.

Stefan Celichowski
Stonington — Maj. Stefan Andrzej Skalski Celichowski was born on Aug. 13, 1920, in Poznan, Poland. Graduating from the distinguished Poznan Lycee, Adama Mickiewicza, Stefan completed officer training at one of Poland’s oldest military schools, Wlodzimierz Woynski.

In the spring of 1939, he was still on military maneuvers and was called into active service the days before the invasion of Poland on Sept. 1, 1939. He then fought under Gen. Franciszek Kleeberg in the famous last Battle of Kock. After the surrender of the Polish Army on Oct. 6, 1939, and having escaped from officers’ prison camp, he became an active member of the underground organization, Związek Jaszczurek.

In 1944, he joined the guerilla units of the National Underground Army (Naródowy Siły Zbrojne) organized under the Brygada Świętokrzyska. During his time in the brigade, Stefan became the commanding officer of the security units for the brigade’s chief of staff. In April 1945, he was chosen as the commanding officer of a four-person detachment and succeeded in crossing the German front to Gen. George Patton’s Army with orders informing the U.S. Army of the existence and location of the 1,000-strong Polish brigade.

After the war, in May 1945, he served as a liaison officer in charge of the Polish Guard Units of the U.S. Army in Germany. He was promoted by the Army to the rank of major and remained active as a commanding officer until the units were disbanded in 1949.
Mrs. Stefan Celichowski  
3 Omega Street  
Stonington, CT 06378  

Sept 10, 2007

Dear Krystyna,

It is with profound sorrow that we have learned of the death of your husband, Stefan. He was such an integral part of our Historical Society as a Board Member, Chair of the Old Lighthouse Museum properties and loyal supporter of all the Society tried to accomplish. A short year ago on Sept 9, 2006 he gave a wonderful, impromptu report at our Annual Meeting on his seven years stewardship of the Lighthouse and received a standing ovation. Stefan delivered his talk with his customary humor, insight, and concern for its future success. He had a unique and wonderful way with people, a sparkle in his eye and a smile for everyone. His zest and enthusiasm were electric and contagious.

Personally, although Ann and I have only been in Stonington a few years, I remember that Stefan was one of the first to introduce himself and offer any help he could to make us feel welcome in the new community. After I got to know him better, I realized that that was just the kind of man he was. He had both style and grace.

The Board of the Stonington Historical Society extends our deepest sympathy to you and your family. We feel we have lost one of our own.

At our next Board meeting on Sept 17, a formal motion will be proposed and carried to honor the life and service of our friend and fellow Board member, Stefan Celichowski.

Sincerely,
For the Board of Directors

Michael H. Adair
President
REMARKS BY AMBASSADOR JOHN WILLIAM SHIRLEY (RET.)
IN MEMORY OF MAJOR STEFAN ANDRZEJ CELICHOWSKI
ST. MARY’S CHURCH, STONINGTON, CONNECTICUT

SEPTEMBER 22, 2007

KRYSTYNA, EWA, MISIA, RENATA,

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO SPEAK OF THE LIFE OF STEFAN ANDRZEJ
CELICHOWSKI WITHOUT SPEAKING OF POLAND. THE TWO WERE INDIVISIBLE.
STEFAN WAS DEFINED BY HIS POLISHNESS.

TO BE BORN POLISH IS TO BE BORN ON A BATTLEFIELD. THIS HAS BEEN
TRUE FOR A THOUSAND YEARS, YET POLAND’S CRUELEST TRIAL CAME IN THE
LAST CENTURY WHEN TWO OF HISTORY’S UGLIEST IDEOLOGIES TORE ASUNDER
STEFAN CELICHOWSKI’S THRICE-PARTITIONED COUNTRY, HIS OJĘZYK, HIS
FATHERLAND, FOR A FOURTH TIME.

YOU WILL RECALL THAT IN 1939, IN AN ACT OF INTERNATIONAL
BANDITRY KNOWN AS THE MOLOTOV-RIBBENTROP PACT, GERMANY AND THE
SOVIET UNION COMBINED TO EXTINGUISH POLAND’S RECENTLY REGAINED
FREEDOM, AND THEN CLASHED IN A TITANIC STRUGGLE THAT NEARLY DESTROYED THE FORMER AND BROUGHT THE LATTER TO ITS KNEES.

AS SO OFTEN BEFORE, THE BARBARITY OF HER NEIGHBORS LEFT POLAND'S FIELDS FALLOW, HER FACTORIES SILENT, HER TOWNS, INCLUDING PROUD, BEAUTIFUL WARSAW, IN RUINS. SADDEST OF ALL, HER PEOPLE WERE OPPRESSED, DEPORTED AND MURDERED, BUT, AS THE OCCUPIERS WOULD SOON LEARN, UNVANQUISHED!

STEFAN WAS BORN IN 1920, JUST TWO YEARS AFTER POLAND REGAINED HER INDEPENDENCE FOLLOWING A CENTURY AND A HALF OF FOREIGN RULE. AS THE WAR CLOUDS GATHERED, HE PROCEEDED TO OFFICER CANDIDATE’S SCHOOL AND, AGED BARELY NINETEEN, RECEIVED HIS COMMISSION AS A SECOND LIEUTENANT IN THE POLISH ARMY.

IN THE AUTUMN CAMPAIGN OF 1939 STEFAN FOUGHT BRAVELY AND WELL - AS HE WAS TO FIGHT ALL HIS BATTLES. THE UNEQUAL CLASH OF ARMS ENDED IN A GERMAN MILITARY VICTORY, ALTHOUGH IN THE END ITS WAS A VICTORY OF THE POLISH SPIRIT.

CAPTURED IN ONE OF THE GREAT BATTLES OF ENCIRCLEMENT, YOUNG LIEUTENANT CELICHOWSKI DID HIS OFFICER'S DUTY AND ESCAPED FROM PRISONER-OF-WAR CAMP, BUT NOT TO RETURN TO HIS HOME AND FAMILY IN
POZNAŃ AS HE EASILY COULD HAVE DONE. HE CHOSE INSTEAD THE PATH OF HONOR.

FOR FIVE LONG YEARS HE CONTINUED THE FIGHT ALONG SIDE HIS BROTHERS-IN-ARMS. IN THE FORESTS, IN THE VILLAGES, AND IN THE STREETS OF POLAND'S TOWNS. THE STRUGGLE WAS INTENSE AND MERCILESS. QUARTER WAS RARELY ASKED AND RARELY GIVEN. MANY THOUSANDS, THE FLOWER OF POLAND'S YOUTH, PERISHED. THAT A HANDFUL OF THESE SPLENDID YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN SURVIVED IS A TRIBUTE TO THEIR HARDINESS, THEIR STEADFASTNESS AND, AS ALWAYS IN WAR, TO CHANCE.

AND HERE LET ME PAUSE WITH A REMINDER, A REMINDER TO US ALL. THE FOES STEFAN CELICHOWSKI FOUGHT WERE ALSO OUR FOES: THE DARK, DEADLY IDEOLOGIES OF THE LAST CENTURY. STEFAN AND HIS COMPANIONS WERE THE EARLIEST PARTICIPANTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE GERMANS WHOM WE LATER BATTLED FOR CLOSE TO FOUR YEARS, AND AMONG THE FIRST TO ACTIVELY OPPOSE THE SOVIETS WITH WHOM WE LATER ENGAGED IN AN EXISTENTIAL CONFRONTATION LASTING ALMOST A HALF-CENTURY.

KRYSTYNA, I NOW TURN TO YOU, BECAUSE JUST AS WORLD WAR II AND ITS DEADLY STRUGGLE DEFINED STEFAN'S YOUTH, SO YOU DEFINED HIS MANY YEARS OF HAPPINESS.
PANI KRYSTYNO!

LET ME SAY HERE, IN THE PRESENCE OF YOUR MANY FRIENDS, WHAT I COULD NOT HAVE SAID TO YOU IN PERSON. YOU WOULD HAVE BRUSHED ME OFF WITH ONE OF YOUR CHARMING SMILES, OR WITH SOME AMUSING, SELF-DEPRECATING, REMARK.

BUT I SAY IT TO YOU NOW: ONE OF THE PLEASURES OF BEING WITH YOU AND STEFAN WAS TO LISTEN TO YOU BANTER, SOMETIMES IN ENGLISH, SOMETIMES IN POLISH, SOMETIMES IN A BIT OF EACH. AND WHEN YOU LAUGHED A LITTLE, JOKED A LITTLE, AND MADE GENTLE, AFFECTIONATE FUN OF EACH OTHER, SOMETHING MAGICAL HAPPENED, FOR, QUITE SUDDENLY BEFORE OUR EYES THERE APPEARED THE YOUNG GIRL IN LOVE WITH THE MAN OF WHOM SHE HAD ALWAYS DREAMT, AND NEXT TO HER, JUST AS SUDDENLY, APPEARED STEFAN IN ALL HIS MANLINESS, THE YOUNG OFFICER DEEPLY SMITTEN WITH THE GIRL OF HIS DREAMS.

YOU WERE DESTINED FOR ONE ANOTHER AND YOUR HAPPINESS WAS A JOY TO BEHOLD!

I THINK IT WAS PADEREWSKI WHO WAS FIRST CALLED A MAGNETIC POLE. AND THERE WAS SOMETHING MAGNETIC ABOUT STEFAN AS WELL. PERHAPS IT
WAS HIS INTENSE SENSE OF THE MOMENT AND HIS DEEPLY FELT DESIRE TO LIVE EVERY MINUTE TO THE FULLEST.

TO ALL THAT HE DID -- TO TENNIS, BRIDGE, WORK, FRIENDSHIP AND DEVOTION TO FAMILY AND COMMUNITY -- HE BROUGHT PASSION. AND PERHAPS IT WAS THIS QUALITY -- COUPLED WITH HIS INTELLIGENCE, ENERGY AND HUMOR -- THAT EASED HIS TRANSITION FROM HIS POLISH PAST INTO HIS AMERICAN FUTURE, THESE QUALITIES THAT GAVE HIM PRIDE IN HIS NEW COUNTRY AND AT THE SAME TIME UNDIMINISHED LOVE FOR THE COUNTRY OF HIS BIRTH.

STEFAQ ANDRZEJ CELICHOWSKI EMBODIED ALL THAT IS BEST IN POLAND: DEFIANCE IN THE FACE OF THE UNREMITTING BLOWS OF HISTORY, AND COURAGE SO GRAND AS TO SEEM RECKLESS TO THOSE WHO NOT GRASP THAT WITHOUT POLISH COURAGE POLAND WOULD HAVE DISAPPEARED FROM THE PAGES OF HISTORY CENTURIES AGO.

THE NOBILITY OF STEFAN'S SPIRIT HAS TOUCHED ALL OF US WHO TODAY COME TO BID HIM FAREWELL AND WHO TAKE PRIDE IN SAYING THAT STEFAN CELICHOWSKI WAS THEIR FRIEND.

TO THAT COMPANY I AM GLAD TO BELONG.
Mrs. Ruth E. (Edgar) Celico, 79, of Sisk Drive, Pawcatuck, died Feb. 19, 2009, in the Pendleton Nursing Home, Stonington. She was the widow of the late Marano "V8" Celico.

Born in Westerly, she was a daughter of the late Arthur and Lillian (Ellis) Edgar.

Mrs. Celico had been owner and operator of the former V8 & Ruth's Pizza in Westerly.

She was a devoted communicant of St. Michael the Archangel Church in Pawcatuck, a loving and devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and she enjoyed writing and reading.

Surviving are three sons, Eugene J. Celico of Westerly, Bruce J. Celico of New London and Michael M. Celico of Cranston; three daughters, Patricia Banks of Westerly, Diane Celico of Charlestown, and Cheryl Speranza of Westerly; two brothers, William Edgar of Westerly and Thomas Edgar of New York; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a son, Christopher Celico; two brothers, Chief Arthur Edgar and Edward Edgar; and by two sisters, Eleanor Comforti and Lillian Erb.

Calling hours are omitted. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Liturgy to be celebrated Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael the Archangel Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. Burial will be private.

Gaffney-Delan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, RI 02891 is in charge of the arrangements.
Charles "Red" Cella, husband of the late Rita (Mailhotte) Cella, passed away at his home on Mechanic Street in Pawtucket on Saturday, March 10, 2007 at the age of 91.

Born in Stonington, he was the son of the late Frank and Katherine Cella. A lifelong resident of Pawtucket, "Red" was a 1954 graduate of Stonington High School, where he was a standout athlete-captain of both the football and baseball teams.

He further excelled in the Westerly Twilight baseball league, even earning a tryout with the St. Louis Cardinals. Mr. Cella was an avid sports fan, especially of the Boston Red Sox. He was a distinguished WWII veteran, having served with the 67th Coast Artillery Battalion in North Africa, Italy, France, and Germany.

He received the Good Conduct Medal; American Defense Service Medal; and the European-African Theater Campaign Ribbon. In 1945, he was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army after 4½ years of service to his country.

He then became employed by the former New England Telephone & Telegraph Co., retiring in 1979. Mr. Cella was a longtime communicant of St. Michael Church in Pawtucket where he was a former member of the Holy Name Society.

He is survived by one son, Stephen E. Cella of Pawtucket and one daughter, Carol A. Zanfino of Westerly. He also leaves two grandchildren; James Zanfino of Cumberland and Christine Zanfino-Parker of Killingly, Conn. and a brother, Frank R. Cella of New York. In addition to his wife Rita who passed away on Nov. 10, 1981, "Red" was also predeceased by a brother, Raymond F. Cella, a sister, Gertrude Benevento and by his beloved black Labrador, George.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael Church on Liberty Street, Pawtucket. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery.

Visiting hours are omitted and Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, is in charge of the arrangements.

The family requests in lieu of flowers contributions be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station Box 4777, New York, N.Y. 10016 or please call 1-800-708-7644 in Mr. Cella's memory.
Edward "Eddie" Eugenio Cercena, 97, of Prospect Street, Pawcatuck, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Sunday morning, Sept. 2, 2012, at Pendleton Health Care, Mystic, Conn.

He was predeceased by the love of his life, Grace (Tattersall) Cercena. He is survived by his niece and nephew-in-law, Cathy and Salvatore E. Cherenzia III, of North Stonington, Conn.; his niece and nephew-in-law, Patti and David Page, of Westerly, his niece and nephew-in-law, Judy and John Gloria, of West Suffield, Conn.; and other nieces and nephews and many grandnieces and grandnephews.

Mr. Cercena was born in Westerly on Aug. 18, 1915, to Italian immigrants, the son of the late Eugene and Judith (Campos) Cercena. He was one of eight children who were raised with the values that made this country great — work hard and live within your means.

Eddie lived through the Great Depression and cleared his plate at every meal. He was grateful for all he had. He served proudly in the United States Navy during World War II. He was on a transport ship that brought food and ammunition through dangerous waters to supply the troops and people of Europe. When asked how he made it through such a dangerous assignment, he would reply, "I ducked a lot."

For many years, Edward was a machinist at Cotrell's printing company of Pawcatuck. He walked two side streets to get to work for 37 years, manufacturing parts for the best printing presses made. He cut out metal blanks for cams that actuated the equipment. His boss would go to him for difficult assignments because he knew it would be made right the first time. Anyone who knew Eddie could recite some of his many one-liners he was famous for. His wit and humor will be sadly missed by his friends and family that were very important to him.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012, at 10 a.m. at Rushlow-Iaco Funeral Home & Crematory, 64 Friendship St., Westerly. Burial with full military honors will take place at River Band Cemetery, Westerly. For online condolences, please go to www.rushlowiacofuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Edward's name may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 768517, Topeka, KS 66675.

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Grace Ceréna

Stonington — Grace E. Tattersall Ceréna, 90, of 7 Prospect St., Pawcatuck, wife of Edward Ceréna, died Sunday morning at the Mystic Manor Convalescent Center.

Born Nov. 13, 1907, in Pawcatuck, she was a daughter of the late William and Clara Crandall Tattersall.

Mrs. Ceréna served twice as president and once as treasurer of the Women's Auxiliary of the Harley P. Chase Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Pawcatuck.

She was accomplished in ceramics and enjoyed knitting. She made many afghans which she gave to various organizations and many family members.

In addition to her husband of 58 years, she is survived by four brothers, Richard Tattersall and John Tattersall, both of Pawcatuck, James Tattersall of Florida, and Edgar Tattersall of Wequetuck; and five sisters, Evelyn Clacherie and Corabelle Foley, both of Pawcatuck, Thelma Whitford of Charlestown, R.I., Florence Day of Riverside, R.I., and Mildred Bates of St. Augustine, Fla.

She was predeceased by four brothers, George, William, Daniel, and Albin Tattersall; and two sisters, Margaret Steadman and Clara Robinson.

The Rev. Dr. Lloyd P. Frederick will officiate at the funeral service to be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Burial will follow in River Bend Cemetery. Calling hours are 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.
Louis Cercena

Stonington — Louis Cercena, 68, of 11 Mystic Ave., Pawcatuck, died Tuesday at the Westerly Health Center after an extended illness.


Mr. Cercena was employed in the cutting room of American Velvet for over 42 years, retiring in 1973. He served as a boatswain's mate in the Coast Guard during World War II.

He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Ashaway, R.I., and was a member of the Harley P. Chase Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was also a life member of the Military Order of the Cootie.

He is survived by nieces and nephews.

The funeral service and burial will be at 9 a.m. Friday at Elm Grove Cemetery in Mystic. There are no calling hours.

Donation in his memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

The DiNoto Funera Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.
OBITUARY

Tony Cerino


Tony is survived by his devoted wife, Maria (Kodman) Cerino and his cherished children, Tony, Jimmy, and Lauren. Tony will be sadly missed by his parents, Joseph and Barbara Cerino of South Kingston, R.I.; his sister, Barbara and her husband, Kevin, of Shelton; brother, Joseph and his wife, Kathy, of Higganum; and grandfather, Anthony Louis of Stratford.

Tony was preceded by his loving brother, Raymond.

Tony is also survived by his parents-in-law, Val and Barbara Kodman of Wallingford; sister-in-law, Valerie Kodman; and brother-in-law, James Kodman and his wife, Paula; in addition to nephews, Joseph and Raymond; and nieces, Meghan, Kristen, and Holly. Tony had many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends who will miss him dearly.

Tony worked as an environmental editor for Business and Legal Reports in Old Saybrook. He was a graduate of the University of Bridgeport and Shelton High School.

Tony treasured watching his sons play hockey for the Southeastern Connecticut Seahawks, where he had been actively involved and was a member of the board. He also loved to watch his sons play baseball with Pawcatuck Little League, where he helped coach both his sons' teams. Tony also loved living in Lords Point, and enjoyed fishing, boating, swimming, and scuba diving.

His family will greet relatives and friends from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at The Dinnato Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic. A service will be conducted at 5 p.m., and a reception for family and friends will follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cerino Children's Education Fund, c/o Citizens Bank, 23 Broadway, CT 06355, or to the ALS Association, 4 Oxford Road, Unit D1, Milford, CT 06460.

For obituary information, directions, or to send a note of remembrance/condoelince to his family, please visit www.dinnatofuneral.com.
Stonington — Alice (Mitchell) Chalecki, 94, of Pawcatuck, recently passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015.

She was born in 1921, to Alex and Emma Mitchell, in Philadelphia, Pa. Following high school, she entered what is now Moore College of Art & Design, on a full scholarship. Upon graduation, she became a sales rep, and later a draftsman, for a paper company at the beginning of World War II.

Alice attended USO dances where she met Bernard Chalecki, who was being shipped to Europe to fight under Patton as a medic. Upon his return, they were married and moved to Connecticut. She worked for National Folding Box in New Haven, designing packaging.

After a move to Guilford, Alice found a job immediately working for a local architect. During this period, she became heavily involved in local politics as a volunteer. She was a successful publicity chairman for the Democratic Woman’s Club and she worked on various Ella T. Grasso campaigns. She later worked for Advo Systems, and finally at the Mystic Seaport. She also was a successful real estate investor.

After her husband peacefully passed away in 2011, she became involved in active charitable giving. They had accumulated a sizable charitable trust, which was transferred to the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut for the purpose of providing college scholarships to those students interested in a career in the medical professions.

She wrote “We are all aware of the fact that advanced education is very expensive, but if that education ends up in service to others, it is well worth assisting.” She also was an active supporter of Stand Up For Animals, Memorial Library Association of Westerly, Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, First Church of Christ (Wethersfield), Mystic Seaport, The Neighborhood Center of Pawcatuck, Westerly Hospital Foundation and the Salvation Army.

Alice was predeceased by her husband; and her sister, Emily Tudor of Cranbury, N.J., leaving her loving son, Bernard Jr.

Services will be private for the family.

The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl Street, Mystic, is assisting the family.

To view a complete narrative obituary, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Bernard Chalecki


He is survived by his wife, Alice.

Per his wishes, there will be no visitation or service.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations in his memory be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 300 Research Parkway, Suite 310, Meriden, CT 06450.

The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is assisting the family.
Obituaries

Harriette Chalmers

Harriette Mason Chalmers, 103, of Rowley, Mass., a former Stonington resident, died Tuesday, July 8, 1997, at the Sea View Nursing Home, Rowley.

Born in California in 1894, she spent her childhood in Stonington where her father, Charles Jeremiah Mason, was a rector of Calvary Episcopal Church. She married Kenneth Joh Chalmers in Scarsdale in 1930. He died in 1976.

Mrs. Chalmers studied at the Art Students League in New York City and the Ecole Des Beaux Arts in Paris, France. Later she was advertising manager at the Scarsdale Inquirer.

She moved to Topsfield, Mass., in 1976 where she was a parishioner at Trinity Church and a member of the Topsfield Historic Society.

A lifelong outdoor enthusiast, Mrs. Chalmers enjoyed swimming, tennis, sailing and walking.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Alison and Edmund D'Amario of Topsfield; granddaughters, Julia D'Amario and Nina D'Amario of New York City, and grandson, Thomas D'Amario of Boston.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, July 30, at 11 a.m. in Trinity Episcopal Church, Topsfield.
Robert Champ
Stonington — Robert Charles “Flip” Champ, 81, of Circle Drive, Stonington, passed away peacefully on Saturday morning, Aug. 27, 2005, with his family at his side.

He was born in Rockville on Oct. 27, 1923, the son of the late Oliver and Susan (Savage) Champ.

Raised in Rockville, he was a graduate of Rockville High School. He was employed as plant manager of United Foam Plastics for over 25 years before retiring due to illness.

Known for his kind, independent spirit, “Flip” enjoyed his home, the ocean, and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his children, Jeffrey A. Champ of New London and Christine M. Loughborough and her husband, Jody, of Stonington; his granddaughter, Brooke Loughborough; a brother, David Champ and his wife, Leslie, of Pawcatuck, and a sister-in-law, Marilyn Champ.

He was predeceased by his twin brother, Richard Champ.

His family will greet relatives and friends from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic. A graveside funeral service will be conducted at Stonington Cemetery at 11 a.m. on Tuesday.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, PO Box 302, Uncasville CT 06382.

For obituary information, directions, or to send an online condolece/remembrance to his family please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Susan Champ

Mystic — Susan M. Champ, 82, of Academy Pointe, Mystic, a longtime resident of North Water Street, Stonington, died Sunday evening at the Westerly Hospital.

Mrs. Champ was born in Hazardville, Conn., on May 20, 1920 the daughter of the late John and Dora (Fischer) Savage.

She married Oliver C. Champ on May 10, 1942. Mr. Champ died in 1990.

She is survived by two sons, David M. Champ and his wife Leslie of Pawcatuck, and Robert C. Champ of Stonington; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a son, Richard C. Champ.

The family will greet relatives and friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl Street, historic downtown Mystic.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Stonington Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the VNA of Southeastern Conn., 403 N. Frontage Rd., Waterford, CT 06385.

For directions, obituary information, or to send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Raymond Champa

Stonington — Raymond S. Champa, 74, of Latimer Point, Stonington, died Monday, March 20, 2006, at the St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford where he had been a patient since January.

He was born in Lynn, Mass., June 1, 1931, son of the late Frank and Alba Pasqualini Champa. He had been a resident of Lynn prior to moving to Stonington 20 years ago. A 30-year member of the Teamsters Union, Ray had worked as a laborer, longshoreman, and truck driver prior to his retirement in 1980.

Ray was a familiar face in Mystic, and could be seen with his brother Joseph at Tim Horton’s or Diamond Deli most early mornings having breakfast. He will be greatly missed by his wide group of friends.

In addition to his brother, Joseph, of Latimer Point, he is survived by his three children, Lisa Champa of Melrose, Mass., Denise Buckley of Winthrop, Mass., and Scott Champa of Lynn, Mass.; his sister, Clair Spina of Lynn, Mass.; eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

A funeral service will be held at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic on Thursday at 8 p.m. Burial will be in Pine Grove Cemetery in Lynn, Mass., on Friday at 11:30 a.m. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home on Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Contributions may be made in his memory to the American Heart Association, 5 Brookside Drive, Wallingford, CT 06492.

The Champa family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for obituary information, directions, and an online memorial register to leave a note of condolences.

Raymond S. Champa, 74, of Latimer Point, Stonington, is survived by his three children, Lisa Champa of Melrose, Mass., Denise Buckley of Winthrop, Mass., and Scott Champa of Lynn, Mass.; his sister, Clair Spina of Lynn, Mass.; eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

A funeral service will be held at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic on Thursday at 8 p.m. Burial will be in Pine Grove Cemetery in Lynn, Mass., on Friday at 11:30 a.m.

Contributions may be made in his memory to the American Heart Association, 5 Brookside Drive, Wallingford, CT 06492.

The Champa family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for obituary information, directions, and an online memorial register to leave a note of condolences.
Richard Chapin

Mystic — Richard Morse Chapin of Mystic died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016, of complications of dementia.

Born in Providence, R.I., in 1928 to Robert Crins Chapin and Helen Chapin Chapin, he is survived by his wife, Eve S. Chapin; four sons and their wives, Robert and Diane Chapin of Preston, David Chapin and Meg Revelle of Raleigh, N.C., and Sue Chapin of Jackson Heights, N.Y. and James and Angela Chapin of St Louis, Mo.; 10 grandchildren, one great-grandchild; and two brothers, Charles F. Chapin of Barrington, R.I. and William Chapin of Wakefield, R.I.

He graduated Phillips Academy Andover 1945 and Amherst College 1949 with a bachelor's degree in math, Phi Beta Kappa. Interested in art, he then spent three years at the University of Cincinnati, graduating in 1952 with a bachelor's degree in industrial design, Delta Phi Delta, the honorary art society. After three years in the Navy aboard destroyers, he worked as a furniture designer in New York until he opened his own firm, Chapin Designs in Charlotte, N.C., in 1965.

He helped found the American Society of Furniture Designers and served as president in 1983 to 1986. He won the Daphne award for Excellence in Design in 1985. He was completely devoted to his family and passionate about his career, sailing and music.

The family joined Lake Norman Yacht Club in 1963, and Dick served as club commodore in 1968. He helped found and promote the highlander fleet, the Laser fleet and the junior program. He, with family on crew, was club champion 1966 and again in 1973. He campaigned his boat, a highlander class center boarder, and built the LNYC fleet to be the largest in the class. He was president of the highlander class in 1970. An accomplished musician, he taught himself to play the bagpipes so that there would be a piper at the Highlander regattas. He joined the Charlotte Caledonian Pipe Band in 1970 and was pipe major from 1972 to 1975.

Dick lived a full and productive life and excelled at everything he attempted. Adored by his family, admired by his many friends, he was an unassuming, incredibly patient and true gentleman. He is sorely missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 19 Ohio Ave., Norwich, CT 06360.
PAWCATUCK — Robert Franklin Champlin, 68, of Brookside Lane, died Tuesday morning, Jan. 20, at Groton Regency Retirement Center.

He was born Oct. 31, 1929, in Kingston, R.I., the son of Warren and Mildred Young Champlin. Raised in Old Mystic, he attended Groton schools. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Mr. Champlin married Mary Lou Phelps in Noank on May 3, 1956.

A longtime resident of Jacksonville, Fla., he returned to the area nine years ago. He worked in the maintenance department of Mystic Seaport before retiring.

Besides his wife, Mr. Champlin is survived by two sons, Robert C. Champlin of Jacksonville, Fla., and Timothy J. Champlin of Pawcatuck; two daughters, Kathleen Champlin of Columbus, Ohio, and Kim Fowler of Sullivan, Ind.; two brothers, Donald and Warren Champlin, both of Niagara Falls, N.Y.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral is private. Burial will be in Noank Valley Cemetery. Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.
OBITUARY

Dr. Albert Taylor Chapman

Dr. Albert Taylor Chapman died at his home in Old Mystic at 3 a. m. Friday. Dr. Chapman was born in North Stonington, July 21, 1839, the son of the late Prentice and Martha Church Chapman.

Dr. Chapman was educated at Amherst and at Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York, graduating in the class of 1864. He located first at Gales Ferry, Conn., but soon removed to Old Mystic, where he bought the Squire Sabin house. For many years he actively practiced his profession, much of it before the days of automobiles and telephones. In those days village calls were 25 cents and a seven mile night trip in the country was only $1.50.

Dr. Chapman married in 1868 Miss Julia Wheeler of Old Mystic, who died in 1896. In 1884 Dr. Chapman became blind as a result of illness contracted in his work, but still continued to practice. In spite of his blindness he has enjoyed excellent health and been keenly interested in affairs until his present illness began a little more than a year ago.

Dr. Chapman is survived by two daughters, Miss Gertrude W. Chapman of Old Mystic and Mrs. William D. Harris of New London, and by a brother, Elwin P. Chapman, of Clark's Falls, and a sister, Mrs. Idella Gallup of Voluntown.

Dr. Chapman was a member of Charity chapter, F. and A. M., of Mystic, and a lifelong member and trustee, for many years, of the Old Mystic Methodist church.

The funeral will be held at his late home Monday, May 14.
Betty Chapman


Born in New London, she was the daughter of the late Lloyd and Ruth (Lautenschlager) Chapman and had lived in Pawcatuck since 1984.

Betty grew up in Mystic and attended local schools, graduating from Fitch High School in the class of 1967.

Betty worked at Packer Tar Soap in Mystic as a bookkeeper, Thames Valley Steel as a purchasing agent, and as a bookkeeper for Stonington Fillet and Gambardella Wholesale Fish Inc.

In her retirement, Betty enjoyed crocheting, was an avid reader, and could always be found tending to her gardens and working in her yard. Her greatest love, aside from her family, was for her dogs, Brandy and Joshua, and her loving cat, Tigger. Betty loved spending time with her family and will be deeply missed.

She leaves her sister, Trudy Wagner and her husband, Bill, of Mystic; two nieces, Kimberly and Amy Wagner, both of Pawcatuck; uncle Albert "Rie" Banks and his wife, Patty, of Noank; and numerous cousins.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Lloyd and Richard "Dick" Chapman.

Her family will receive family and friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Beacon Hospice, 12 Roosevelt Ave., Mystic, CT 06355 or to the American Heart Association (www.heart.org).

The family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneral-home.com to leave an online message of condolence.
Catherine Chapman

Groton — Catherine “Kate” Chapman, 69, of 609 Buddington Road in Groton passed away Monday, Oct. 30, 2006 at her home.

She was born on April 22, 1937 in Stonington, the daughter of John and Maria Maderia Vincent.


A graduate of the Stonington High School, Kate had worked for more than 30 years in the housekeeping department at the Groton Motor Inn.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Tamara C. McCarty of Mystic and Lori C. Gatheral of Waterford; two sisters, Rose Raffo and Lenia Vincent, both of Stonington; a brother, Arthur Vincent of Westerly; and five grandchildren, Drew, Nel, David, Jeffrey and Abby.

Prayer services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at the Byles-Groton Memorial Home, 310 Thames St. There will be a visiting hour from 10 to 11 a.m. prior to her service.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Hospice of S. E. CT., PO Box 902, Uncasville, CT 06382.
Evelyn Chapman

Mystic — Evelyn J. Chapman, 90, of 294 Godfrey Road in Mystic, died Monday, Sept. 20, 2004, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London.

She was born on Sept. 23, 1913, in New London and was married to the late George J. Chapman Sr. on April 18, 1936, in Westerly.

Over the years, Evelyn had enjoyed the riding and showing of horses, playing in the family band, Lazy Day Troopers, and square-dancing with her husband, who was a square-dance prompter, as well as managing her son’s rock band.

She is survived by her son, George J. Chapman Jr. of Mystic; a brother, Calvin Dayton of Glastonbury; and a grandson, Ryan L. Chapman, of Groton.

Evelyn was also predeceased by a brother, John Dayton; and five sisters, Claire Kingsland, Louise Cookson, Marion Sweet, Mildred Dayton, and Alice Bonville.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Elm Grove Cemetery in Mystic. Visiting hours will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at the Byles Groton Memorial Home, 310 Thames St.

Please visit www.byles.com for directions, obituary and the family’s online registry.
Gwendolyn Chapman

Mystic — Gwendolyn (Grimes) Chapman passed away peacefully on Aug. 26, 2015, at Apple Rehab in Mystic. The daughter of Arthur R. and Cornelia (Avery) Grimes, she would have celebrated her 90th birthday in September.

A graduate of Williams Memorial Institute, Gwen worked as a secretary and later for her cousins at Hewitt Woodcrafters in Old Mystic for more than 20 years. She enjoyed co-workers and customers alike. She next worked for Marlborough Country Barn and then Sturbridge Yankee Workshop until her retirement.

Gwen married Harold S. Chapman on April 7, 1945. He passed away in February 2001. Together they enjoyed area as well as high school sports events. Until recently, she continued to follow the Red Sox, the Patriots, and both the men’s and women’s UConn basketball teams. Always a lover of a challenging jigsaw puzzle, she also enjoyed a good romantic novel.

A talented knitter, her family enjoyed her hand-made sweaters and shared them lovingly when outgrown. Gwen was especially proud of her baby booties. A family friend once referred to them as “astronaut boots.” She made hundreds of pairs over the years. Her father-in-law, Giles Chapman, made sure each new baby on his milk route received a pair.

Gwen will be missed by her daughter, Gwen Ann Joseph and husband, Richard, of Mystic; her beloved granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Michelle and Payton Edwards of Ledyard; her sister, Marilyn “Mugs” Buftin of New Mexico; her brother, Prentis Grimes of Waterford; and several nieces and nephews and cousins so very special to her.

She also was predeceased by her sister, Beverly Kelly.

Thanks to the caring staff at Apple for their care and concerns for her.

There are no services per her request. Interment will be private.

Byles-Groton Memorial Home is assisting the family.

A donation in Gwen’s memory may be made to the Mystic and Noank Library, 40 Library St., Mystic, CT 06355 or the Recreation Fund, Apple Rehab, 28 Broadw, Mystic, CT 06355.
Harold W. Chapman

Harold "Chappy" W. Chapman Jr., 74, husband of Edna Morgan Berardo Chapman, of Soundview Drive, Pawcatuck, died peacefully Saturday morning, March 5, 2005, at his home after a long period of illness. He was born Aug. 27, 1930, in Groton, son of the late Harold and Elsie (Unphlett) Chapman Sr. He worked at Electric Boat for 47 years where he retired in 1992.

He married Edna Morgan Berardo on July 13, 1974, in Pawcatuck. She survives him.

Also surviving are three sons, Robert Chapman of Norwich, Eugene Berardo of Hammondsport, N.Y., Paul Berardo and his wife Elizabeth of Okinawa, Japan; three daughters, Barbara Tourigny of Norwich, Diane DeJesus and husband Carlos of Groton, and Theresa Phillips and husband Bruce of Chesapeake, Va.; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Also surviving are his brother and sister, Edsel Chapman of North Stonington and Ester Ayrton of Waterford.

He was also predeceased by his brother and sister, Aubrey L. Chapman and Dorothy Chapman.

A graveside service will be held at the new St. Michael Cemetery on Friday, March 11, at 1 p.m. All family and friends are invited to attend. Geffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, is in charge of the arrangements. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern Connecticut, 400 N. Frontage Road, Waterford, CT 06385; The Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center, 27 Chase St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379 or The Stonington Police Animal Control (Dog Pound), South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT 06379.
Harold Chapman

Harold S. Chapman, age 77, of 61 Church St., No. 21, Mystic, died Saturday morning at The Westerly Hospital.

He was born in Ledyard, Conn., Aug. 8, 1922, the son of Giles S. and Nina Page Chapman. He married Gwendolyn V. Grimes on April 7, 1945, in New London, Conn.

Mr. Chapman served with his family in Old Mystic for many years. He also had driven a school bus. He loved and respected him as much as he loved and enjoyed them.

He was a Stonington High School graduate in the class of 1942 and was an avid sports fan of the school. He was a longtime member of the Eastern Draft Horse Association.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Gwen Joseph of Mystic, a sister, Lucille Harding of Meriden, and one granddaughter. He was predeceased by two brothers, Lyman P. Chapman and Giles L. Chapman.

Funeral services and interment will be private. There are no visiting hours. Byliss-Groton Memorial Home, 310 Thames St., is in charge of arrangements. Donations in his memory may be directed to either the Mystic River Ambulance, P.O. Box 64, West Mystic, Conn., 06388, or the Stonington High School Athletic Department, Route 1, Stonington, Conn., 06379.
Mystic – Jacquelin (Santin) Chapman, 88, of Mystic, passed peacefully surrounded by her family on June 19, 2015.

She was the daughter of Joseph and Ida Santin. Jackie graduated from Robert E. Fitch High School in 1944 and Katherine Gibbs in 1945. Selflessly devoted to her family, Jackie had a keen-witted humor and a love for all those who shared her life.

She is survived by her three children and their spouses, Robert and his wife, Shari, of Redding, Calif., Betsy and her husband, Charles McComb, of Bloomfield, and Julie and her husband, Ken Paradis, of Old Lyme; her two sisters, Doreen Lamb of Mystic and Gloria and her husband, Lester Boyce, of Cohasset, Mass.; and her beloved grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Jackie's family thanks the dedicated staff at Avalon Health Care Center and StoneRidge for their truly loving care.

Burial will be private, and there will be no calling hours.
Robert Chapman

Groton — Robert York Chapman, 96, of 28 South Road, Groton died Friday morning, Nov. 21, 2003, at the
Groton Regency.

He was born in Pawcatuck on
Aug. 9, 1907, the son of Robert A.
and Nancy York Chapman. He was
married to Marjorie Manion on Oct.
4, 1930, at St. James Episcopal
Church in New London. Marjorie

Mr. Chapman served in the Naval
Reserve during World War II. He
had studied at Columbia University
and Johns Hopkins University. He
had been the Director of the
Acoustical Research and
Development Division at the Naval
Submarine Base in Groton, where
he led the program to develop
silencing mechanisms for ships and
served as the Navy’s chief technical
consultant to submarine and
destroyer training activities in the
field of acoustics. He had received
the Superior Civilian Service
Award in 1974. He was also honored
for his work in identifying sound
ranging techniques for the Polaris
submarines prior to their use in the
Pacific.

Robert was an avid amateur radio
operator with the call signal of
WFQV. He was president emeritus of
the American Radio Relay League
Foundation and a member and past
president of the Trinity Radio Club.

He was one of the founding
members of the Poquonnock Bridge
Fire Department, a member of the
Groton Lodge of Elks, the Union
Lodge of Masons and the
Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church.

He is survived by three sons,
Courtland Chapman of Mystic,
Robert M. Chapman of Chapel Hill,
N.C., and John R. Chapman of Long
Beach, Calif.; a daughter, Nancy
Chapman Palmer Sullivan of New
London; and a sister, Ethel
Chapman Souza of Groton; 16
grandchildren; and 21 great-
great-grandchildren. He was preceded
by a grandson, David Chapman and
a sister, Elinor Chapman Stewart.

The family will receive relatives
and friends on Monday, Nov. 24, 2003,
from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Byles
Groton Memorial Home, 310
Thames St.

Donations in Robert and
Marjorie Chapman’s name may be
made to the Poquonnock Bridge
Baptist Church, South Road, Groton
CT 06340.

Please visit www.byles.com for
online obituary, directions, or to
send a condoleence note to the family.
Kathleen Channing

Stonington — Kathleen Channing, 88, of Water Street, Stonington, passed away at her home, Sunday, Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic is in charge of arrangements, which are currently incomplete.

A. Kathleen Channing

Stonington — Aleid Kathleen Channing, of Stonington, formerly of New York City and Lenox, Mass., passed away on Dec. 21, 2003, at the age of 88.

She was the beloved aunt of Julia Channing Bell and her husband Mark of Marshfield Hills, Mass.; William E. Channing and his wife Philippine and his daughter and three sons of Santa Fe, N.M.; Aleid Channing of London, England, and Christopher Malcolm of Hants, England.

A Memorial Service will be held at Calvary Church, Stonington, at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004. A spring burial will take place in Lenox, Mass.
Richard Charland Sr.

Stonington — Richard H. Charland Sr., 81, of Deans Mill Road, Stonington, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital.

Richard was born in 1927, the son of Horace and Anna Charland. He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Wasp aircraft carrier after graduating from the Navy School of Music in Washington, D.C., during World War II.

He was recalled to the Navy Reserves during the Korean War and served as a musician in the Mediterranean Fleet.

In 1955, he graduated with a bachelor of music education degree from Hartt College of Music in Hartford. It was at Hartt that he met his wife, Sally Ellingwood, and they were married for 53 years.

After moving to Stonington in 1964, he became band director for Stonington High School and Fawcettuck Middle School until retiring in 1987.

He is survived by three children, Richard Charland Jr., Danielle Charland, and Gene Paul Charland, and two grandsons, Josiah Zagarac and Jacob Harris.

His family will greet relatives and friends at the DiNoto Funeral Home, 77 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic, on Monday from 11 a.m. until 12:45 p.m., immediately followed by a service at 1 p.m. Burial with military honors will follow.

For information, directions, or to share a note of remembrance/condolence with his family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Monday, January 15, 2018

Sally Charland

Stonington — Sally Ellingwood Charland, 87, went peacefully into the hands of our Lord on Jan. 11, 2018.

Her devoted husband, Richard H. Charland, went before her 10 years ago. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Carol Ellingwood Shea and her husband, William; and her brother, George H. Ellingwood Jr., his wife Beverly, and their son, George H. Ellingwood III.

Sally leaves her loving children, their spouses and grandchildren. These include her son, Richard H. Charland Jr., his wife Mary, and her son, Jacob Harris and his daughter, Jace Ryleigh; her daughter, Danielle E. Charland-Cruzhit; husband Charles, and Danielle’s son, Josiah Zagona; Charles’ daughter, Sarah Elizabeth and husband, Nicholas Poole, and their daughter, Erin Elizabeth; and Sally’s youngest son, Gene Paul Charland.

Included in the family are several nieces and nephews and grandnieces and nephews.

She graduated from Waterford High School in 2005 and headed to Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., where she obtained undergraduate and master of public administration degrees. She’s spent more than seven years in the entertainment industry, five of them at SevenVenues in Norfolk, an entity incorporating a 12,000-seat arena, four theaters, an outdoor festival park and a minor league baseball stadium.

Before joining MGM Resorts International, Spera spent two years with Spectra Venue Management, running the event services department for the University of Massachusetts Mullins Center Arena in Amherst. She’s also worked as a booking manager for such MGM Resorts’ properties as The Theater at MGM National Harbor outside Washington, D.C., the Borgata in Atlantic City and MGM Grand Detroit.

In Springfield, Spera’s turf already includes the 8,000-seat MassMutual Center, which MGM Springfield is managing. When the casino opens, she’ll also be responsible for programming for some 100,000 square feet of space on the casino property.
Charles Chase
Stonington — Charles E. Chase, 87, of Elihu Island Farm, died Sunday evening at The Westerly Hospital. He was born on Nov. 6, 1911, in North Stonington, the son of Frederick A. Jr. and Carrie Weeks Chase.

He was the widower of Ethel Thibeau Chase. Mr. Chase was caretaker for the Elihu Island Farm for more than 57 years. He is survived by a son, Samuel E. Chase of Colchester. Mr. Chase was predeceased by two brothers, Frederick and Howard Chase; and a sister, Ruth Chase.

The funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly. Calling hours will be 7-9 p.m. tonight. Burial will be in Stonington Cemetery.
DEATH NOTICES

CHASE — In Stonington, Conn., Oct. 19, 1962, Lydia Mary Watrous Chase, 84, of 25 Flanders Road, Stonington.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, Oct. 21, at 2 p.m. at the United Church of Stonington. Private interment will be in Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic. There are no calling hours. Donations in her memory may be made to the Organ Fund, United Church of Stonington, 67 Main St., Stonington, Church and Allen Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.

Lydia Mary Chase

STONINGTON — Lydia Mary Chase, 84, of 25 Flanders Road, died early yesterday at the home of her granddaughter, Karen Drawianowska.

Born in Stonington, Sept. 27, 1889, she was the daughter of Charles S. and Lulu (Northup) Watrous.

Mrs. Chase was librarian for 20 years at the Stonington Public Library. She had worked for the Stonington Historical Society and as a bookkeeper at the Puritan Laundry in Mystic for 30 years.

Survivors include a son, C. Sherman Chase of Norwich; two granddaughters, and six great-granddaughters.
Marochka Chatfield-Taylor, 93
Daughter of famed Russian painter lived in Stonington Borough

By JOHN FOLEY
Day Staff Writer

Stonington — Marochka Chatfield-Taylor, 93, a painter and designer, and daughter of the famed Russian artist Boris Anisfeld, died Tuesday at Pendleton rehabilitation center following a fall at her home on Diving Street.

Mrs. Chatfield-Taylor resided since 1970 in Stonington. Following her father's death in 1973, she devoted her energies to promoting his reputation in the world of Russian and American art. He was probably best known among opera and ballet buffs for his innovative set designs, although he primarily regarded himself as a painter.

In August, police found Mrs. Chatfield-Taylor lying on her bathroom floor, where she had been for two days in heat and humidity. They were called by Tom Rezendes, owner of Tom's News and resident Evelyn Casey, who became alarmed when she did not make her usual stops, including Tom's News, in the borough. She later recovered, but as a result of the incident, an informal system to check on elderly residents was organized.

In 1983, Mrs. Chatfield-Taylor exhibited some of her father's stage design paintings at the Imperial Ball sponsored by Friends of the Eastern Connecticut Symphony at Branford House, Groton. But, as she pointed out, he also was recognized as an easel painter who enjoyed immense popularity in this country and abroad.

Mrs. Chatfield-Taylor, born July 24, 1906, in St. Petersburg, Russia, came to the United States in 1918 when her father began a major traveling exhibition of his works starting at the Brooklyn Museum. He had designed sets and costumes for the Russian theater and opera before the 1917 Revolution and was later to do the same for the Metropolitan Opera in New York.

When her father's exhibition closed three years later in San Francisco, he decided to remain in the United States. She was educated at the Ethical Culture Society in New York City. During this period, her father was associated with the Metropolitan Opera.

Mrs. Chatfield Taylor moved to Chicago with her family in 1929. She attended the Chicago Art Institute, where her father was professor of advanced painting. While still a student, she produced exhibitions of her own drawings and paintings, created murals for cafes and restaurants in Chicago, and designed high-fashion clothing.

She was married in 1936 to journalist Otis Chatfield-Taylor, a member of a prominent Chicago family. The ceremony was conducted in her father's art studio in Chicago.

Mrs. Chatfield-Taylor and her husband resided in Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y., where she owned and edited the local newspaper. Following his death in 1948, she moved to Manhattan, where she created Maggie Taylor Gowns, which produced her original designs.

In 1954, Mrs. Chatfield-Taylor moved to Washington, D.C., where she worked for many years in real estate and was an antiques dealer.

Mrs. Chatfield-Taylor is survived by a son, Charles Chatfield-Taylor of San Francisco, Calif., and Stonington, and two granddaughters, Mystic Funeral Home Inc., is in charge of arrangements. No memorial service is planned.

Gifts in memory of Mrs. Chatfield-Taylor can be made to the Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL, 60603-6110.
Marochka Chatfield-Taylor

STONINGTON — Marochka Chatfield-Taylor, 93, of Diving Street, died of a stroke on Tuesday, Nov. 2, at Peckham Rehabilitation Center in Mystic, after a fall in her home.

She was born July 24, 1906, in St. Petersburg, Russia, the daughter of a Russian artist, Boris Aristfeld. She emigrated to the United States with her parents at the height of the Russian Revolution.

She arrived in New York in 1918, where her father's paintings, transported from Russia, were exhibited in the Brooklyn Museum. She attended Ethical Culture Society School in Manhattan. The family moved to Chicago in 1929, where she attended the Chicago Art Institute, and exhibited her drawings and paintings. She also created murals for cafes and bars in Chicago and designed high-fashion clothing.

In 1936, she married journalist Otis Chatfield-Taylor. They lived in Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y. Following her husband's death in 1948, Mrs. Chatfield-Taylor moved to Manhattan and created Maggie Taylor Gowns, which produced her original clothing designs.

In 1954, Mrs. Chatfield-Taylor moved to Washington, D.C., where she worked for many years as a real estate agent and antique dealer.

In 1970, she moved to Stonington. Following her father's death in 1973, she devoted her energies to promoting her father's reputation in the world of Russian and American art.

Mrs. Chatfield-Taylor is survived by a son, Charles Chatfield-Taylor of San Francisco, Calif., and Stonington; and two granddaughters.

No memorial service is planned. Mystic Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Gifts in Mrs. Chatfield-Taylor's memory may be made to the Art Institute of Chicago, 111 South Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60603-6110.
Diane Cheetham

Stonington — Diane Wheeler Cheetham, 73, of Stonington, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 18, 2016, at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital in New London.

Her beloved husband, Kenneth Cheetham, preceded her in 2001.

Diane was born Oct. 28, 1942, the daughter of the late Nelson and Muriel Wheeler.

She is survived by her sons, Dwight Cheetham of West Fiston, Pa., and Scott and daughter-in-law, Annie Cheetham, of Stonington; special friend, Joseph Connell; seven grandchildren, Deborah, Joshua, Stephen, Micah, Matthew, Kali, and Alicia Cheetham, all of whom loved her and her never-ending stash of candy.

Diane was a graduate of the University of Connecticut and worked as a bookkeeper for the majority of her career. She loved working in her garden, taking trips with the family, and spending time on the farm.

Family and friends are invited to attend a graveside service at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 30, in Elm Grove Cemetery, Route 27, Mystic.

The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is assisting the family.
Frances E. Chellies, 90, of Quaker Hill, Conn., passed away on Dec. 5, 2011, due to congestive heart failure and pneumonia.

She was born on July 20, 1921, in Pawcatuck to the late Angelo and Anna (Scialabba) Dipollina. Frances was the youngest of eight daughters and lived through the Great Depression and the Hurricane of 1938, graduating from Stonington High School in 1939.

She married William H. Chellies on Sept. 5, 1942, at St. Mary's Church in New London. He predeceased her in 2005. While her husband was overseas in World War II, Frances worked with other women in the aircraft factories to do their part on the home front.

Frances and Bill had also lived in Arizona and Key West before moving to the New London area, where Frances continued as a homemaker. She helped in the Girl Scouts, worked at the Sheffield Tube Factory, and spent many late nights at The Day office adding circulaires to the newspapers.

Frances is survived by three daughters, Carole Rollison of Groton, Diane Roope (Gary) of Hampton, Va., and Angela King (Marty) of North Stonington; six grandchildren, Heather Rollison,

Denise Rollison, twins Cami Rosenberg-Dews (Michael Dews) and Tari Powell of Bristol, Conn., Whitney King-Baker (Chuck Baker) of Minot, Maine, Morgan King and his wife, Rebekah Kepple, of Stonington, and a step-grandson, Edward Roope, of Mount Home, Idaho. She also leaves behind two great-grandsons, Cameron Rollison-Pauley and Calvin Freeman Baker.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the American Heart Association, 5 Brookside Drive, Wallingford, CT 06492 or Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, 227 Dunham St., Norwich, CT 06360.

Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family.

Please visit www.montvilleyfuneral-home.com to leave an online condolence for the Chellies family.
Marguerite Cheney
Mystic — Marguerite Deen
Cheney, beloved wife of Richard
Otis Cheney III for 54 years, passed
away peacefully on July 2, 2005, after
a short illness.
She is survived by their three lov-
ing children, Susan Cheney Carney
her husband
James and
sons, Douglas
and Brian, of
Winchester,
Mass.; Ralph
Deen Cheney,
his wife
Catherine
and sons,
Todd and
Bennett, of New Britain; and
Richard Otis Cheney IV, his wife
Lorraine and son, Richard Otis
Cheney V of Somers.
She was predeceased by her cher-
ished grandson, Alexander Em-
erson Cheney.
Marge was born on July 30, 1928,
in Elizabeth, Colo., to the late
Edison and Bertha Deen. She was
the twin of the late Phillip Deen and
sister to the late Erma, Walter and
Robert Deen. She attended the Uni-
versity of Denver and later became
a librarian in the Engineering
Library at Virginia Tech, where she
met Dick. They were married on
Sept. 28, 1950, and settled in
Kensington. She was very active in
that community as a member of the
Junior League of Greater New
Britain, the Shuttle Meadow
Garden Club, the Board of the New
Britain Symphony, Shuttle Meadow
Country Club, United Church of
Christ Council in Hartford, and she
served as treasurer of the Berlin Re-
publican Town Committee. She also
served on the Board of the New
Britain General Hospital Auxiliary
in charge of the medical research
fund, and as Vice-President of the
New Britain YWCA Board of Direc-
tors, involved in a major fund-raiser
for the YWCA/YMCA Building Pro-
ject.

Upon retirement, she and Dick
took up residence on Mason's Island
in Mystic, their summer home for
34 years. In Mystic, she was active
in the Mystic Garden Club, the Myst-
ic River Historical Society, the Myst-
ic Congregational Church Fellow-
ship Committee, Stonington Coun-
try Club, Mason's Island Yacht Club,
and the Mystic Seaport Pilots. She
was also a weekly volunteer at the
Seaport's Membership Office, and
each week brought with her one of
her signature flower arrangements
to grace the front desk. She was an
accomplished landscape and still-
life painter and an avid player of
bridge, golf and tennis. She and
Dick enjoyed cruising with family
and friends to Martha's Vineyard
and the surrounding islands on
their cruiser MARS U E.

A funeral service will be held at
the Mystic Congregational Church
on Thursday July 7, 2005, at 11:30
a.m. Calling hours will be held at
the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1,
Mystic on Wednesday July 6, from 5
to 8 p.m., relatives and friends are
invited to attend. Burial is private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions
in Marge's memory may be made to
the Mystic Congregational Church,
43 E. Main St., Mystic, CT or to Myst-
ic Seaport, PO Box 8000 Mystic, CT
06355.
Richard Cheney III

Mystic — Richard Otis Cheney III, 84, of Mystic, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 17, surrounded by his loving family.

Dick was born in Manchester on May 19, 1925, one of identical twin sons of Ruth (Tiffany) Cheney, later Segur, and Richard O. Cheney Jr. His father was a principal of the Cheney Brothers Silk Mills and president of the South Manchester Railroad.

Dick was educated in Manchester and at Kingswood-Oxford School in West Hartford and graduated from the Taft School in Watertown. His senior year at Taft was interrupted by military service with the Army Signal Corps during World War II.

He and his twin brother, Douglas, served together in New Caledonia, Leyte, Okinawa and South Korea. Following his distinguished service, he returned to complete his studies at Taft and subsequently attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, Va. There he earned a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering and met the love of his life.

He married Marguerite D. Cheney on Sept. 28, 1950. They moved to New Britain where he began what was to be a 40-year career with The Stanley Works ending his career as the senior facilities engineer. During his career, he took advantage of Stanley Work’s continuing educational plan to earn an M.B.A. from the University of Hartford.

Dick and Marge relocated to Kensington, where they raised three children and were active in many civic and social organizations. They were members of the Shuttle Meadow Country Club, Masons Island Yacht Club, and were founding members of the Stonington Country Club.

Dick was an active Rotarian in New Britain and later Mystic clubs, Unity Masonic Lodge, served on the board of directors with the New Britain YMCA and the New Britain Youth Museum. He and Marge were also members of the PILOTS volunteer program at Mystic Seaport, and until recently he regularly worked at the Seaport helping to rebuild many antique marine engines.

In 1963 he acquired a summer cottage on Masons Island in Mystic where the family enjoyed many joyful summers. In the years preceding his retirement, he and Marge relocated to Masons Island where they spent many happy and active years together.

Besides his parents, Dick was predeceased by his beloved wife of 54 years, Marguerite D. Cheney; his identical twin brother, Douglas Tiffany Cheney; and his youngest grandson, Alexander E. Cheney, son of Richard and Lorraine.

He leaves behind his beloved children, Susan and James Carney of Winchester, Mass., Ralph and Catherine Cheney of New Britain, and Richard and Lorraine Cheney IV of Somers; along with his five grandsons, Todd Cheney of New Britain and Chicago, Ben Cheney of New Britain, Douglas Carney of Winchester, Mass., Richard O. Cheney V of Somers, and Brian Carney of Winchester, Mass.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, 51 Williams Ave., Mystic. Funeral services will continue at 11 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 22, at the Mystic Congregational Church, 43 East Main St., Mystic. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Rotary International Polio Plus (www.rotary.org) or to the Mystic Seaport (www.mysticseaport.org).

The Cheney family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to share an online message of condolence and directions to the funeral home.
Mary Cherenzia
Westerly — Mary Josephine (Fiddes) Cherenzia, 75, of Hopkinton City, R.I., died Saturday at her home.

She was the wife of Francis J. Cherenzia.

Mrs. Cherenzia was born in Westerly on June 23, 1923, the daughter of the late Walter Legate and Mary Eliza (Henderson) Fiddes.

A lifelong resident of Hopkinton City, she graduated from Westerly High School in 1941. She worked with Rhode Island Home Health Services until her retirement in 1994.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years and three sons, James W. Cherenzia Sr., Donald Cherenzia, and Mark J. Cherenzia of Hopkinton; a daughter, Linda M. (Cherenzia) Stefanski of North Stonington; eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly. Calling hours are 7-9 p.m. Monday.

Memorial donations may be sent to the VNA of Rhode Island, 157 Waterman St., Providence, 02903, or the charity of the donor's choice.
OBITUARY.

Andrew Chesebro.

Mr. Andrew Chesebro of Willow Brook farm in Stonington, who was well known in this vicinity, died very suddenly Sunday morning, March 4, of apoplexy. He was born at Stonington, Feb. 17, 1819, and was a direct descendant of William Chesebro, who was the first white settler in the town of Stonington.

His parents, Andrew and Deborah Chesebro, died when he was only a boy, and he then went to live with his uncle, William Chesebro, at the Harbor farm, Stonington, where he lived until he was 18 years of age. He worked at farming until 1845, when he entered the employ of the Providence and Stonington Railroad company as baggage master and fireman and later a fireman.

April 4, 1847, he was united in marriage to Nancy Wilcox, who died Sep. 10, 1849. To them was born one daughter, who died Feb. 2, 1859. On April 7, 1859, he was united in marriage to Eliza Wilcox, who survives him. To them five daughters were born, of whom only one survives him, Mrs. G. F. Barbour of Avondale. In the fall of 1861 he was obliged to leave the railroad on account of ill health, when he moved near Mystic and engaged in farming.

He was baptized Oct. 24, 1858 by Rev. James M. Phillips and united with the Second Baptist church at Mystic, where he was a member until Sept. 1881, when the two churches united as the Union Baptist church, and he remained a member of that until 1877, when he took a letter and united with the First Baptist church at Westerly, where he was a member at the time of his death.

In the spring of 1884 he moved from near Mystic to the Elm Ridge farm, where he lived until the spring of 1887, when he moved to Willow Brook farm, where he resided at the time of his death.

He was a kind and loving husband and an indulgent father. He had a wide circle of friends, who know he lived a consistent Christian life, which he leaves as a good example behind him. His age was 81 years and 8 days. His funeral will be held at his late home, Willow Brook farm, Stonington, Thursday at 11 o'clock, with interment in Elm Grove cemetery at Mystic.

FOUND DEAD NEAR HIS HOME.

Andrew B. Chesebro of North Stonington Overcome by Apoplexy.

Andrew B. Chesebro of the North Stonington road died suddenly this morning. Shortly after 8 o'clock he went to the barn and turned out the cows to pasture. While there he went to break the ice in a small brook so that the cattle could drink. About 9 o'clock he was found there by his wife, who through her anxiety had gone to look for him. The brook was about 300 feet from the house.

His body was found lying face downward in a small pool of water, his mouth being two or three inches under water. Aid in taking the body to the house was secured in Thomas Richardson, who happened to be passing on the highway at the time. When Medical Examiner George D. Stauton of Stonington Borough arrived, he pronounced the cause of death to be apoplexy.

Mr. Chesebro has been in poor health for the past month, though in general as good as could be expected for a man over 80 years old. He leaves a wife and one daughter, Mrs. George F. Barbour, of Avondale. The funeral service will be held from his late residence at 10 o'clock Thursday. The interment will be in the Mystic cemetery.
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Bart Saunders Chesbro

Stonington, Jan. 11—Bart Saunders Chesbro, five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Angus E. Chesbro, Jr., of Elm street, died suddenly on Sunday evening at his home.

He was born December 1, 1941, and attended the kindergarten at the borough school.

He is survived by his parents, two sisters, Sally and Mrs. Jared M. Delagrangis; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Raoul M. Delagrangis.

Funeral services will be held at his home at 11:30 Tuesday afternoon.

The flag at the local school was at half-staff, and the card games scheduled for this week by the PTA were cancelled because of his death.
Miss Gladys Dewey of New York addressed Jerome A. Dewey's in Quimby.


PIERCE—JOSEPH

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Joseph of Stonington have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Geraldine, to Stanley Harwood Pierce of Portland, a former resident of the borough.

Brown Glee Club Coming to Borough

The Brown Glee Club of Providence is coming to Stonington Friday evening, Jan. 30, to give a concert in Borough Hall. What the athletic League of Stonington High School. There is considerable expense attached to the high-class entertainment of this kind, and in order to reduce the cost as much as possible, friends of the school will be asked to take one or more of the young men (there are 32.) into their homes for a night on that occasion. Anyone willing to give this aid may inform the principal, W. B. Noyes.

Jerome Wilcox Visits Borough

Jerome A. Wilcox of Baltimore, a native of Stonington, has been spending a few days in the borough. He was his first visit in 13 years.

Mr. Wilcox, a son of the late Joseph B. Wilcox, has been in Baltimore most of the time since he left Stonington. He was for several years a reporter on the Baltimore American and afterward was connected with the advertising department of the paper. He was also for a year on the Washington Herald. At present he is in the advertising business in Baltimore. Mr. Wilcox had the misfortune to lose his wife by death about a year ago.

Casting by Centrifugal Force

A Brazilia engineer has invented a process for casting iron pipe by centrifugal force, which distributes the molten metal within revolving cylindrical molds that are water cooled.

Enormous Gas Waste

Poor construction of pipe lines is the cause assigned for the loss in one year of natural gas valued at $9,000,000 in the states of Missouri and Kansas alone.

Stonington Boy Scouts

Friday night the Scouts held a lively meeting at the home of Scoutmaster Stivers. It proved to be entertaining as well as instructive. The Scouts Stivers showed the boys how to box the compass and after that a very enjoyable time was had by all.

MARRIED

McCoy—DonaHue.—In Madison, Nov. 26, 1919, Mrs. M. E. Donahue of Pawtucket, R.I., and Mr. J. P. McCoy of Stonington.

HYDE—PENDLETON.—In New York City, Nov. 26, 1919, Miss E. Pendleton of New York, and Mr. P. Pendleton of Stonington.

WHEELER—CAHILL.—In Stonington, Nov. 26, 1919, Miss M. C. Cahill of Pawtucket, R.I., and Mr. C. G. Wheeler of Stonington.

DIED

CHESSEBRO.—In Stonington, Nov. 28, 1919, Horace Franklin Chesbro, aged 65 years.

SHACKLEY—Stonington, Nov. 28, 1919, Charles F. Shackley.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

The week night service has been changed from Saturday to Friday. Beginning next Sunday the hour for morning worship will be 10:30 instead of 10:00.

Mr. Thompson will speak Sunday morning on "Jesus and the Kingdom of God." In the evening the text will be "Who knows whither thou art going to the Kingdom for such a time as this?"

Price Changes in Seven Years

An old circular put out by W. D. Beckwith when he was in the grocery business in the borough in 1912, gives the price of sugar as 21 pounds for $1.00. Brooms were selling for 25 cents. You could get three pounds of milk crackers for 25 cents, and a quart of milk for 25 cents. Biller was 35 cents and Christmas candy was 12 cents a pound. A lapse of seven years has brought numerous changes.

Death of Frank H. Chesbro

Horace Franklin Chesbro, a native of Stonington, where he spent all of his life, died on Friday morning after a few months' illness. He was a son of the late Andrew and Betsey Chesbro and was born on Aug. 31, 1854.

For many years, while the Stonington line of boatmen was running, he was engaged with his brother, the late John F. Chesbro, in doing the laundry work for the boats at their wash house north of the borough, and later he assisted his brother in the ice business.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon, Rev. Dwight C. Stone officiating, and interment was made in Stonington cemetery in the family plot.

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Winona Chesebro
Stonington — Winona D. Chesebro, 92, of Elm Street, Stonington, died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005, at her home.
Known in Stonington as Nonie, she was born to Mr. and Mrs. Raoul Delagrange on June 9, 1913.
She married Angus B. Chesebro Jr. on Nov. 5, 1934.
She is survived by her children, Gail Wahl of Calais, Maine, Guy Chesebro of Pawcatuck, and Bryan Chesebrough of Stonington, as well as her eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.
She was a graduate of Stonington High School, where she was captain of the girls’ basketball team, and a graduate of Willimantic Teacher’s College. After she retired from being a teacher in the Stonington School System for 37 years, she earned her realtor’s license and worked actively in real estate for over a decade.
One of the founders of the Stonington Community Center, she sat on the original board of directors, and she was also instrumental in establishing Stonington Troop No. 37 of the Boy Scouts of America.
An avid golfer, Nonie won several championships at local clubs and played golf into her late 80s.
Nonie was the first woman to hold a professional real estate license in Connecticut.
Calling hours will be held Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Memorial Service, which is to be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in The Road Church, 903 Pequot Trail, Stonington. Interment will be in Stonington Cemetery, corner of Route 1 and North Main St., Stonington.

Winona D. Chesebro, 92, of Elm Street, Stonington, died Dec. 7, 2005, at home.
Known in Stonington as “Nonie,” she was born June 9, 1913, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raoul Delagrange.
She married Angus B. Chesebro Jr. on Nov. 6, 1934.
She was a graduate of Stonington High School, where she was captain of the girls’ basketball team, and of Willimantic Teacher’s College.
Retiring after having taught in the Stonington School System for 37 years, she earned her realtor’s license and worked actively in real estate for more than a decade.
One of the founders of the Stonington Community Center, she sat on the original board of directors. She was also instrumental in establishing Stonington Troop #37 of the Boys Scouts of America.
An avid golfer, Nonie won several championships at local clubs and played golf into her late 80s.
Nonie was the first woman to hold a professional real estate license in Connecticut.
She is survived by her children, Gail Wahl of Calais, Maine, Guy Chesebro of Pawcatuck, and Bryan Chesebrough of Stonington; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.
Funeral services will be held in The Road House Church, 903 Pequot Trail, Stonington, Saturday at 10 a.m. Visiting hours will be held in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, Friday from 5 to 7 p.m.
MRS. CHESEBROUGH
DIES AT AGE OF 93

STONEINGTON—Mrs. Ida Browning Cheesbrough, 93, widow of Capt. Benjamin C. Cheesbrough, formerly of Stonington, died this morning at the house of her daughter, Mrs. Earl Christian, at Warwick, N. Y., where she had been making her home.

She was born in Stonington in July, 1846, and had been living in Warwick for the past several years.

She leaves three sons, J. Ogden Cheesbrough of Stonington; Lese Cheesbrough of Causau, and Walter Cheesbrough of Needham, Mass., her daughter, Mrs. Kristensen; 11 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be conducted at Stonington Cemetery at 2 p.m. Wednesday.
J. Cutler Chesebrough


A native of Stonington, Mr. Chesebrough was a descendant of William Chesebrough, Stonington's original settler, and son of the late "Captain" Ben Chesebrough and Ida Browning Chesebrough.

He was a tool and die maker for Atwood Machine Company and for several other corporations before retiring in 1968 from Monsanto.

He was a past member of the Pioneer Hook and Ladder Company.

An avid fisherman, Mr. Chesebrough knew where the fish were and how to catch them. He also welcomed a challenge from friends and family at the cribbage board.


Mystic Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.
Patricia Chew
Stonington — Pat (Sullivan) Chew, owner and CEO of Classic Elite Yarns Inc., a leading presence among hand-knitting yarn companies in the U.S. and Canada, lost her fierce battle against leukemia when she died at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston on May 16, 2008.

Pat, who was 69, divided her time between homes in Stonington and Cambridge, Mass.

Classic Elite Yarns, in Lowell, Mass., has for more than 30 years brought innovation and elegant design to the world of hand-knitting, importing, and packaging specialty and luxury fibers such as mohair, cashmere, silks, wools, and cottons. Two books that collect knitting designs and patterns from Classic Elite Yarns, "Knitting the New Classics" and "Knitting Today's Classics," have remained in print for 15 years.

A Red Sox enthusiast, Pat traveled yearly to spring training and rarely missed a home game.

An avid sailor, Pat was a member of the Watch Hill Yacht Club, the New York Yacht Club, and the Stonington Harbor Yacht Club. She was a competitive racer, and, when she learned that the garage of her Stonington home would be too small for her Watch Hill 15-foot boat, the Diva, she had a hole cut and beautifully framed in her dining room wall to accommodate its stern. Pat traveled to Australia and Italy for the America's Cup and helped found a committee to fund training for a women's sailing team for the Beijing Olympics. She was a founding member of the Westerly Center for the Arts and the Stonington Harbor Yacht Club.

A gourmet cook and extravagant gardener, Pat was known for growing too many tomatoes, winning too many trophies, making great Caesar salads, and for the 20-pound block of parmesan cheese she kept in her refrigerator. Pat maintained her own lobster pots and was known to serve meals with five or six lobsters per guest. A bird enthusiast, she installed a nest for ospreys on Quassapog Cove, over which she kept watch through a telescope. Near the end of her life Pat incorporated into her view a bluebird house with a video camera installed inside.

She was predeceased by her former husband, William Chew, who passed away on Jan. 5, 1998, and by their son, Daren Chew, who was lost at sea on June 29, 1994, while returning from the Newport Bermuda race, in which he had placed third. A memorial race, the Daren Chew 4th of July Memorial is held yearly at the Watch Hill Yacht Club.

Pat leaves a loving daughter, Tamara Gorski; a son-in-law, Joseph Gorski; two splendid grandchildren, Caitlin and Alec Gorski; a brother, Jeffrey Vendetti; and a wealth of devoted friends.

Burial arrangements will be private, but a celebration of Pat's life will be held at the Watch Hill Chapel, 5 Bluff Ave., Westerly RI, on June 29, 2008.

To support Pat's love for sailing, a memorial fund has been established. Donations may be made to the Pat Chew Memorial Fund, c/o Washington Trust Co., 25 Broad St. Westerly RI 02891.
Joseph Chiappone

Stonington — Joseph P. Chiappone, 81, of 234 North Main St., former owner of the Stonington Market, died Thursday at the Westerly Hospital.

He was born March 18, 1916, in Waterford, son of Charles and Virginia Muscarella Chiappone.

He married Lucretta "DeDe" Schepis in Stonington on Nov. 23, 1938.

Mr. Chiappone served in the Navy during WWII. Following his service, he became partners with his brother-in-law, William "Wiggie" Previty, owning and operating the Stonington Market from 1946 through 1982.

He was a communicant of St. Mary's Church and a member of Ninna Council, Knights of Columbus. He was a life member of the Thomas Hose Co. of New London.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman, and was a life member of the Groton Sportsmen's Club. He was a member of the Stonington Borough Fire Department Steamers Co., and served as chief of the Stonington Borough Fire Department from 1969 to 1976. He then joined the Stonington Borough Fire Police Association.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Charles Chiappone of Stonington; a daughter, Janina Twiss of Pawcatuck; two sisters, Mrs. Norman McNeil and Mrs. William Previty both of Stonington; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Monday in St. Mary's Church with burial to follow in St. Mary's Cemetery. There are no calling hours.

Mystic Funeral Home Inc., Route 1, is in charge of arrangements.

Contributions may be made in his memory to the Stonington Ambulance Corps Inc., PO Box 424, Stonington, 06378-0424.

Joseph P. Chiappone

Former owner of the Stonington Market

STONINGTON — Joseph P. Chiappone, 81, of North Main Street, died Thursday, Nov. 13, at The Westerly Hospital.

He was born March 18, 1916, in Waterford, the son of Charles and Virginia Muscarella Chiappone.

He married Lucretta DeDe Schepis on Nov. 23, 1938, in Stonington.

He served in the Navy during World War II. Following his service, Mr. Chiappone became partners with his brother-in-law, William Previty, owning and operating the Stonington Market from 1946 through 1982.

He was a communicant of St. Mary Church, Stonington, and a member of the Knights of Columbus Ninna Council. He was a life member of the Thomas Hose Company of the New London Fire Department. He was a member of the Groton Sportsmen's Club.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Charles Chiappone of Stonington; a daughter, Janina Twiss of Pawcatuck; two sisters, Mrs. Norman McNeil and Mrs. William Previty of Stonington; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary Church, Stonington on Nov. 17. Burial followed at St. Mary Cemetery.

Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, was in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mr. Chiappone's memory may be made to Stonington Ambulance Corps Inc., PO Box 424, Stonington, 06378-0424.
Lucretta 'Dede' Chiappone

Lucretta "Dede" (Scheips) Chiappone, 91, of 78 Watch Hill Road, Westerly, formerly of North Main Street, Stonington, passed away Monday, March 10, 2008, at the Watch Hill Care and Rehabilitation Facility in Watch Hill.

She was born in Stonington on Feb. 20, 1917, daughter of the late Paul and Katharine Squadrato Scheips.

A lifelong resident of Stonington, she began her working career at age nine in the family ice cream shop. She was a graduate of Stonington High School with the class of 1935.

She married Joseph Chiappone in St. Mary Church, Stonington on Nov. 23, 1938. Dede had worked with her husband operating the Stonington Market. Later she worked with her son Charlie and his wife who ran Scheips Package Store, which had been started by her father.

Dede was active in the community and had served as a Girl Scout leader. She enjoyed knitting and gardening and loved to cook for her family. She was a longtime communicant of St. Mary Church.

Dede is survived by her son, Charles and his wife Gayle of Stonington, her daughter, Janina Twiss of Pawtucket; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph; her great-grandson, Charles J. Barber; and her sister, Carmen Scheips.

A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary Church, Stonington on Wednesday, March 12, at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington, CT 06378.

The Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.
Rose Chiappone

Stonington — Rose (Fedegico) Chiappone died at Yale-New Haven Hospital on Wednesday, May 8, 2013.
Rose was a resident of Stonington for the last 62 years. She was born May 20, 1929, in Caltavuturo, Sicily, Italy, to the parents of Calogero and Maria (Muscarella) Fedecico.
Rose became a naturalized citizen in 1959. She was employed by Monsanto Corp. and the Kellem Division of Harvey Hubbell.
She is predeceased by her husband, Harry Charles Chiappone Sr.
She is survived by her sister, Pina Federico (Giuseppe) Ruggerello of Monsummano Terme Pistoia, Italy; three children, Harry Chiappone Jr., Marie (Richard) Sadler, Joseph (Carol) Chiappone Sr.; and five grandchildren, Erica Chiappone, Alessandra Chiappone, Christine (Stephen) Marien, Jennifer Chiappone and Joseph Chiappone Jr.
Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 12, at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Monday, at St. Mary's Church, Stonington. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery, Stonington, immediately following services. There will be a gathering at St. Mary's Church after burial.
For directions or to share a note of remembrance, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Elizabeth Chick
Well known for work at Clair's Clothing Store

by John Foley
Day Staff Writer

Mystic — Elizabeth Piazza Chick, 73, of 22 Rossie St., a popular figure in the community for many years, died Tuesday at Mary Elizabeth Nursing Center after a long illness.

Mrs. Chick worked for several businesses but is probably best remembered for her 20 years at the former Clair's Clothing Store in downtown Mystic, where she was known for her gracious and helpful manner.

Many years ago, she became the first woman to work in the dye house at the former Rossie Velvet Co. The company had always declined to assign women there because of the heavy work, involving lifting huge strips of velvet.

Mrs. Chick was able to handle the job because she was a determined person who grew up in a family that stressed the work ethic from an early age, her husband, Harold Chick, said Wednesday. She was in her childhood when her mother died, and her grandmother had an influential role in raising her.

In addition to Clair's and Rossie Velvet, Mrs. Chick also worked at the former Sonoco Products, Sistox Printing Co., and Switz Insurance. She also was a hostess with the former Anthony's Steam Carriage restaurant in New London.

Her husband noted that one of the most memorable days in his wife's life was in late July 1951 when her uncle, Adelardo Cardinal Piazza, one of the highest ranking members of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, visited Mystic.

The cardinal was secretary to the Sacred Consistorial Congregation at Vatican City, a position equivalent to the secretary of state in the U.S. He came to Mystic to visit the grave of his brother, Luigi Piazza, Mrs. Chick's father, a well known mason who had resided in Mystic most of his life and who had died the year before. The cardinal also planted a tree in front of St. Patrick's Church.

Mrs. Chick was a firm believer in the importance of the family and "she had assumed the role of designated card-sender for her extended family and was always the first one to send a birthday, Easter or Christ-
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Mrs. Chick was a firm believer in the importance of the family and "she had assumed the role of designated card-sender for her extended family and was always the first one to send a birthday, Easter or Christmas card to family members," her husband said.

She was born on Feb. 21, 1928, in New London, the daughter of Luigi and Olga Panciera Piazza. She attended Stonington schools.

She and Harold Chick were married on Nov. 24, 1944, in Groton.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Chick is survived by two daughters, Janice Modon of North Stonington and July Vitale of Old Lyme; and five grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery. Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, is in charge of arrangements. Calling hours are 5 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Gifts in memory of Mrs. Chick can be made to the Stonington Tri-Centennial Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 333, Stonington, 06378.
Obituaries

Harold S. Chick

Harold S. Chick, 91, of Mystic, passed away on Friday, May 14, 2010, at Apple Rehabilitation Center in Mystic.

Born in Kittery, Maine, he attended the South Portland school system, and was the son of the late John Harold Chick and Elizabeth (Peterson) Carver.

He was a 1938 graduate of the Connecticut School of Banking and the School of Real Estate Appraisal Class of 1972.

On November 24, 1944, Harold married his beloved wife, Elizabeth Piazza. Sadly, she predeceased him in May of 1999. Harold resided in Mystic for over 60 years.

Harold spent most of his working years in the banking field. He began his career with the former Hartford National Bank. He joined the Groton Savings Bank in 1962, which merged with Chelsea Groton Bank where he served as Vice President up until his retirement in 1983 after 21 years of service. Although he retired from his position, Harold continued to work for the bank for many more years, eventually retiring in 2000.

Over the years, Harold was involved in many civic organizations. He was past Treasurer of the Pawcatuck and Mystic chapters of the American Cancer Society, the Pawcatuck branch of the Salvation Army, past Treasurer of the Stonington Tri-Centennial Scholarship Fund and the Mystic Community Center. He was also a member of the Pawcatuck Lions Club. In addition, to his civic clubs, Harold was an avid Red Sox fan and enjoyed watching the UCONN Women’s Basketball games.

He leaves his two daughters, Janice Modon of North Stonington and Judith Vitali and her husband Rino, of Old Lyme; five grandchildren, Carrie Modon of Mystic, Steven Modon and his wife Tracy, of Portland, Sean Vitali and his wife Denise, of Oakland, Calif., Kevin Vitali of Plaistow, N.H., and Keith Vitali and his wife Alexis, of East Haddam, Conn.; and five great-grandchildren, Ethan, Luke and Rowan Vitali and Ryan and Cade Modon.

He was predeceased by a son-in-law, Ronald Modon.

A celebration of Harold’s life will be held on Wednesday, May 19 at 11 a.m. at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, with Funeral Celebrant Patricia A. Moody officiating. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery, Route 27, Mystic.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, May 18 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Stonington Tri-Centennial Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 333, Stonington, CT 06378, or to Apple Rehab, c/o Resident Council, 28 Broadway, Mystic, CT 06355.

The family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to share an online message of condolence.

Mystic Funeral Home
Margaret Chidley

Mystic — Margaret W. (Dennis) Chidley, 83, a resident of Stoneridge in Mystic, wife of Capt. Ralph E. Chidley (USN retired), died July 19, 2018, at Avalon Health Care.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, she was the daughter of the late William and Marion (Wilson) Dennis, and sister to the late Bill Dennis of Glasgow. The Chidleys lived in Ledyard from 1961 to 1973, when they moved to northern Virginia. Margaret and Ralph moved back to Connecticut in 2006 to be closer to family.

Margaret had a successful career in real estate, first as a realtor and later as an investor. Margaret was known for her extensive artistic talents and produced many high quality paintings in her lifetime. For a decade she was the set dresser at the Aldersgate Community Theater in Alexandria, Va. She served on the board of directors at the Arts Club of Washington, D.C., for over 15 years.

Margaret was a devout supporter of her church filling many roles, most recently at the First United Methodist Church in Mystic, and previously at Gales Ferry UMC in Ledyard and Aldersgate UMC in Alexandria.

In addition to her husband, she leaves a son, Brian Chidley and his wife, Pam Dolan, of Mystic; and three grandchil- dren, Nell, Simon and Ben. Her first son, Derek, died of lymphoma in 1988.

A memorial service celebrating Margaret’s life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at the First United Methodist Church, Willow Street, Mystic. Her burial will be held privately. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First United Methodist Church.
Robert J. Choquette, Sr., 76, of Garden Street, Pawcatuck, passed away at Pendleton Care & Rehab on Tuesday, April 24, 2012. He was the husband of the late Sandra Jean (Buck) Choquette.

Born in Pawcatuck, he was the son of the late Arthur G., Sr. and Mary Choquette.

Robert worked as a clerk for Pfizer for many years. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and enjoyed carpentry.

Surviving, he leaves sons, Robert J. Choquette, Jr., Joseph D. Choquette and John W. Choquette, all of Pawcatuck; daughters, Pamela J. Bogan of Montville, Conn., and Brenda J. Wisehart of Florida; brother, Hector J. Choquette of Pawcatuck; sisters, Mario Gallagher and Jacqueline Adams, both of Pawcatuck, and Doris Jeffers of Ohio; and nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Robert was predeceased by sisters, Jeannie Senior and Georgette Brucker, and brothers, John W. Choquette and Arthur G. Choquette, Jr.

A visiting hour will be held on Monday from 10 to 11 a.m. in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, followed by a funeral service at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.

For online condolences, please go to www.gaffney-dolanfuneralhome.com.
Sandra Choquette

Pawcatuck — Sandra Jean (Buck) Choquette, 88, beloved wife of Robert J. Choquette Sr. for 50 years, of Garden St., Pawcatuck, died Saturday, May 26, 2007, at The Westerly Hospital.

Born in Pawcatuck, she was the daughter of the late William and Edith (Brown) Buck.

Mrs. Choquette had been employed as a loom threader at Chartier's for 40 years before retiring.

She was a communicant of St. Michael the Archangel Church and enjoyed painting with oils. Sandra also played the organ and was an accomplished seamstress.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are three sons, Robert J. Choquette Jr., Joseph D. Choquette, and John W. Choquette, all of Pawcatuck; two daughters, Pamela J. Bogan of Monville and Brenda J. Wischart of Taunton, Mass.; three brothers and three sisters; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by four brothers.

Calling hours will be from 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral service which will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the funeral home. Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.
Irena Christensen

Mystic — Irena Helga Christensen, a resident of Stoneridge, in Mystic, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017. She was the beloved wife of Poul A. Christensen for nearly 65 years, until his death in 2003.

Born in Copenhagen, Denmark, on May 22, 1914, Irena was the daughter of the late Richard and Helga Svendsen. She was educated in Denmark and England.

Irena was a longtime member of the L&M Hospital Auxiliary, the Mystic Congregational Church, and the Masons Island Yacht Club. She was an avid golfer and a member of Pequot Golf Club, and a three-time Women's Golf Champion.

Irena also enjoyed playing bridge.

She is survived by her two daughters, Alice Garvin of Old Lyme and her former husband, Perry "Grub" Garvin; and their son, Peter; and Chris; and Vivian Johnson; and her husband, Gary, of High Point, N.C.; and their children, Michael and Stephanie; nine great-grandchildren; and one nephew. She was preceded in death by her brother, Alf.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 3, 2018, at the Mystic Congregational Church, 43 E. Main St., Mystic.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mystic Congregational Church Memorial Gifts 43 E. Main St. Mystic, CT 06355.
Elsie Schramm Christie

Stonington — Elsie Thelma Schramm Christie, 79, went home to be with the Lord on Dec. 15, 2009.

A resident of the Stonington area for most of her life, she was most recently a resident of Villa Maria Nursing Home in Plainfield.

Elsie was born at the family homestead in Old Mystic on Sept. 24, 1930, one of ten children to Dewey and Gertrude (Pierce) Schramm. Prior to her retirement, she was a silk-screen printer at the Sirtex Printing Co. in Old Mystic.

Elsie was a member of the Old Mystic Methodist Church and the Reliance Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary in Old Mystic. In her healthy years, she was an avid gardener and was known for her beautiful flower gardens. She enjoyed playing bingo, attending family gatherings, and cherishing her grandchildren who were the highlights in her love of life.

She was married to Samuel F. Christie on July 3, 1949. He died in 1970.

Elsie leaves her son, Samuel F. Christie Jr. and wife, Susan, of Griswold; her siblings, Christine Hinman of Ledyard and Herman Schramm of Old Mystic; two granddaughters; three great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, and her loving friends.

She was predeceased by seven siblings.

Elsie’s family will greet relatives and friends from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl Street, historic downtown Mystic. A service will be conducted there at 1 p.m. on Monday with burial following at Elm Grove Cemetery.

For information, directions, or to share a note of remembrance/condolence with her family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Joseph G. Christina

PAWCATUCK — Joseph G. Christina, 67, beloved husband of JoAnne (Dubois) Christina, of Robinson Street, Pawcatuck, passed away surrounded by family at The Westerly Hospital on Thursday, October 10, 2019.

Born in Westerly, he was the son of the late Peter J. and Mary Christina.

Joseph was the co-owner of Hometown Oil and a communicant of St. Michael Church. He was a member of the Westerly Elks BPOE #678 and he had also volunteered a great deal of time coaching. Joseph was known as a rabid New York Yankee and New York Giant fan and though he enjoyed golfing, the main focus in his life was spending time with his family.

In addition to his wife, he leaves behind his three children, Peter G. Christina and wife Kristy of Pawcatuck, Nicole M. Tebbets and husband Mark of Ledyard, and Andrea J. Discordia and husband Brian of Waterford; and a sister Martha Molkenthin and her husband Charles of Pawcatuck. He will also be dearly missed by ten grandchildren, Zachary, Danielle, Kyler, Noah, Matthew, Gaden, Logan, Colin, Bryce and Addison; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be held on Tuesday, from 4-7pm at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. A Funeral Liturgy will take place at 12 noon on Wednesday at St. Mary’s Church, 95 Main St., Stonington.

There is no procession from the funeral home to church. Burial will follow at St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck. For online condolences please visit www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com.
OBITUARIES

Charles Chi-Jung Chu


He was born in 1918 in a small farming village in Hebei Province, China. Charles was an accomplished painter, professor, calligrapher, and scholar. His love of art and life itself permeated his buoyant view of the world, his enjoyment of moments large and small, and his delight in the beauty of nature.

He went to high school in Beijing, and studied at National Central University. After serving in the Chinese army during World War II, he came to the United States in 1945 to pursue graduate studies in political science at UC Berkeley and, later, at Harvard, with the intention of returning to his native China to help it reconstruct after the war. When Communists took charge of China’s government, Charles realized there was no room in his home country for a political scientist trained in America, or for the American family he had begun to raise.

Shifting his vision, he set out to adopt this country and to make his impact as a teacher. He enjoyed teaching at Yale University for 15 years, and then moved on in 1985 to establish and direct the Chinese program at Connecticut College in New London. Until his retirement in 1994, Professor Chu taught Chinese language, literature, and the history of Chinese painting. He was a wholly devoted teacher, and many of his students through the years still remain in contact with him. He inspired excellence in his students, and he nurtured in them a passion for learning. His home, adjacent to the campus, was always open to his students, some of whom, throughout the years, lived with his family and had both the opportunity and the challenge of constant tutoring from their professor.

Upon his retirement from Connecticut College at the age of 65, he was able to devote himself to his painting (www.littlefrog.com) and to collecting paintings through the Chughoff Collection. This extensive collection of literati style paintings was established in Chu’s honor by his close friend, Toby Griffis, and funded by the Griffis Foundation and by numerous donors of funds and paintings. It is housed at Connecticut College.

Charles is survived by his wife of 61 years, Bettie Chu, and by his sons, Leeland Cole-Chu and his spouse, Ruthie Cole-Chu; and Kevin Cole-Chu and his spouse, Patricia Harcourt; by his daughters, Ellen Scala and her spouse, Rob Scala, and Paula Chu and her spouse, Laura Danforth; and by 11 grandchildren.

Calling hours will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 2, at the Thomas L. Neillan & Sons Funeral Home, 12 Ocean Ave., New London. There will be a memorial service in the near future, but details have not yet been finalized.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Connecticut College.

Please visit www.neillanfuneralhome.com for directions or to join Mr. Chu’s online guestbook.
Gladys Chudy

Stonington — Gladys L. Chudy of Lord’s Point passed away Tuesday evening, Sept. 27, 2016, at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Norwich, Aug. 12, 1924, the daughter of Otto and Anna (Troeger) Lavinsky. A lifelong resident of the Taftville and Stonington areas, Gladys was a 1942 graduate of Norwich Free Academy and went on to graduate from ECSU in 1945 with her master’s degree. While at NFA, she developed lifelong friendships with a group of ladies known as “The Girls” and they remained in close contact for the rest of their lives.

Gladys worked as a teacher in the Norwich School System from 1971 to 1986. On Nov. 27, 1947, in Taftville Congregational Church, she was united in marriage to Stanley P. Chudy; he passed away Aug. 25, 2006. Gladys was a lifelong member of Taftville Congregational Church, where she served as clerk and historian, she was also a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and the Norwich Teachers League.

She is survived by her son, Carl L. Chudy and his wife, Mary, of Stonington; two daughters, Eileen Morehouse, also of Stonington, and Donna Hughes and her husband, William, of Taftville; six grandchildren, Jack Morehouse, Amy Now, Russell Hughes, Christopher Hughes, Katherine Hughes and Martha Chudy; seven great-grandchildren; and her sister-in-law, Nina Chudy of Lisbon.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Taftville Congregational Church. Burial will follow in Maplewood Cemetery, Norwich. Calling hours are from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, at Godfrey Funeral Home, 21 North End Ave., Taftville.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, 1227 Thames St., Norwich, CT 06360; or to Taftville Congregational Church memorial fund, 10 North B St., Taftville, CT 06380.
POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. — Barbara Bittner Church, 87, passed away on June 11, 2019, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center, where she was surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Torrington, CT June 29, 1931, to the late Clarence E. Bittner and Betty Lincoln Bittner. Barbara graduated from Stonington High School as valedictorian of her class and Lake Erie College with a BA in Home Economics in 1952. She also graduated from Michigan State University with an MS degree in Food and Nutrition in 1954. She worked as a Home Demonstration Agent in Port Huron, Michigan. She served as the Coordinator of Senior Companion Services, Kitchen Coordinator of Meals on Wheels, and Senior Investigator with Senior Adult Protective Services in Poughkeepsie, NY. She lived in Poughkeepsie with her husband Warren for 45 years before moving to Woodland Pond in New Paltz, NY.

On March 26, 1955, in Port Huron, Michigan, Barbara married the love of her life Warren R. Church who passed away March 13, 2018. She is survived by her son Steven and his wife Marilyn of CT; her daughter Carol and her husband Doug of Highland Park, NJ; her grandchildren, Matthew, Kyle, Rebekah, Andy, and Sarah; her siblings Marcia Barker (Haworth) of Goshen, CT. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her son David and brother Richard Bittner.

Barbara was known for her thoughtful and generous nature by all who knew her. She was an avid gardener, reader, cook, seamstress and brought beauty and warmth wherever she went. Barbara was a member of the New Hackensack Reformed Church. Along with her husband, Warren, she was an avid supporter of the Hudson Valley Symphony Orchestra, and actively served in an ecumenical movement in the Hudson Valley, Tres Dias. Barbara volunteered with the Girl Scouts and Warren with the Boy Scouts. The couple went on camping trips in their motor home. They canoed extensively, especially in the northern Adirondacks.

A graveside service at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery and a Celebration of Life will be held at Woodland Pond, New Paltz at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial donations may be made to Dutchess Outreach, 29 N. Hamilton Street, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12601 or Grace Smith House, providing service for domestic violence survivors, P.O. Box 5205, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12601. To send an online condolence please visit www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com.
He leaves a son, Joseph "Jody" Ciampa and his wife, Suzanne, of Farmingdale, Maine; and two daughters, Linda (Ciampa) Doran of Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Patricia "Trish" (Ciampa) Mason and her husband, Angel Jimenez, of Bloomfield; a sister, Claire Spina of Lynn, Mass.; three grandchildren, William "Billy" Stack Jr. and Krystal Riley of West Hartford, Matthew Stack and his wife, Rebecca (Faletti) Stack, of West Suffield, and Christine Perkins of Hartford; and two great-grandchildren, Joshua and Hannah Stack. He also leaves a host of extended family and close friends in Stonington.

Besides his wife, he was predeceased by his daughter, Donna (Ciampa) Bournard; a grandson, Michael James Perkins; and two brothers, Frank and Raymond Ciampa.

A memorial service will be held on his birthday at 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19, at the Carmon Windsor Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor. Entombment will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Mount St. Benedict Mausoleum, Bloomfield. His family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19, prior to the service at the Carmon Windsor Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wilson Volunteer Fire Department, 50 Pine Lane, Windsor, CT 06095.

For online condolences, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.
STONINGTON — Dennis Leo Cidale, Jr., veteran fishing captain and a prominent figure in the New England fishing industry, died last night at the Westerly Hospital at the age of 59.

Mr. Cidale was a communicant of St. Mary's Church, a member of N Nina Council, Knights of Columbus, the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society, the Westerly Lodge of Elks, the Neptune Engine Company of the Borough Fire Department, and an honorary member of the Connecticut State Association of Police Chiefs.

In addition to his wife Stella (Pavelski) Cidale and mother, he is survived by two sons, Dennis L. Cidale, III, of Stonington and David Cidale, a student at the University of Rochester; two daughters, Mrs. Michael Latham and Mrs. Thomas Williams, both of Pawcatuck; a brother, Frank Cidale of Westerly; two sisters, Mrs. Turo Tizlani of Pawcatuck, and Mrs. Carl Morgesbren of Stonington; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock Friday morning from the Shea-Williams Funeral Home in Pawcatuck with a high mass of the resurrection at St. Mary's Church at 8:30 a.m. Interment will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home this evening from 7 to 9 o'clock and tomorrow from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.
Stella Barbara Cidale, 93, of Pawcatuck, died Monday, Jan. 29, 2007, at her home.

She was born in the Old Mystic section of Stonington on Nov. 8, 1913, one of 10 children of Anthony and Catherine Pavelski. She attended local schools. After leaving school she worked for a time at the Rosie Velvet Mill in Mystic.

She met Dennis Leo Cidale and married him on Dec. 31, 1938, in St. Patrick Church, Mystic. They made their home in the area and raised their children here. Sadly, he predeceased her June 2, 1971, after nearly 33 years of marriage.

A devoted wife and mother, Stella's home was always her priority. She and a group of friends formed what they called their "Knitting Group." They would get together, share in each other's company and enjoy going out to dinner, a movie or such from time to time. She did enjoy knitting, crocheting, embroidery and handicrafts of all kinds. Many remember the sweaters she would make for everyone. She was an avid reader and crossword puzzle fan, and she made it a point to thoroughly read the daily newspaper each and every night.

She is survived by her children and their spouses, Carol and Mike Latham, Dennis and Kathleen Cidale, and David Cidale, all of Pawcatuck, and Catherine and Dean Springer of Stonington. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Michael Latham, Matthew Latham, Melinda Smith, Thomas Williams, Nathan Williams and Aaron Williams; and 12 great-grandchildren.

A funeral will be held from Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 1, proceeding to a Mass at St. Mary Church, Stonington at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery, Stonington. Relatives and friends are invited to attend and may also call at the funeral home today from 4:30 to 8 p.m.

Contributions in Stella's memory may be considered for United Cerebral Palsy, 42 Norwich Road, Quaker Hill, CT 06375 or to St. Mary Church, 96 Main St., Stonington, CT 06378.

The Cidale family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for obituary information, directions and an online memorial register to leave a note of condolence.
Hector Cini

Mystic — Hector J. Cini, of 81 Irving St., Mystic, passed peacefully Thursday morning, March 2, 2000, at his home, with his wife at his side.

He was born in Stafford Springs on June 21, 1912, the son of Ivan and Mary (Piantanilla) Cini. Raised in Stafford Springs, he attended St. Edwards Parochial School and graduated from Manchester Trade School. He later studied engineering at Purdue University, the University of Connecticut and Connecticut College.

In 1940, Mr. Cini accepted a position in the engineering department of the Naval Underwater Sound Lab, where he worked for more than 40 years before retiring in 1980. Of his many accomplishments, he was the first non-scientific recipient of the Decibel Award.

A well-known accomplished musician, he enjoyed playing the violin, saxophone, clarinet, and piano and had performed in several area bands. In his free time, he enjoyed gardening and also perfected the art of wine-making and teaching those skills to others. He was also a member of the Charity & Relief Lodge of Masons.

He was married to Agnes (Grippo) Cini in New London on Jan. 11, 1961. Together they recently celebrated 50 years of marriage.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his siblings, Eda Cini and June Squadrito of Mystic and nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a brother, Antonio Cini.

His family will greet relatives and friends from 11 to 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic. A funeral service will follow at 12 noon. Burial will be in St. Mary’s Cemetery, New London.

For obituary information, directions, or to send a note of remembrance/condolences to the family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Stonington — Earlyn "Tag" Taggart Cipriani, 77, of 150 Cossaduck Hill Road, North Stonington, died at home Thursday.
She was born on March 10, 1922, in Hammond, Ind., the daughter of Earl G. and Kallia Trotter Taggart.
Mrs. Cipriani was the widow of Frank Cipriani Jr.
She last worked as a pipefitter at Electric Boat in Groton. She and her husband owned and operated Cip's Grinders on Thames Street in Norwich for many years.
Mrs. Cipriani was a member of the National Rifle Association and the Western Senior Citizens, which she attended almost daily.
She is survived by a daughter, Deborah Cipriani of North Stonington; a brother, Charles Taggart of East Ridge, Tenn.; and a sister, Julia Fontaine of Jacksonville, Fla.
The funeral will be at 9 a.m. Monday at the Labenski Funeral Home, 107 Beswell Ave., Norwich. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery.
Calling hours are from 7-9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.
Rudolph Cirioni

Mystic — Rudolph B. Cirioni, 95, lifelong resident of Mystic, passed away March 22, 2014, at Apple Rehab in Mystic.

Born in New London, he was the son of the late Frank and Josephine (Badiali) Cirioni. Rudy was a self-employed contractor for many years in the Mystic and Stonington areas.

He is survived by his longtime companion, Barbara A. Dart of Mystic and her family; Cheryl Comeau and her husband, Andre, of North Stonington.

Rudy was predeceased by his wife, Edith; a daughter, Brenda, and two brothers, Paul and Dominick.

The Mystic Funeral Home on Route 1 has charge of arrangements.
Gordon Clachrie

Pawcatuck — Gordon “Zack” Clachrie, 57, beloved husband for 38 years of Linda (Saniglio) Clachrie, of Pawcatuck, passed away at the Westerly Hospital on Thursday, Dec. 29, 2016.

Born in Westerly, he was a son of the late Robert Clachrie and Phyllis Richard.

Zack worked as a master marine mechanic for Connors & O’Brien Marina for 40 years. He loved boating and spent countless days on Sandy Point and Napatree Point with family and friends. In addition, he was an accomplished woodworker and Jack of all trades. Zack was known for his advice, assistance and helping anyone who needed it. Zack spent most of his life in an area of Pawcatuck known as Clark’s Village and, when in his adult years, was affectionately referred to as “the Mayor.”

Family and friends will fondly remember the way he always greeted them with “Happy Days!” and, when asked how he was doing, always responded “Spoiled Rotten!”

He leaves behind his wife Linda; his four children, Katrina Branesky and her husband, Paul, Todd Rodriguez and his wife, Alli; all of Pawcatuck, Danielle Hentu and her husband, Jeff, of Westerly, and Michelle Wilbur and her husband, Todd, of Preston; a brother, Pete Clachrie and his wife, Sharon; and eight grandchildren, Kyle Clachrie, Zach Branesky, Devyn Hentu, Lexie Hentu, Jake Viteritto, Jason Wilbur, David Ero, and Ryan Rodriuez. Zack is also survived by many nieces and nephews; his longtime family friend, Blanche Brunell; and his constant companion, his golden retriever Sophie. He was predeceased by his brother, Deke Clachrie.

Visiting hours will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 50 Spruce St., Westerly. Funeral service and burial will be held privately and at the convenience of the family.

For online condolences please visit www.gaffney-dolanfuneralhome.com.
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Cecile Claffey

Stonington — Cecile A. Claffey, 65, of 106 Stephen Drive, Stonington, died Wednesday evening, Feb. 9, 2005, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London.

She was born in New London on Dec. 12, 1939, the daughter of Robert Arthur Sr. of New London and the late Bernadine Burgess Arthur.


She had worked as a bartender at the Village Pub Restaurant in New Haven. She was an avid Yankees fan.

Besides her husband and father, she is survived by a son, Terry Shea, of Laconia, N.H.; a brother, Robert Arthur Jr., of Montville; two sisters, Gloria Lenoir and Tannmy Mason, both of New London; and a granddaughter, Page E. Shea, of Laconia.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. at the Byles Memorial Home, 99 Huntington St., New London. Interment will be private. Visiting hours are today, Friday, from 5 until 8 o'clock at the funeral home.

Please visit www.byles.com for online obituary, directions or to send a condolence note to the family.
Stonington — John “Jack” D. Claffey, 67, of Stonington, husband of the late Cecile (Arthur) Claffey, passed away Friday, May 3, 2013. Born in New Haven, he was the son of the late Daniel and Margaret (Facey) Claffey and lived in Stonington for the past 15 years, previously residing in New Haven for most of his life.

He was a firefighter with the City of New Haven. Throughout his 28 years as a firefighter, he was with numerous engine companies up until his retirement in 1998. After his retirement from the fire department, Jack was the proprietor of Ackley’s Package Store in Groton. He was a member of the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society in Stonington and the VFW Hugo Simonelli Post 3263 in Mystic.

Jack’s greatest pleasure was to be among family and friends. No matter how sick he was, he always had a positive outlook.

Jack is survived by his twin sisters, Jean Hines of Pompano Beach, Fla., and Joan Sandella of Deerfield Beach, Fla.; stepson, Terry Shea, and his wife, Priscilla, of New Hampshire; step-grandchildren, Page, Jessica and Lisa; step-great-grandchildren, Ethan, Zoey and Adelyn; several nieces and nephews, especially his beloved niece, Sandra Hines and her daughter, Laura Jean Hines of West Haven who cared for him the past six years; sister-in-law, Gloria Lenoir and her husband, Jim, of New London; numerous great-nieces and great-nephews; great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews; and his beloved dog, Cocoa, and cat, Kujo.

He was pre-deceased by his siblings, Barbara Ross of York, Maine, Daniel Claffey of Cocoa Beach, Fla., William “Pudge” Claffey of New Haven and Elizabeth Chapell of New Haven.

Calling hours will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 9, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic (81 Williams Ave.) A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, at St. Thomas More Church, 87 Mystic Ave. (Route 201), North Stonington. Burial will follow at Stonington Cemetery, 945 N. Main St., Stonington.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave an online message of condolence and for directions to the funeral home.
David Clapp

Stonington — David Woodson Clapp, 81, passed away peacefully at home in Stonington on Monday, March 14, 2016.

He is survived by his wife, Susan, to whom he was married for 57 years; his sons, Samuel and Henry (Kathleen); his siblings, Judith, Martha (Mark), Peter (Rebecca), Charles (Martha), Lorraine (Joseph), Nancy (Ross); his mother-in-law, Patricia Klee-
man; his brother-in-law, Harry Klee (Joan); and 13 nieces and nephews.

He was born on July 27, 1934, in Washington, D.C., to the late Honorable Charles and Elnor Clapp. David grew up in Providence and Barrington, R.I., spending happy summers in Duxbury, Mass. At Williams College he studied economics and art history and met his future wife in the library of the Clark Art Institute. After earning his MBA at Harvard University, he began a career in real estate development, which led him to California, Illinois and New York.

He retired to Stonington in 2009. He volunteered on the boards of many arts, education and community nonprofit organizations, most recently on the James Merrill House Committee and as the president of the Stonington Village Improvement Association. His intelligence, enthusiasm and curiosity led him to explore many hobbies and interests. He was a skilled woodworker with a particular focus on Shaker furniture and boxes, a dedicated gardener with an affinity for dahlias, a youth soccer coach with great patience for children but less for their parents, an author of satirical pamphlets in the style of Dickens and Swift, a sailor at home on the water, a music lover happiest at performances by his sons, and an art connoisseur who sought out the world’s great museums with his family.

A memorial service will be held later this spring.

Memorial donations may be made to the Stonington Free Library or the James Merrill House.
Agnes Estelle Clark, 91, of Langworthy Road, Lord's Point, Stonington, died Thursday, Nov. 29, 2001, her birthday, at her home.

Born in Holyoke, Mass., Nov. 29, 1910, a daughter of the late George and Margaret (Lobban) Clark, she was raised in Holyoke, attended Holyoke schools and graduated with the Class of 1929 from Holyoke High School.

Miss Clark had been employed by Albert Steiger Co. and Electric Game, both in Holyoke. She moved to Lord's Point in 1965 and worked at Yardney Electric Co. in Pawcatuck as the tool room supervisor.

She had been an active member of the Lord's Point community and continued to drive herself anywhere she needed to go. She was the senior member of the Lord's Point Neighborhood Watch Program.

Survivors include nieces and nephews, including Joan Mills of Clarksburg, Mass.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. The Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.

Contributions may be made to the Lord's Point Garden Club, P.O. Box 109, Stonington, CT 06378.

Agnes Clark

Stonington — Agnes Estelle Clark, 91, of Langworthy Avenue, Lord's Point, died Thursday, her 91st birthday, at home.

Born on Nov. 29, 1910, in Holyoke, Mass., she was the daughter of the late George and Margaret Lobban Clark.

Raised in Holyoke, she graduated from Holyoke High School in 1929. Moving to Lord's Point in 1965, Miss Clark worked at Yardney Electric in Pawcatuck as the tool room supervisor. She was previously employed at the Albert Steiger Co. and Electric Game, both in Holyoke.

Miss Clark was an active member of the Lord's Point community and was the senior member of its Neighborhood Watch.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews, including Joan Mills of Clarksburg, Mass.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family.

There are no calling hours.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lord's Point Garden Club, P.O. Box 109, Stonington CT 06378.

Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.
Amy (Savin) Clark, 89, of Stonington, passed away peacefully, Thursday, July 5, 2012, at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital in New London.

She was a lifelong resident of Stonington, born on Jan. 15, 1923, the daughter of Bridget and John Savin. Amy was the beloved wife of the late, Russell Clark, who passed away in 1995. In 1951, together they built, with their own hands, the house in Quimbaug where she lived until she died.

In February 1945, she graduated from the Lawrence and Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, and was then commissioned in the U.S. Army as a 2nd Lieutenant, where she served through the end of WW II.

Amy's entire professional career was spent working as a registered nurse. She was the head nurse at the Mary Elizabeth Nursing Home in Mystic. The last 15 years of her career she spent as a nurse in the Town of Stonington School System before retiring in 1985. Many students look for reasons to visit her office in order to be encouraged, entertained, and even treated for illnesses or minor injuries.

Amy loved sports and was a loyal fan of all Stonington High School sports teams. She and her husband, Russ, spent extended winter holidays in St. Martin and the Gulf Coast of Florida. She also loved to travel and was fortunate enough to visit Europe, South America, and had multiple adventures across the U.S. in their camper.

Amy was a lifelong member of Saint Mary's Church in Stonington.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, as well as by her brothers and sisters: Mary Savin, William (Bill) Savin, Maurice (Ma) Savin, Dorothy (Dot) Rupp and George Savin; and her daughter-in-law, Susan Clark.

Amy leaves behind a son, Russell L. (Lee) Clark of Stonington; a daughter, Carol (Clark) Mazour and her husband, Thomas, of Wallace, N.C.; four grand-

children, Joshua Clark and his wife, Marcella (Terranova), of Westerly; Courtney Clark, of Stonington; Bridget (Mazour) Rutherford and her husband, Matthew, of Washington, D.C., and Meghan (Mazour) Hof and her husband, Justin, of Golden, Colo.; and seven great-grandchildren, Cae- lynn Carroll, Mollie Clark, Mallory Clark, Orla Hof, Nora Savin Rutherford, Matilda Hof and Clark Rutherford. She also leaves behind extended family and wonderful neighbors who were a great comfort to her in recent years, particularly Chris Kulaga, Melanie Fritz and Kim Lily.

Her family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 12, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic (51 Williams Ave.). A funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary's Church in Stonington at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 13. Burial at the Elm Grove Cemetery in Mystic will immediately follow the Mass.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to Stonington High School Athletic Boosters Club, 175 South Broad St., Pawcatuck, CT, 06379.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave an online message of condolences and for directions.

Mystic Funeral Home
Clarence Clark Jr.

Stonington — Clarence W. Clark, Jr., 94, of Stonington, beloved husband of the late Violet (Svenson) Clark, passed away at home Friday, Oct. 17, 2008.

Born in Melrose, Mass., he was the son of the late Clarence W. and Beatrice (Armstrong) Clark. Clarence resided in Stonington for the past 23 years, previously residing in Norwich, and Middletown, Mich.

He was a graduate of Vesper George School of Art, and attended MIT.

Clarence was an engineer, retiring in 1981 from the Dow Chemical Co. after many years of service.

He had a lifelong passion for dogs, and was a champion breeder of terriers, bulldogs and pugs. He was an avid collector of antiques, especially dog figurines. He was also a New York Yankees and UConn women's basketball fan.

He had an abiding love for his family and leaves his two children, Clarence W. Clark III and his wife, Joann, of Rhinebeck, N.Y., and Alicia Salameh and her husband, Robert, of Stonington; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter, Brietta Esposito in March of 2008, and a brother, Avery Clark.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Nov. 29, at the Christ Episcopal Church, Westerly. There are no calling hours.

The Mystic Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, www.stjude.org or to the World Wildlife Fund, 1250 24th St., N.W. P.O. Box 97180, Washington, DC 20088-7180.
Mrs. Eliza Ann Clark, for some years a resident of Stonington, where she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. John W. Wagner, died on Wednesday evening last at the advanced age of over 92 years. The deceased was born in Winchester, Va. On Friday evening there was prayer at the home of Mrs. Wagner and the next day the remains were taken to Pittsburgh, Pa., the former home of Mrs. Clark, where services were held in the church of which she had been a member, and on Sunday interment was made at Lincoln, Pa.
Gerald F. Clark

Mystic — Gerald F. Clark "Jerry," passed away April 17, 2019. Beloved husband of Benedicte, son of the late Gerald Clark and Helen Schmidt, loving father of Flora (Mike) Jenkins, Capucine Clark, and Valerie (Randy) Colson. Predeceased by James Clark. Adored grandfather of Catherine and Christopher Colson and Romy Jenkins. Dearest brother to David Clark; Claire, Kris, and Tom Schmidt and predeceased by Sam Schmidt.

A private family funeral will be held April 25, in Mystic. The family would like to invite friends to celebrate Jerry's life Friday April 26. A Mass will take place at 12:30 p.m. at The Chapel of Our Lady of the Assumption on Ender's Island, immediately followed by a reception on the same grounds.

In lieu of flowers, his family would be most appreciative if you would send donations to St. Edmund's Retreat (https://www.enderisland.com/give). They encourage you to visit https://www.vanenburgh.com/obituary/gerald-clark for a full obituary, memorial service information and to visit Jerry's guestbook.
James Clark, 60, of Elmridge Road, Pawcatuck, passed away at his home on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2004. He was the husband of the late Rozaria (Sposato) Clark. Born in Philadelphia, Pa., he was the son of the late Melvin K. and Edith M. Clark. The family (parents, Edie, Oliver, Clara and Jim) moved to New Mexico in 1930. They moved in 1938 to Tucson, Ariz.

October of 1942, Jim enlisted in the U.S. Navy, proudly serving as a torpedo man until his retirement in October 1945. A few of the vessels and stations he served were: USN Submarine Base Pearl Harbor and New London, Naval Air Station Los Angeles, USS Prichett, USS Cushing, USS Black, NAS Quonset Point, R.I., USS Ben Homme Richard, 60, after retirement, he was employed in the civil service with the U.S. Postal Service, Westerly (1962-1964), and continued his career in civil service at the Submarine Base, Groton (1965-1978). He was a member of the Fleet Reserve in Groton, Branch 237, a member of the North End Social Club, the Pawcatuck Harley R. Chase VFW Post 1266 and the Pawcatuck Italo-American Club.

Jim enjoyed his daily crossword puzzles (hand delivered daily by his friend and neighbor Mark Tidwell), woodworking, weekly trips to the sub base for coffee with his base buddies, computer games and watching Discovery and car channels, THE Boston Red Sox and UConn women’s basketball (“his girls”).

Jim will be missed by all that knew him. He leaves a sister-in-law, Nellie (Sposato) Riley (neighbor, chef and companion) of Pawcatuck; nieces and nephews, Dean Riley and wife, Debbie, of Stonington, Sharon Burns of Arizona and family; Sheri Rubin, Kerr, Lisa, Diana, Mandy and Todd; Peggy Boldman and husband, Mike, of Indiana and family, Ellie Boldman, Hill and Chris Boldman; Mary Alice Young of Arizona; Carol Young of Arizona; Patti Wyman of Texas and daughter, Amy Zanerano and Margie Wyman Eckert; along with many additional nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews.

At Jim’s request, visiting hours are omitted. Funeral service and burial will be private.

Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, is in charge of the arrangements.

For online condolences, please go to www.gaffney-dolanfuneralhome.com
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Funeral service will be held at the Old Lyme Congregational Church, Thursday, Jan. 7 at 2 P.M. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Interment will be in Wilton, Maine. Please omit flowers. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Heart Fund. Jewett Funeral Service (Alderson-Prentis) Beckwith Lane, Old Lyme is in charge of arrangements.

DAWYCE — In Daytona Beach
OBITUARIES

Russell L. Clark Sr.
Crew member with famous WWII bomber group

By JOHN FOLEY
Day Staff Writer

Mystic — Russell L. Clark Sr., 70, of Chapman Lane, a retired carpenter who flew dozens of missions with one of the most famous bomber groups in World War II, died Tuesday in Venice, Fla.

Mr. Clark had been in excellent health and his death was unexpected, his family said Wednesday. He had planned to return Thursday to Mystic after completing his yearly three-month vacation in Florida.

Mr. Clark, a union carpenter, was a superintendent for a long period for Benvenuti Construction Co. He also worked on many major projects in the region, including the Millstone atomic power station.

He graduated in 1942 from Stonington High School, where he lettered in track and was a state champion pole vaulter. He entered the Army Air Corps in March 1943, attended Air Mechanics School at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Gunner School at Fort Myers, Fla.

Mr. Clark served in the European Theater until his discharge as a technical sergeant on Sept. 21, 1945. He received the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters and the Distinguished Unit Badge, the highest citation awarded to units of the American armed forces.

Mr. Clark was a bomber-engineer on a B-25 Marauder in the 320th Bomber Group, which flew more than 300 missions during campaigns in North Africa, Italy, France and Germany. In addition to the Distinguished Unit Badge, the group's numerous awards included the Croix de Guerre, the French military decoration for bravery in action, which was presented by Gen. Charles de Gaulle.

Major air assault

Mr. Clark participated in the massive attack on German forces in May 1945 in support of the U.S. Fifth Army's drive on Rome. His B-25's nose was riddled with holes but it completed its mission against a heavily defended enemy troop concentration which included the famed 15th Panzer Grenadier Division. His group was later cited for "unsurpassed courage and skill and steadfast devotion to duty."

Mr. Clark was born Oct. 5, 1924, in the Quambaug section, son of Vernon and Elizabeth Radigan Clark. His grandfather, Elisha Clark, owned Captain Clark's Chowder House in Mystic, which also was operated by Mr. Clark's father. The place later became Sailor Ed's Restaurant.

Mr. Clark was a member of Hugo Simonelli Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in Mystic; Local 24 of the Carpenters Union, Groton Lodge of Elks and Westerly Yacht Club.

He married Amy Savin on June 2, 1945. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Carolyn A. Mazour of Mystic; a son, R. Lee Clark of Quambaug, and four grandchildren. He was predeceased by a brother, Stuart D. Clark.

The funeral will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday from Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, to a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, Storington. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery. Calling hours are 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.
Trolley Progress.

The executive committee of the Groton-Stonington trolley road has decided upon the number of cars to purchase and the equipment, and have let the contracts. They will have sixteen cars in all, four 15-bench cars for summer, four 14-bench cars for summer, four combination cars, which can be either converted into closed or open cars and four closed cars for winter.

The contracts have been made conditionally, there being a few details to be decided upon, but it is not believed they will make any change.

All this equipment has been bought on the best of terms and is the finest in every respect that can be obtained. The aggregate outlay for this equipment is approximately $80,000.

Work along all other lines is being rushed by the company. Contractors for the roadbed began to go over the route Tuesday for the purpose of getting figures regarding the grading and with permissible weather probably a dozen contractors will be going over the route this week. It is expected to let this contract by the first of February or shortly after.

And Many Sat Down.

Wednesday morning Mystic people who wore creepers had a considerable advantage over ordinary folk. The change in the temperature during the night had caused the streets and walks to be covered with ice and it was only with great caution that anyone kept on their feet at all. The majority was slipping, sliding and sitting down gracefully most of the time and limber was in demand during the remainder of the day.

Mystic on Top.

The Mystic basket ball team heads the list in the eastern league, a place won by excellent work. The team is undoubtedly the finest in New England and it is prophesied that the pennant will go to the quintet at the end of the season.

Capt. Samuel Clark Dead.

Capt. Samuel Clark passed away at his home in the town Wednesday noon, after a long illness. For the past nine months he had been an invalid and for two years he was unable to move from his bed.

He was born in Stonington in May 1820 and at an early age was attracted to the sea and for the remainder of his life up to twenty years ago he cruised in the merchant ship and whaler and also made several sealing voyages. When in the General Sheridan he was wrecked near Antwerp. He loved the water and it was only because of impaired health that he gave up a seafaring life.

For many years he was watchman in the then Atwood Machine Company's plant.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church and of Asylum Lodge, F. and A. M. and was very popular and enjoyed the friendship of many.

During his long illness he was faithfully and carefully attended by his wife, and her devotion and tenderness made his life more cheerful. To her the sympathy of all is extended.

The funeral services will be held this afternoon at two o'clock and will be conducted by Rev. D. T. MacClymont.

George D. Stanton, Jr., Dead.

George D. Stanton Jr., died Wednesday night after an illness of several months' duration. He was born in Stonington, March 24, 1889, and was a son of Dr. George D. Stanton and the late Maria Louise (Pendleton) Stanton. Studying in Stonington schools he afterward graduated from Cornell University and was admitted to the Connecticut bar. He was the first judge of the Stonington town court. About 12 years he been a resident of New London, where he had an office and good practice. He is survived by a widow who was Miss Henrietta Miner of Mystic, his father, and one brother. He was very popular and leaves a host of friends to mourn his demise.
Stuart Clark

Stonington — Stuart D. Clark, 73, of Royalton Hill, Vt., formerly of Stonington, died Friday at his home.

He was born in Stonington Aug. 12, 1920, the son of Vernon D. and Elizabeth Rattigan Clark.

He married Constance B. Brown of Mystic on Jan. 20, 1944. They resided in Ledyard for 37 years.

After graduating from Stonington High School in 1938, he started work for the Southern New England Telephone Co. in New London until his retirement in 1981. During World War II, he served in the Army Air Force as a staff sergeant and in Saipan with the 28th Signal Company Service, a division of the 91st service group.

He moved to Royalton Hill in 1981 after his retirement.

He was elected to the Ledyard Board of Education as well as being regional director for the Boy Scouts of America in Connecticut. In Vermont he was an active member of the Green Mountain Wood Carvers Association and taught wood carving.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Stuart D. Clark Jr. and Jeffery B. Clark, both of South Royalton; three daughters, Pamela Clark and Patricia Fierston, both of South Royalton, and Gail E. Fontaine of Ledyard; one brother, Russell Clark of Stonington; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

There are no calling hours. A service of remembrance will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday in the Royalton Congregational Church.

Boardway & Gilley Funeral Home, Main Street, Tunbridge, Vt., is in charge of arrangements.
Susan E. Clark

Susan E. (Berube) Clark, 65, a longtime resident of Stonington, beloved wife of Lee Clark, passed away Saturday, July 3, 2010, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital after a short battle with cancer.

She was born in Westerly, where she attended local schools and was a graduate of Stonington High School. Susan worked many years as a teacher’s aide in the Stonington School System focusing on children with special needs. She was dedicated to her occupation and the children she worked with who very special to her.

Spending time with her family and friends is what she enjoyed most. Susan also loved the open waters on her boat, was an avid sports fan and enjoyed listening to Elvis Presley music.

Susan was loved very much and will be deeply missed by her family.

Besides her husband, Lee, she leaves her mother, Lillian (Buck) Berube of Mystic; three children, Tammy Caron and her husband, Robert, of Westerly, Bonnie Longo and her husband, Lance, of Hope Valley, and John Little and his wife, Christina, of Ledyard; two step-children, Joshua Clark and his wife, Marcella, of Westerly, and Courtney Clark of Stonington; two brothers, Steven Berube of Waterford and Danny Berube of Pawcatuck; five grandchildren, Andrew Caron and his fiancée, Emily Pendolphi, Riann Caron and her fiancé, Matt Kaiser, Seraya Longo, Ava and Nathan Little; three step-grandchildren, Caelynn Carroll, and Mollee and Mallory Clark; and a great-granddaughter, Taylor Kaiser of Westerly.

She was predeceased by her father, Daniel Berube and a brother, Billy-Berube.

The Clark family would like to thank the staff at Lawrence & Memorial and Yale-New Haven Hospital for the care and comfort shown to Susan during her brief illness.

Funeral services will begin Thursday, July 8, at 9:15 a.m. from the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic (61 Williams Ave) followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick Church, 32 East Main St., Mystic. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery, Route 27, Mystic.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, July 7, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Lung Assn. (www.lungusa.org).

The family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to share an online message of condolences and to find directions to the funeral home.

Mystic Funeral Home
Mystic — Warren Clark, 81, a retired foreign service officer and ambassador who lived in Virginia Theological Seminary Mystic and Washington, D.C., died of cancer on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 with family by his side. Ambassador Clark was born Nov. 7, 1936, in Bronxville, N.Y., the son of Warren Clark Sr. and Mary Dillon Clark and the brother of Joan Moffett Cook. He resided for 50 years in the Cleveland Park neighborhood of Washington, D.C., and throughout his lifetime spent summers on Mason's Island in Mystic. A member of the Mason's Island Yacht Club, he enjoyed sailing, tennis, and spending time with his family and friends. His other interest and pursuits included books, traveling, music, theater, and the visual arts.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Elizabeth Peterson Spiro Clark of Mystic and Washington, D.C.; three children from his first marriage to Alice S. Ritchie of Chestertown, Md., Sarah Clark Stuart of Philadelphia, Pa., Warren Clark III (and wife, Johanna) of Mystic and Westford, Mass.; and Hope Elizabeth Clark of Chestertown, Md.; two stepsons, Peter Spiro of Philadelphia, Pa., and Alexander Spiro (and wife, Vanessa) of Pittsburgh, Pa.; and eight beloved grandchildren, Marina, Amelia, Emily, John, Liana, Julian, Henry and Lila. He also leaves two nieces, M. Catharine Moffett of Mystic and Susan Clark Moffett of Westerly; a nephew, William W. Moffett of Pawcatuck, and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Aug. 18, at the Calvary Church, 27 Church St., Stonington, and at 11 a.m. Sept. 15, at St. Alban’s Episcopal Church, 3001 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington, D.C.

The family encourages contributions in Ambassador Clark's memory be made to Churches for Middle East Peace. www.cmep.org.
Barbara Clarke

Mystic — Barbara Bartlett Clarke, 72, of Mystic, died Tuesday at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London after a short illness.

She was born on March 28, 1929, in Worcester, Mass., the daughter of Warren and Gertrude Weller Bartlett.

She married Thomas R. Clarke on June 13, 1951, in Dedham, Mass.

Raised in Massachusetts, Mrs. Clarke attended local schools, and graduated from Simmons College.

She and her husband lived in Dedham and New Canaan, before moving to Stonington in 1981. They owned and operated Clarke Vineyard on Taugwonk Road in Stonington. For a time, Mrs. Clarke also worked as manager at Haight Vineyard in Mystic.

She was an active volunteer with the Westerly Chorus, and the Meals on Wheels program in Westerly.

She is survived by two daughters, Monique Clarke of Mystic, and Naomi Clarke of Colorado; and a sister, Priscilla Barnett of Holyoke, Mass.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. Burial will follow in Elm Grove Cemetery.

There are no calling hours.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Cancer Center, Lawrence & Memorial Hospital, 365 Montauk Ave., New London, CT 06320.
Gay Clausen Jr.

Norwich — Guy Morten Clausen Jr., 58, of Norwich passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, June 24, 2014.

He was born on April 28, 1956, in Groton to the late Guy and Irene (Bactene) Clausen Sr. He married Patricia (Russo) Clausen on June 9, 1990, in Norwich. She survives him.

Guy graduated from Stonington High School in 1974 and worked as a route salesman in the food and beverage industry for over 30 years. He was employed at Frito Lay/PepsiCo in Norwich. He also worked for Drakes Hostess for over 20 years. For all those who knew him, he will always be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. Guy was a hardworking, caring person with a remarkable sense of humor who taught us all to “focus on the positive” in life.

Gay enjoyed gardening, fishing and hunting in his leisure time. He was an avid baseball fan and was committed to attending every sporting event for his grandsons that he possibly could. He also loved to travel with his family, especially to Aruba. There are so many happy memories that his family (including their dog, Toby) will cherish forever.

Besides his loving wife, he is survived by sons Guy M. Clausen III of Norwich and Christopher Zakarian and his wife, Rhonda, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; a daughter, Carolyn Trasko and her husband, Thomas, of Preston; a brother, Thomas Newell and his wife, Rose, of Live Oak, Fla.; and a sister, Lauren Goodnight and her husband, Craig, of Grand Junction, Colo. He also leaves behind grandchildren Kyle Holland, Ryan Hewitt, Thomas A. Trasko and Jennifer Trasko; as well as several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

He is predeceased by a brother, Gale “Doug” Newell.

Family and friends may visit from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Church and Allen Funeral Home, 136 Sachem St., Norwich. A funeral home service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Guy’s honor to the American Heart Association, 5 Brookside Drive, Wallingford, CT 06492.

Please visit www.churchcandallen.com to leave an online condolence for the Clausen family.
Caroline Clay

Westerly — Caroline Burdick Clay, 96, died Monday at the Westerly Nursing Home, Beach Street, where she had resided for the past five years.

A native of Westerly, she was born Dec. 25, 1895, a daughter of Edgar W. and Sarah McKwen Burdick. She was educated in Westerly schools.

She married Manuel Clay on Oct. 20, 1921. He died May 29, 1981.

She lived in Groton for more than 10 years and had previously lived in Stonington.

Mrs. Clay was a communicant of Calvary Episcopal Church, Stonington, and had attended Bishop Seabury Episcopal Church in Groton while living there.

She is survived by one son, Stanley R. Clay of Pensacola, Fla.; three daughters, Alice C. Fritz of Stonington, Shirley C. Kononcheck of Groton and Carol P. Pampel of Essex and of Naples, Fla.; 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by two sons, Carlton F. Clay and Albert L. Clay.

The funeral and burial in Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic, will be private.

There are no visiting hours. Arrangements are by The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the American Heart Association, Brookside Drive, Wallingford 06492.
**Clementine Clay**

_Safety Harbor, Fla._ — Clementine Sylvia Clay, formerly of Stonington and Mystic, passed away Saturday, June 7, 2003, of cancer first diagnosed in March. She was surrounded by family and loved ones when she departed this life.

She was born on March 24, 1944, in Westerly, the only daughter of Arthur M. and Mary T. Sylvia.

She grew up in Stonington and graduated from Stonington High School in 1962, where she played on the girls' basketball team. She attended Tampa College in Clearwater, Fla.

After moving from Mystic to Florida in 1976, she served as vice mayor and commissioner in the City of Safety Harbor from 1982 to 1986. She also was on the Planning and Zoning Commission and was a charter member of the Harbor Woods Village Homeowner's Association. She was a member of the National Clown Registry.

Her hobbies included working on her computer and in her garden. She maintained a personal Web site at www.clemclay.com. A video tribute to her may be seen at www.wavographics.us/videoproduction.htm.

She is survived by a son, Darrell A., and a grandson, William K., both of Lakewood, Ohio; a brother, Rick W. Sylvia of Pawcatuck; and many nieces and nephews.

Her brother Robert predeceased her in 1987.

A graveside service will be held in her honor at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 28, at St. Mary’s Cemetery, Route 1, Stonington, where she will be laid to rest next to her mother and father.

The family requests that any memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society.
Frank Clay

Stonington — Frank Richard Clay, 72, of Stonington, passed away Thursday, May 12, 2011, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital.

He was born in New London on Feb. 16, 1939, the son of Frank L. and Mary (McGugan) Clay. He attended local schools and was a 1957 graduate of Stonington High School. After receiving his education, he served in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Prior to his retirement in 1996, Mr. Clay was employed as a pipefitter supervisor at Electric Boat for 33 years. An active communicant of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, he enjoyed spending time with his family and bird watching. He loved travelling, visiting Portugal, Spain, the Canaries, Panama Canal and more recently traveled with friends through central Europe.


Mr. Clay is survived by his children, Patricia Nance of Chesapeake, Va., and David Clay of Stonington; his fiancée, Sandy Bradshaw of Mystic; and two granddaughters, Kathryn and Andrea Nance.

His family will greet relatives and friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday at The Dino-to Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic. A funeral Eucharist will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 15 Pearl St., Mystic CT 06355.

For information, directions, or to share a note of remembrance/condolence with his family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
William Loomis Clay Sr., age 72, of Harborview Terrace, Stonington, died last evening at Hamilton Pavilion in Norwich after an extended illness. He was the husband of Rosella (Madeira) Clay and the late Mary C. (Madeira) Clay, who died in November, 1956.

Born in Stonington Oct. 23, 1938, he was a son of the late Manuel and Philomena (Sylvia) Clay.

Prior to his retirement in 1973, he had been employed as a rigger at the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics in Groton. He had also been a commercial fisherman with the Stonington fishing fleet for many years.

Mrs. Clay was a communicant of St. Mary's Church, Stonington, and was a member of the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society in Stonington.

Besides his wife he is survived by one son, William L. Clay Jr. of Stonington; one daughter, Mrs. Margaret LeClaire of Pawcatuck, one brother, Manuel Clay of Groton; and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Jones of Stonington and Mrs. Lena Millington of Manchester, Conn.

The funeral will be held from Shea-Williams Funeral Home, 19 East Main St., Mystic Friday at 9:30 a.m. to a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church, Stonington at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Mrs. Clay had been a resident of Stonington for many years; at one time she was employed at the American Velvet Co. in Stonington.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph Clay; one son, Thomas Clay, a brother, Thomas Goulart, and a sister, Miss Rose Goulart; all of Stonington; and three grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 8 a.m. Wednesday from Shea-Williams Funeral Home, Mystic, to a High Mass of the Resurrection at 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church.
Shirley Clay, 60

Respected Stonington teacher, leading figure in her church

By JOHN FOLEY
Day Staff Writer

Stonington — Shirley Bradley Clay, a popular teacher in the Stonington school system and a leading figure in her church, died Sunday at her home at 315 Montauk Ave. after an extended illness. She was 60.

Mrs. Clay, Teacher of the Year in Stonington in 1988, began her teaching career in Groton, later staying at home to be with her children. When they were of school age, she resumed her career teaching at West Broad Street and Pawcatuck Middle Schools until she retired in 1997.

Mrs. Clay was held in esteem and affection throughout the school system. Deborah Carrano of Westerly, also a teacher at Pawcatuck Middle School, described her as “extraordinary probably the best teacher I have ever known in my life.”

Mrs. Clay loved children and had a remarkable rapport with them, Mrs. Carrano said. Her dedication to teaching and her pupils remained steadfast to the final day of her career, when she taught with so much enthusiasm that one would think she had many years remaining before retiring, she noted.

Mrs. Clay was known for innovative teaching techniques, wit and humor and, as her family observed, “her ability to motivate the unmotivated and her ‘can do’ attitude.” She served on a number of committees in the school system, was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa International Honor Society for Women Educators, and president of Zeta Chapter in 1982-94.

Mrs. Clay was one of the most active parishioners of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Mystic. She was a member of the vestry, a minister of communion, a licensed lay reader, and a member of the search committee for the current rector, the Rev. Mark Sanucci.

She was born on Sept. 8, 1939, in Westerly, the daughter of Kathleen E. Johnson Bradley and John E. Bradley. She attended schools in Stonington and graduated in 1957 from Stonington High School. She received her bachelor of science degree in education in 1961 from the former Willimantic State Teachers College, now Eastern Connecticut State University, and her master of arts in teaching in 1964 from the University of Connecticut.

She and F. Richard Clay were married Aug. 5, 1961, at Christ Church, Westerly. They had known each other from childhood and had graduated in the same year from Stonington High.

Mrs. Clay was a member of the alto section of the Mystic River Chorale, as well as its smaller specialty group, the Mystic River Chamber Singers. She also was a member of the Sewing Club, a group of high school classmates who have met on Wednesday nights for 38 years, and she enjoyed traveling, most recently to the Panama Canal.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Clay is survived by a daughter, Patricia Nance of Chesapeake, Va.; a son, David Clay of Stonington; and two grandchildren.

A Funeral Eucharist will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 15 Pearl St. Interment will follow in Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic.

Calling hours are 6-9 p.m. Friday at Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic.

Gifts in memory of Mrs. Clay can be made to St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 15 Pearl St., Mystic, CT 06355, or to Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, P. O. Box 902, Uncasville, CT 06382.
Mrs. Clay taught in the Stonington school system at West Broad School and Pawcatuck Middle School from 1970 until her retirement in 1987. She was named “Teacher of the Year” in 1988, in recognition for her extraordinary contributions to the Stonington Public Schools. She served on many committees in the school system.

Mrs. Clay enjoyed traveling. She was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa, the international honorary sorority for women educators, where she was president of Zeta Chapter from 1982-1984.

She was a member of the Mystic River Chorale and the Mystic River Chamber Singers. She also was a member of the Sewing Club, a group of high school classmates who met on Wednesday evenings for 38 years. She was a parishioner of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Mystic, serving as a member of the vestry, a minister of communion, a licensed lay reader, and a member of the search committee for the current rector, the Rev. Mark Senter.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Clay is survived by a daughter, Patricia Nance of Chesapeake, Va.; a son, David Clay of Stonington; and two grandchildren.

Services will be held at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 15 Pearl St., Mystic, on Saturday, Oct. 2, at 10 a.m. Burial follows in Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic. Dioto Funeral Home, Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.

Gifts in Mrs. Clay’s memory may be made to St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 15 Pearl St., Mystic, CT 06355; or to Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, P.O. Box 902, Uncasville, CT 06382.

Shirley Clay

STONINGTON — Shirley Bradley Clay, 60, of Montauk Avenue, died Sunday afternoon, Sept. 26, at her home after an extended illness.

She was born Sept. 8, 1929, in Westerly, the daughter of John E. and Kathleen E. Johnson Bradley. She attended Stonington schools and graduated from Stonington High School in 1947. She graduated from William and Mary State College in 1961 with a degree in education. She received a masters in teaching from the University of Connecticut in 1964.

She married her childhood sweetheart and best friend, F. Richard Clay, on Aug. 5, 1961, in Christ Church, Westerly.
William Clay Sr., age 72, of Harberview Terrace, Stonington died last evening at Hamilton Pavilion in Norwich after an extended illness. He was the husband of Rosella (Madeira) Clay and the late Mary C. (Madeira) Clay, who died in November, 1956.

Born in Stonington Oct. 23, 1908, he was a son of the late Manuel and Philomena (Sylvia) Clay.

Prior to his retirement in 1971 he had been employed as a rigger at the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics in Groton. He had also been a commercial fisherman with the Stonington fishing fleet for many years.

Mrs. Clay was a communicant of St. Mary's Church, Stonington, and was a member of the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society in Stonington.

Besides his wife he is survived by one son, William L. Clay Jr. of Stonington; one daughter, Mrs. Margaret LeCuir of Pawcatuck, one brother, Manuel Clay Jr. of Groton; and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Jones of Stonington and Mrs. Lene Millington of Manchester, Conn.

Funeral will be held from Shea-Williams Funeral Home, 19 East Main St., Mystic Friday at 9:30 a.m. to a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church, Stonington at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Stonington. Friends may call at the funeral home Thursday evening 7 to 9.

Mrs. Joseph Clay
Stonington

Born July 28, 1890, in the Azores, she was the daughter of Anthony and Rosa Clara Goulart.

Mrs. Clay had been a resident of Stonington for many years. At one time, she was employed at the American Velvet Co. in Stonington.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph Clay; a son, Thomas Clay, a brother, Thomas Goulart, and a sister, Miss Rose Goulart, all of Stonington, and three grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 8 a.m. Wednesday from Shea-Williams Funeral Home, Mystic, to a High Mass of the Resurrection at 8:30 at St. Mary Church.
Mary Cleary

Stonington — Mary (McGuire) Cleary, 87, of Stonington, passed away March 2, 2009.

To view the family's memorial Web site for Mary, please visit http://amajn.com/Mary/
MaryC.htm and www.dinofuneral.com to share a note of remembrance/condolence with her family.
Evelyn (Ferraro) Clemens, 91, former resident of Pawcatuck and late of “The Carriage House” at The Elms in Westerly, died Feb. 17, 2005, in the Oak Hill Nursing Home in Pawtucket. She was the widow of the late Ormand “Pete” Clemens.

Mrs. Clemens was born in Westerly, daughter of the late Crist and Lavina (Thomas) Ferraro and had been employed as an administrative assistant to the First Selectman at the Stonington Town Hall, retiring in 1970.

She was a communicant of St. Michael Church in Pawcatuck, a member of the Napatree Women’s Club, the Garden Club at the Westerly YMCA, the Pawcatuck Senior Center, and the Winnapaug Country Club. She was an avid golfer and bridge player.

Evelyn Clemens

She is survived by a son, Robert O. Clemens of Barrington; a daughter, Joan Clemens Rebello of North Dartmouth, Mass.; a brother, Dr. Eugene Ferraro of Kenner, La.; two sisters, Estelle Misto of Westerly and Florence Skarrow of Jacksonville, Fla.; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by a brother, Dr. Douglas Ferraro; and a great-granddaughter, Melinda Ervin.

Calling hours will be held Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael the Archangel Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. There will be no procession from the funeral home. Interment will be in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.
Patricia J. Cleveland

Patricia J. Cleveland, 65, a native of Peekskill, N.Y., died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004, in Mystic. She was a systems analyst, working in Newport and living in Pawcatuck.

She was born on Jan. 8, 1939, the daughter of David and Olga Toth Hansen Cleveland.

Survivors include her mother, Olga, of Peekskill; a brother, David of Verplanck, N.Y.; and a sister, and Donna (Richard) Bottini of Pinehurst, N.C.

Her funeral service will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Edward F. Carter Funeral Home, 170 Kings Ferry Road, Montrose, N.Y., where friends may call Monday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Burial will be at Hillside Cemetery.
Obituaries

Mae Clifford

Mae Clifford, 88, of Beverly Manor, Fairlane Road, Exeter Township, Pa., formerly of Naunke and Old Lyme, died Wednesday at St. Joseph Medical Center, Reading, Pa., where she had been a patient.

Mrs. Clifford was born in Naunke, the daughter of Daniel and Sarah Burdick Leary.

She was married to Curtis D. Clifford Sr. He died on Oct. 20, 1966.

She was a 1927 graduate of the former Willimantic Normal School. From 1927-1937 she taught elementary school in Plainville and was last employed for 10 years as a teacher in Centerbrook, retiring in 1966.

She was past matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Old Lyme; past treasurer of the Lyme School Board; and a communicant of First Congregational Church of Lyme, Hamburg.

Mrs. Clifford is survived by a son, Curtis D. Clifford Jr. of Douglassville, Pa.; a daughter, Judith M. Clifford of New York, N.Y.; and two grandchildren.

The funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Fulton-Theroux Funeral Home, 13 Backwith Lane, Old Lyme. Burial will be in North Lyme Cemetery. Lyme. Calling hours are 7-8 tonight at the Dengler Funeral Home Inc., Main & Spruce Streets, Birdsboro, Pa.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, Berks-Pottstown Area Unit, 401 Buttonwood St., West Reading, Pa., 19611.
Helen Cluzeski

Pawcatuck — Helen Cluzeski, 93, formerly of Pawcatuck, passed away Sunday, Nov. 30, 2008, at Mystic Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, where she had been a resident for some time.

She was predeceased by her husband, William Cluzeski in 1992.

Relatives and friends are invited to call from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., on Thursday at Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. A Funeral Mass will follow at Saint Patrick’s Church at 12 p.m. Interment will follow at Saint Patrick Cemetery, Old Mystic.

Dec. 2, 2008
Griffith B. Coale
Funeral Will Be Held Today

War Artist for Navy Wrote and Illustrated Books on North Atlantic, Midway

Special to the Herald Tribune

STONINGTON, Conn., Aug. 21 — A funeral service for Griffith Bailey Coale, one of four artists commissioned by the Navy to make paintings of war action, will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Calvary Episcopal Church here. Mr. Coale died Sunday night at his home here. He was sixty years old.

Mr. Coale, who was commissioned a lieutenant commander in the Navy to depict World War II on canvas, was the author of two books, “North Atlantic Patrol,” which included seventeen reproductions of paintings done by him in the Newfoundland and Iceland areas, and “Victory at Midway,” with eighteen reproductions of pictures he painted at Pearl Harbor and Midway. He had in preparation another book which was to cover Egypt, the Holy Land, the Southeast Asia Command and the Indian and Pacific Oceans. He retired from the Navy in 1947.

Mr. Coale had been painting in Baltimore for seven years before he came to New York in 1922, where he achieved note for numerous murals and decorative paintings in such buildings as the Manufacturers Trust Company, the Public National Bank, City Bank Farmers Trust Company, the Dry Dock Savings Institution, the Railroad Building and the Croxley Building at the New York World’s Fair, the home office of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, the Columbia University Library and others.

The mural in the Metropolitan Life Building at Madison Avenue and Twenty-fifth Street, 325 feet in length, depicted the story of Moby Dick. Mr. Coale was a devotee of the sea, an enthusiastic sailor, and included among his hobbies the building of model ships. During World War I he was a marine camouflage for the United States Navy.

He was born in Baltimore and graduated from Maryland Institute, Baltimore, in 1911. He studied painting in Munich, Paris, Italy, and Spain for four years.

His first wife, the former Margaret Gordon McCulloch, died in 1932. They had one son, Robert Duncan Gordon Coale.

In 1933 Mr. Coale married Miss Elizabeth Althea van Antwerp Manning, daughter of Bishop and Mrs. Manning, who survives, along with the son and daughter, Miss Elizabeth G. M. Coale; a brother, William Ellis Coale, and a sister, Mrs. Donald B. van Holten.

Comdr. Coale Dies Suddenly In Stonington

Was One of Country’s Most Prominent Mural Artists

Comdr. Griffith Bailey Coale, USN (retired) one of the country’s most prominent mural artists and marine authorities, died at his home in Stonington late Sunday evening after a short illness. A native of Baltimore and a descendant of one of Maryland’s oldest families, he was born there on May 21, 1890, the son of William Ellis and Mary Ellen Bailey Coale. He attended Westtown School in Pennsylvania, and studied in Paris, Spain and Germany before setting up his studio in Baltimore as a portrait painter.

In World War I he was a naval camouflageer. In August before Pearl Harbor he was commissioned a lieutenant commander and was one of the Navy’s first combat artists. His wartime experiences were the basis for his two books, “Action in the North Atlantic” and “Victory at Midway.” From these experiences, too, he drew the material for the two murals that he painted for the Naval Academy at Annapolis. His last mural, for which he was forced to do much original research, depicts the landing at Iwo Jima, Virginia, and in the state capitol there.

In the period between the two Wars Comdr. Coale’s murals were for the Manufacturers Company and several other banks, the New Criminal Court building in New York, the New York Athletic Club, the transportation building at the World’s Fair, as well as many other public buildings.

Painter of Portraits

Several schools and universities boast his portraits, the most recent being the painting of Professor Gummers and Morris, who are in the Gummers-Morley memorial room at Haverford College. He was commissioned by Columbia University to paint on canvas the scene of the presentation of honorary degrees to England’s king and queen during their visit to this country several years ago. His paintings have been shown at the National Gallery in London, the American Annual Exhibition, the Metropolitan Museum, and in Paris.

A love of the sea and of ships has formed the background for much of his life’s work. He has written on the subject which he had done and the work with old ship models formulated the basis for many published articles which he has written. The most recent of these was in a spring edition of the American Neptune, of whose editorial board he was a member. He was also president of the National Society of Mural Painters, secretary of the board of trustees of the Marine Museum of the City of New York, secretary of the Ship Model Society of New York.
Walter Coakley


Born in Pittsfield, Mass., to Walter M. and Jeanette (Crawley) Coakley and raised in Lenox, Mass., Walter attended Cranwell Preparatory School, did his undergraduate studies at Fordham University in New York, and La Sorbonne in Paris. He transferred to Columbia University in New York in 1954 where he was a Stone Scholar, graduating summa cum laude with a law degree in 1959.

Walter joined the law firm of Sullivan & Cromwell in New York, but took leave to serve as general counsel in the office of the Air Force Judge Advocate at the Pentagon from 1960 to 1963. Walter was promoted to captain in the Air Force in 1964. He returned to the law firm and became the managing partner of the Paris office from 1971 to 1979. His fluency in French attracted many distinguished clients, including agencies of the French government and several African countries. After becoming a partner, he specialized in corporate finance and securities law spending several years in the London, New York, and Washington, D.C., offices until his retirement in 1983.

He will be fondly remembered by generations of young lawyers whom he mentored and young people of all talents whom he encouraged and sponsored.

Walter loved France, literature, and music. His career led him to be a night owl, and his patronage of local live music venues will be missed.

He is survived by his brother, Robert M. Coakley, and his sister-in-law, both of Lenox, Mass.; two nephews and a niece; eight grand nieces and nephews; and over 100 godchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Aug. 11, 2006, at St. Ann’s Church in Lenox, Mass.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Salt Marsh Opera, P.O. Box 227, Stonington, CT 06378.
Clifton Coats
North Stonington — Clifton T. Coats, 84, of 146 Mystic Road, died Monday morning at The Westerly Hospital.

He was born on Aug. 23, 1914, in North Stonington, the son of Allen and Nellie Siedman Coats.

He was married to Lilla Arldrich Coats.

Mr. Coats operated the Coats Farm in North Stonington with his brothers for many years. He retired from the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.

He was a former selectman for the town of North Stonington.

Mr. Coats was active in many civic organizations. He was instrumental in forming the North Stonington Volunteer Fire Department, serving as a member and officer. He was an officer in the fire police in North Stonington and was a member of the Pequot Fire Police Association and the Connecticut State Fire Police Association. He was an active member of the North Stonington Congregational Church. He served as past master of the North Stonington Grange and was a member of the national Grange. In addition, he was active in forest fire prevention education and the Smokey Bear program for Connecticut.

Mr. Coats enjoyed playing the role of Santa Claus in the local communities for more than 50 years. He was an avid outdoorsman.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, Clifton Thurlow Coats Jr. and Gordon Coats, both of North Stonington, and Allen Coats of Stewartstown, N.H.; a sister, Ruth Clark of Ledyard; a brother, George Coats of Ashaway, R.I.; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the North Stonington Congregational Church, Main Street.

Calling hours are 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly.

Donations in his memory may be made to the North Stonington Volunteer Fire Department, Forest Fire Prevention, R.O. Box 279, North Stonington, CT 06359.
OBITUARIES

William Cochran II

Davidson, N.C. — William Henry Cochran II, 77, of Davidson, N.C., passed away on May 15, 2009. He was born on Sept. 26, 1931, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Juliette and Douglas Cochran. He grew up in Morris-town, N.J., and was the loving husband of the late Frances Kerr Cochran.

Bill is survived by his son, George Cochran and wife, Elizabeth of East Greenwich, R.I., daughter Amy Cochran and husband, Matthew Snyder of Stonington; grandchildren Douglas and George Cochran, and Charlie Snyder; and a sister, Jacqueline Orsini Dunnington of Santa Fe, N.M.

Burial will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2009, Veterans Cemetery, 301 South County Trail, Exeter, R.I.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Church Street Station, P.O. Box 780, New York, NY 10008-0780, or e-mail (donations@michaeljfox.org).
Michael Coen

Ledyard — Michael Chaffee Coen, 62, formerly of 6 Ledyard Lane, Gales Ferry, passed away Sunday, May 8, 2011, at Pendleton Health Care in Mystic after a long period of declining health.

Michael was born in Providence on Nov. 18, 1948, to Robert and Mais Coen. Michael was the eldest of five children. He graduated from Stonington High School in 1968, and then Michael attended the Art Institute of Boston.

Michael had a lifelong love for art. He was a gifted painter and woodcarver, doing both throughout his life.

Michael is survived by his mother, Mais G. Coen, formerly of Gales Ferry; two sisters and their spouses, Lee Ann and Rex Ebert of Gales Ferry and Christine and Norman Moriarty of Palm City, Fla.; two brothers and their spouses, Robert J. Coen and James DeSantis of Gales Ferry and Mark and Donna Coen of Gales Ferry; a nephew, Brendan P. Coen of Gales Ferry; and a niece, Morgan T. Coen of Ledyard.

Michael was predeceased by his father, Robert C. Coen, and nephew, Todd C. Santos.

There will be no calling hours, and at the family's request, the burial at Avery-Stoddard Cemetery will be private.

The DiNovo Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic, is assisting the family. The family would like to thank the staff at Pendleton Health Care for providing Michael with comfort and care.

Placing obituaries: As a service to readers, The Day publishes a free obituary of anyone living in the area at the time of death. The obituary includes the name, age and address, cause of death, a brief description of life's work, the name of spouse or companion, and funeral arrangements. If more detail is desired, paid obituaries are available. Paid obituaries also appear online with a guestbook to sign and express condolences at www.theday.com. The Day reserves the right to publish obituaries without restriction. Funeral directors may e-mail announcements to obits@theday.com. Fax to 442-5599, or call 703-4343 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Photos must be received by 3 p.m. the day before publication.
Catherine Coffee
Is Dead at 90

STONINGTON — Miss Catherine Coffee, 90, of 26 Northwest St., died today at the Westerly Nursing Home where she had been a patient two months.

A native and lifelong resident of Stonington, she was born Sept. 29, 1870, the daughter of Michael and Catherine Kinney Coffee.

Miss Coffee was a communicant of St. Mary's Church, Stonington.

There are no immediate survivors.

The funeral will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday from the Shea-Williams Funeral Home, Pawcatuck, to a Requiem High Mass at 9 at St. Mary's Church, Stonington.

Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Calling hours are 7 to 9 today.
Patrick Henry Coffey, who has spent nearly his whole life in Stonington, and an employee at the New Haven Railroad during that time, died suddenly at his home on Oak street, Monday morning. Many friends mourn his passing.

Mr. Coffey was born in Groton on February 22, 1862, the son of Patrick and Catherine (Holton) Coffey, and entered the employ of the railroad at an early age. He was one of the company's many faithful employees, and took great interest in all his work, performing it with a diligence and pride that has won him considerable merit for many years. His great pride was in the appearance of the property of which he had charge.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, the Misses Marie and Catherine Coffey of Newark, N. J., three sons, Edward, of Stonington, Joseph, of Peru, S. A., and Lawrence of New York city. Two brothers, Thomas of Stonington and William of Gardner, Maine, also survive.

Funeral services were held from his home on Wednesday morning at 3:30 o'clock. High mass of requiem was held in St. Mary's church at 9 o'clock, and internment was in St. Mary's cemetery. Rev. G. A. Cutler, P. F. H., presiding.

The bearers were Thomas M. Cutler, James Ledwith, John Curran and James Daniels.

Mr. Coffey, through his genial personality, has a host of friends who will miss him. He was well liked by all who knew him, and his place as one of the local people best informed on railroad matters of the past and present will be hard to fill.
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Mrs. Coffey was born in Stonington, and her husband was a native of New York. They have been residents of Stonington for several years.

Mr. Coffey was a popular figure in the community, and his death is a loss to Stonington.

Proclamation for Arbor Day Issued

His excellency, William L. Cross, governor of the State of Connecticut, has issued the following proclamation:

"Arbor Day is celebrated on the last Thursday of April, and serves as a reminder of the need for tree planting and conservation of our natural resources."

Mrs. Holmes is Travel Speaker

Mrs. Bradford H. Holmes, a very interesting speaker, is on a speaking tour of the state. She is scheduled to speak at various locations.

Lions Club At Work

The Lion's Club has been very active in the community, working on various projects.

Lawrence S. Elevate

Lawrence Spencer, a long-time member of the Lion's Club, has been elected as the new president.

Tennis Tournament

A tennis tournament is scheduled for the weekend, with proceeds going to charity.

Casino Opening Comes May Day

The opening of the Wooster's Beach Casino is scheduled for May 1, with many events planned.

Mrs. Ernest L. Bromley Dies

Mrs. Sophia L. Bromley, wife of Ernest L. Bromley, died at the hospital on Tuesday morning. Services were held at the local church.

Girl Scout Troop Officers Chosen

A new Girl Scout troop has been formed, and officers have been chosen.

League of Women Voters Meeting

A meeting of the League of Women Voters is scheduled for the weekend.

Wm. H. Stoe

William H. Stoe was appointed as the new police chief of Stonington.
Albert E. Cofone

Albert E. Cofone, 86, of Pequot Trail, Pawcatuck, died on Tuesday morning, Aug. 1, 2006, at Watch Hill Care & Rehab in Watch Hill.

He leaves his wife of 55 years, Orabelle “Billie” M. (Shea) Cofone of Pawcatuck, whom he married on Oct. 28, 1950; his daughter, Jane E. Cofone of Groton; and two brothers, Michael Cofone of Westerly and Sylvester Cofone of Wakefield.

Mr. Cofone was born in Westerly on Aug. 5, 1919, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cofone.

He was a member of the United States Army, honorably serving in World War II.

He was the owner and operator of the Westerly Drug Store for a number of years before owning and operating the E-Z Package Store of Westerly.

He was a member of the Amancio-Falcone-Gaaccione Post #6965 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Westerly, the Westerly Lodge of Elks #578 and the Lions Club.

Family and friends are invited directly to St. Michael Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck for a Mass of Christian Burial on Friday, Aug. 4, at 10 a.m. There are no calling hours. Funeral services are under the direction of Rushlow-Lacoi Funeral Home, 64 Friendship St., Westerly.
Michael A. "Mickey" Cofone

PAWCATUCK — Michael A. “Mickey” Cofone, 89, beloved husband for 58 years of Lona (Silvestri) Cofone, of Mayflower Ave., Pawcatuck, passed away at Apple Rehab Watch Hill on Thursday, March 27, 2014.

Born in Westerly, he was a son of the late Antonio and Marietta Cofone. Mickey was the co-owner and operator of Sandy’s Fruit Company. A US Army Veteran of WWII, he was also a former member of the Westerly Lodge of Elks.

In addition to his wife, he will be dearly missed by a brother, Samuel A. Cofone of Ashaway; five sisters, Nancy Cozzolino, Stella Ligour, Ann Roland Cofone and Rose Marie Christina, all of Westerly and Eleanor Ritzie of Mystic. He also leaves many nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours are respectfully omitted. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial on Monday at 10 a.m., in Immaculate Conception Church, 111 High St., Westerly. There is no procession to the church. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Michael’s Church Building Fund, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379, in Mickey’s memory. Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Space St., Westerly, is in charge of the arrangements.

For online condolences, please visit www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com.
Orabelle Cofone

Pawcatuck — Orabelle "Billie" (Shea) Cofone, 95, formerly of Pequot Trail Pawcatuck, died peacefully on Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018. She was the beloved wife of the late Albert E. Cofone. Born in Stonington on Oct. 5, 1923, she was the daughter of the late Jeremiah and Melva (Moran) Shea.

Billie, as she was fondly called, had been a buyer and fashion model for the former Outlet Department Stores and several large department stores in Providence, before marrying her husband. She later helped him with the daily operation of the former Westerly Drug Store and later the E-Z Package Store.

She was an avid golfer and an accomplished artist.

Mrs. Cofone will be sadly missed by her daughter.

Jane E. Cofone of Groton and Cape Cod. She also leaves her brother, Dr. Jeremiah Shea of Groton; and her sister, Margaret Picazio of Fla.; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister, Rosalind Clarke.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 15, 2018, at St. Pius X Church, 16 Elm St., Westerly. There is no cortege from the funeral home, calling hours are respectfully omitted. Burial will be in River Bend Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St. Westerly, RI.
North Stonington — Anna Palmer North Cort North Cort of Division Hill Road in North Stonington died peacefully at Apple Rehab in Mystic on Oct. 15, 2014, at the age of 106.

She was born in Manhattan, N.Y., on April 8, 1908, to Drs. Charles Edward and Amelia Porter Palmer North. The eldest of five children, she was raised in Montclair, N.J. She was preceded in death by her four siblings, Joan, Amelia "Billie", Charlotte and Charles E. Cort II.

In 1945, Anna married Lt. Commander Harlan Amsden "Pete" Cort, a decorated World War II Navy pilot who served in the Pacific aboard the aircraft carrier USS spawner and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Pete died in 1978. In 1952, Anna and her husband purchased an 18th-century farmhouse on 23 acres in North Stonington. They restored the house and planted a meadow and woods on the land. Anna operated this Christmas tree farm until the time of her death.

Anna graduated from Vassar College in the Class of 1930 and was the oldest living alumna of the college when she died. Following graduation, she worked as a research assistant at Vassar, identifying its first woman writer. A pioneer in print journalism, Anna wrote the groundbreaking story in 1941, "Dr. Alexander Fleming's discovery of penicillin." Her 1942 article, "Women and Machines," investigated the role of women in factories during World War II and appeared in the 2008 anthology "These 85 Years of Great Writing." compiled by editor Christopher Porterfield.

Anna counted among her colleagues at Vassar its founder, Henry Halsey, and her nephews, Charles E. North II, of Westport, Conn., and Russell T., of Norwalk, Conn. The family extends its appreciation to her wonderful caregivers at Apple Rehab in Mystic for the loving care they provided Anna in the final years of her life. In addition, the family expresses its deep gratitude to Loreta Taylor, her closest friends, and devoted caregiver for many years.

Anna was a practicing Quaker and led her life exemplifying Quaker principles. Her interests in life and engagement with life and her fellow human beings never wavered. The Westerly Monthly Meeting of Friends will hold a memorial service at the Wheeler Library in North Stonington at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22, 2014. Anna donated her body to the Yale School of Medicine for research purposes.

Memorial gifts may be made to the North Stonington Historical Society, PO Box 234, North Stonington, CT 06359, or to The Warm Shelter, 56 Spruce St., Westerly, RI 02891, in the memory of Anna.
Anna Coit, North Stonington's grande dame, dies at age 106

Her long life was filled with history and poetry until the very end

By KELLY CATALFAMO
Day Staff Writer

North Stonington — Anna North Coit, prolific poet, founding member of the North Stonington Historical Society and a role model to friends of many ages, died Wednesday morning at Apple Rehab in Mystic. She was 106.

Coit was one of the first female editors at Time magazine and never stopped writing on her yellow legal pads, even after a stroke weakened her hand. For more than 30 years, she composed the “North Stonington Notes” newsletter that is sent to members of the town’s historical society.

“To her enormous credit,” said Mac Turner, a friend of Coit, “when she died this (Wednesday) morning, sitting on the table next to her was a stack of pads and poetry she was working on for her next book.”

Her death came a day before she was to receive a plaque designating her as the 2014 North Stonington Poet Laureate. It was supposed to be a surprise: Coit was set to visit the historical society for lunch as she did most weeks, and First Selectman Nicholas Mullane was going to present her with the honor.

But on Tuesday, Coit canceled the lunch because she was not feeling well enough to make the trip from Mystic to North Stonington.

Coit’s health had gradually declined toward the end of her life, but things only became particularly bad in the last week, according to her friend Frank Eppinger.

Even as she lost mobility, “her mind was clear until the end,” he said. “She used to say she had the mind of an 18-year-old locked in a hundred-year-old body.”

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Anna Coit cultivated friends and made them all feel special

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Although a successful amateur poet — she published one book and was working on another at the time of her death — friends remember the beloved North Stonington resident as something more.

"It’s hard to say any one thing was a big part of her life, (because) she had so many things going on in her life," said Turner.

Coit, a descendant of southeastern Connecticut’s prominent Palmer family, helped found the North Stonington Historical Society in 1967 and the Avalonia Land Conservancy. She was an early member of the garden club and a naturalist. She made drawings and painted with watercolors. She was a member of Mensa International and, until Wednesday, the oldest living alum of Vassar College.

Eppinger called her "very well read." She never canceled her subscriptions to the New Yorker and the Atlantic, and she frequently read The New York Times in addition to local papers.

He described her writing as "succinct and crisp" and said her recent reading at the Mystic Arts Center was standing room only.

In an August interview with The Day, Coit described how she developed as a poet.

"When I started writing poems ... I thought everything had to be rhymed," she said. "And then I found out that wasn’t so at all. The idea is to have an idea, and something that makes it extra clear. And they can be very short."

Coit was also an impressive storyteller and had a keen memory.

In August, she was the grand marshal of the Battle of Stonington bicentennial parade and could recall the same parade 100 years earlier, which featured horses instead of cars.

And Turner said that when he made unexpected phone calls to Coit from places like Washington State and Yosemite, she was quick to recommend lodges, nearby towns and restaurants by name, even though it had been decades since she was in the area.
and also with a group of her close friends from Charleston. She was active in the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Garden Conservancy, and she served as a board member of the Ashley Hall School and Wings for Kids. She was a life-long Episcopalian.

She is survived by her devoted husband, James Coker of Portola Valley, Calif., and their family, Charles Stilwell and his husband, Kendall Snow, of Camden, S.C.; McDavid Stilwell, his wife, Millicent, and their daughters, Louise and Ellison, of Mill Valley, Calif.; Jay Stilwell and his daughter, Sarah Bond, of San Francisco; and Samantha Coker and her fiancé, Richard Pauley, of Los Angeles.

A funeral is planned for noon, Dec. 27, 2019, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Charleston, with a celebratory reception to follow. A memorial service at Cavalry Church in Stonington and an interment at Stonington Cemetery is being planned for spring 2020.

Stonington — “Miss Ray” Coker died peacefully Dec. 1, 2019, after an extended illness.

Born Sarah Smyth Flinn Moore in Charleston, S.C. March 27, 1941, she was the only child of Sarah Smyth Flinn Horton Moore and Joseph Henry Moore and was known as Miss Ray. She grew up in Charleston, with the exception of a few short years in Evanston, Ill., and also Amman, Jordan, where her father, a civil engineer, worked on a hydroelectric project. She was a graduate of Charleston Day School, the Ashley Hall School, and the University of South Carolina, where she studied English and later earned a Master of Social Work degree.

Miss Ray was a devoted mother. In the late 1970s, raising her three sons on her own, she co-founded Dimensions I, a real estate brokerage in Charleston, to provide for her family. In 1981, she met her life’s love, James Lide Coker IV. They married Nov. 24, 1984, and together they raised their blended family. After Hurricane Hugo sacked Sullivan’s Island, they vacationed in New England and found a new home in the village of Stonington, where they lived for 15 years. There they spent many happy days in the exquisite garden she planned and created. In their rambling shingled house in Stonington, Miss Ray enjoyed entertaining family and friends, always mindful of the delight of a beautiful setting and a well-chosen menu. From 2000 to 2007, they split their time between Stonington and Charleston, S.C. In 2007, they returned to live in Charleston, S.C. year-round. In 2013, several years after her diagnosis of dementia, they moved to Portola Valley, Calif., to be closer to their children on the West Coast.

Miss Ray was exacting in her diction and manners. She loved the written word, the songs of Cole Porter, the mountains, the energy of New York, a baby’s curls, light on the water, a lovely room, and a beautiful dress. She was direct and resolute, and quick to set a record straight. She was perseverant.

Miss Ray loved outdoor activities. It was at a sailing event on Charleston Harbor in August 1981, that she and James first met, and she invited him to sail with her that day in her green Sunfish, The Bad News. They later enjoyed sailing in the Caribbean, and also cruising along the New England Coast in the name-sake trawler, the Miss Ray. They were members of the Yacht Club of Stonington. She developed a fierce tennis game while living in Stonington where she and James played in mixed-doubles leagues.

Miss Ray and James explored the world together. They traveled throughout the United States, often with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. They also took many trips abroad to England, France, Italy, Spain, Mexico, Egypt and Jordan. Most of all she loved Paris, which she visited many times with James.
Mystic — Barbara Anne Cole, 67, of Mystic, Thursday Feb. 6, 2020, surrounded by her loving family, passed into eternal life following a long illness. Barbara was born in Postoria, Ohio, July 7, 1952, to Norman and Joan Dull. She spent her childhood in many locations due to her father's naval service, until the family settled permanently in Groton.

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Elsa Cole

Stonington — Elsa (Hurlbut) Cole, 87, of Stonington passed away on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2015.

She was born on June 5, 1927, in Boston, Mass., to Stephen and Irene (Tarnure) Hurlbut, and had two half-sisters, Diana (Kissel) MacArthur-Stanham and Sylvia (Kissel) Demais, who pre-deceased her.

Elsa grew up in New York City on the Upper East Side and attended the Brearley School and Foxcroft, ultimately graduating from Vassar College in 1949 as an English major. She married Walter Perry Cole Jr., who passed away in 1979. They made their home in Stonington, and had four sons — Stephen, Stuart, George and Durett “Randy.”

In the early 1960s, Elsa joined the real estate firm of Evelyn Cole Real Estate Inc., working with her mother-in-law, Evie Cole, and continuing through 2001. Throughout her life, Elsa was known for her quiet and dignified grace, welcoming household and active community involvement. She loved the outdoors, whether sailing with her husband on their boat “Faith,” playing tennis at the Wadawanuck Club, skiing with her family or tending her gardens.

Elsa also loved her small Stonington community, serving on the Stonington Borough Zoning Commission and for a term as borough warden. She served on the board of directors of the Stonington Historical Society, which her parents were instrumental in forming. In her later years, she traveled the world as an enthusiastic participant with the Earthwatch Institute, often with friends and occasionally her grandchildren, to whom she was a loving and attentive grandmother.

She is survived by her four sons, Stephen Cole and wife, Ann (White), of Brookline, Mass., Stuart Cole of Stonington, George Cole of Westerly and Randy Cole and wife, Janis (Gregoire), of Vershire, Vt.; and four grandchildren, Haley Plourde-Cole of New York, N.Y., Stephanie and Allison Cole of Boston, Mass., and Forest Plourde-Cole of Washington, D.C.

A celebration of her life will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at Calvary Church, 27 Church St., Stonington, with a reception to follow (details TBA).

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Elsa’s memory to the Stonington Historical Society, www.stoningtonhistory.org.
Roy Cole
Stonington — Roy Lynn Cole, 94, of 41 Main St., died Monday at the Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London after a lengthy illness. He was born on Feb. 29, 1920, in New London, the son of the late William and Hattie Weeks Cole. He married Emily Robinson on Nov. 20, 1947, in Stonington. She died in December 1986.

Mr. Cole attended local schools. He joined the Connecticut National Guard in 1943, serving with the 44th Division. He saw active duty during World War II and the Korean War, retiring in 1966 as a sergeant major.

Mr. Cole was employed with the George H. Robinson Real Estate and Insurance Agency, Water St., Stonington, for 49 years, retiring in 1966. He was on the board of governors of the Stonington Community Center and served as a fire warden, justice of the peace, tax assessor, and member of the police reserve in Stonington. He was a member of the Proceed Hook & Ladder Co. of the borough fire department and a charter member of the Waquetoguks Fire Department. He was treasurer of the Stonington Visiting Nurses Association for many years, and was past president of the Stonington Cemetery Association.

A member of the Asylum Masonic Lodge in Stonington, Mr. Cole served as warden of the lodge in 1945, secretary in 1946, and treasurer for more than 30 years. He served as district deputy of the 8th Masonic district, incorporator of the Masonic Temple Corp, and was a member of the Connecticut Consistory Valley of Norwich. He was a member of the Ruth Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Cole received the Pierpont Edward Medal in Bronze for distinguished Masonic service.

He was also a member of the American Legion Post in Stonington, where he was a past commander, and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Pawcatuck. He was a charter member of the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society, where he served as treasurer for 30 years.

Mr. Cole played the grandfather of the bride in the movie “Mystic Pizza.”

He is survived by two daughters, Anne Cole Wozniak of Stonington and Sharon Cole Roth of San Antonio, Texas, six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he was predeceased by a great-granddaughter, Lindsay Brooke Connon.

A Funeral Eucharist will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday at Calvary Church. Burial with full military honors will be in Stonington Cemetery.

Calling hours are 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic.
'Mystic Pizza' Still Gets Two Thumbs Up

When Roy Cole of Stonington died a year ago this month at the imposing age of 94, his obituary was rich with testaments to his legacy including community leadership, military service, political office, fraternal and social club memberships and a family that extended to eight great-grandchildren.

There was also this sentence, "Mr. Cole played the grandfather of the bride in the movie 'Mystic Pizza.'"

The 1988 movie, much of it shot in Mystic, Noank, Stonington, Watch Hill and Westerly, froze those frames for many among us in the fabric of fantasy here. We came off looking pretty good, didn't we, and for those who rubber-nosed the production, who appraised up close the asses of the stars, who were hired as extras and, for an immortal few, who had a couple of lines, it was that much more enduring.

'Mystic Pizza' not only showcased a couple of rising talents, and elevated to glory rather ordinary pizza, but also explored a marriage — Sandra Boyer of Stonington to one of the movie's producers, Scott Rosenfelt, which, unfortunately did not wear as well as the movie.

At 8 tonight at the Garde Arts Center in New London, "Mystic Pizza" will be shown on the big screen as the finale to a summerlong film festival.

"Whatever happened to Julia Roberts?" deadpanned Arthur "Bucky" Walsh of Westerly, who had the leading role among the locals as the dishwasher in the pizza house. "She couldn't keep her hands off me."

Walsh, who is 75 and busy in community theater, managed to get a line for his wife, Nikki Bruno, as a customer in the pizza shop, and as a happy consequence for both, residual checks for several years. Walsh was paid $450 a week for two weeks' work. The pay for extras was $50 a day.

Joe Correia, of Old Mystic, soon to be 80 and a close friend of Cole's from their days in the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society in Stonington, latched on the wedding reception scene at the movie's end and has kept the memories vivid since. For a while, he stayed in touch with the movie's director, Donald Petrie. See FOR SOME page A10
For some, Mystic Pizza will always be a favorite.
Benjamin Coleman Sr.

Stonington — Benjamin J. Coleman Sr., 83, of Pawcatuck, beloved husband of 59 years to Rose (Newton) Coleman, passed away Thursday, April 12, 2012 at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London.

Born in Waterford, he was the son of the late George and Dorothy (Havens) Coleman and lived in Pawcatuck since 1963. Ben was employed with the Town of Stonington Highway Department, retiring in 1992. He was a U.S. Army veteran and was a life member of the Pawcatuck VFW.

Besides his wife, he leaves his seven children, Benjamin J. Coleman and his wife, Yvonne, of Charlton, Mass., James Coleman of Pawcatuck, George Coleman of Westerly, Edwin Coleman and his wife, Cheryl, of Gales Ferry, Nancy Arrell of Pawcatuck, Dorothy Faille and her husband, Joseph, of Casco, Maine, and Lori Ryder and her husband, Shawn, of Pawcatuck; brother, Fred Coleman of Voluntown; 15 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1 (51 Williams Ave.), Mystic. Services and burial will be private.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave an online message of condolence.
Dorothy Coleman

Pawcatuck — Dorothy Havens Coleman, 93, formerly of 114 Brookside Lane, died Wednesday on her 93rd birthday at the Mystic Manor Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, where she had been a patient for the past four years.

She was born on May 24, 1907, in Waterford, the daughter of George B. and Helen Couant Havens.


She had worked at the former Packer Tar Soap Co. in Mystic and later at Arbor Acres. She had also worked many years as a home health aide for several people in the Mystic area.

She was an avid bingo player and enjoyed dancing.

While living at Brookside she was an organizer of the bingo games. At Mystic Manor she worked at flower arranging and was a resident spokesperson.

She is survived by three sons, George Coleman of Preston, Benjamin Coleman of Pawcatuck and Frederick Coleman of Voluntown; a grandson, Robert Coleman Jr. of East Hampton, N.Y., whom she raised; 13 other grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and six great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two children, Robert Coleman Sr. and Catherine Coleman.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic.

Calling hours will be noon to 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Recreation Fund at Mystic Manor Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 475 High St., Mystic, CT 06355.
Gerald Coleman

Mystic — Dr. Gerald L. Coleman, 85, of Stoneridge in Mystic, husband of 59 years to Shirley (Pechta) Coleman, died unexpectedly Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018, at home.

Born in Faulkton, S.D., he was the son of the late James and Daisy (Headley) Coleman and lived in Mystic since 1978.

Jerry received his veterinary degree at Michigan State University in 1962. He worked as a veterinary pathologist for numerous research companies and universities throughout his career. Before retiring in 1995, he was employed by Pfizer as senior pathologist of Drug Safety and Evaluation for 22 years.

He was a longtime, active member of Second Baptist Church, North Stonington, and held positions such as moderator and an executive board member. He served 10 years as a board member of North Stonington Christian Academy. An avid outdoorsman and hunter, he was a lifetime member of the NRA, and a certified rifle safety instructor for over 30 years with the Mystic Rod & Gun Club. Jerry also enjoyed woodworking, gardening and especially reading, always having a book in hand.

In addition to his wife Shirley, he leaves his three daughters, Natalie Wilkinson (Jeff), Glenna Coleman and Melissa Higar (Curtis); his granddaughters, Clara and Aurora Wilkinson and Kerr, Mindi and Lori Higar; his siblings, Carol Buckwald (Buck), Delores Halajian (Dean) and Cliff Coleman (Nancy) and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by an infant daughter, Cheryl Coleman, a brother Jim Coleman (Phyllis) and a sister Cleo Bunde (Gene).

A service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, at Second Baptist Church, North Stonington on 12 Stillman Road. Burial will follow the church service at Union Cemetery, North Stonington with military honors. There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to North Stonington Christian Academy or Second Baptist Church, 12 Stillman Road, North Stonington, Conn. 06359.

The Mystic Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.
Mary Coleman

Pawcatuck — Mary A. (Allen) Coleman, 46, of Pawcatuck, passed away May 1, 2010 at the Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, R.I.

Born in Westerly, R.I., she was the daughter of Walter Allen of Pawcatuck and the late Margaret (Armstrong) Allen.

She will be remembered as a loving and caring mother, daughter, sister, and aunt who enjoyed spending time with her family. Mary will be deeply missed.

Besides her father, she leaves two children, Ernie Emery and Trishamae Emery, both of Pawcatuck; a sister, Betty Turner and her fiancé, Ken Boucher, both of North Stonington; two brothers, James Allen Sr. and his wife, Mary, of Pawcatuck, and Art Allen and his wife, Denise, of Ashaway, R.I.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by a sister, Rose Rosado; brother-in-law, Michael Turner; and her niece, Crystal Allen.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, May 5th from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. Funeral services will be held Thursday, May 6th at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be private.

The Coleman family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to share an online message of condolence.
Obituaries

Timothy P. Coleman

Timothy P. Coleman, 36, of Pequot Trail, Pawcatuck, since June, formerly of Westerly for nearly two years, and of Winsor Street in Cumberland, died on Dec. 20, 2003, at The Westerly Hospital.

Born in Pawtucket, he was the son of Faye M. (Hall) Coleman and the late Dennis Coleman.

He was a chef for the Everglades Club in Palm Beach, Fla., in the winter months and a chef for the Wlanna Club in Oysterville, Mass., in the summers.

He is survived by his fiancé, Dara Moore of Pawcatuck; a son, Jamie R. Walsh, Cumberland; three brothers, Allan V. Coleman of Pawtucket, David M. Coleman of Gloucester, and Dennis P. Coleman of Pascoag; three sisters, Valerie Coleman of Alameda, Calif., Kelly Poulait of Aurora, Colo., Amy B. Coleman of Woonsocket; three step-daughters, Coree R. Moore of Westerly, Courtnee B. Moore and Caylee P. Wickes, both of Pawcatuck; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service and reception will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Faith Christian Center, 95 Sagamore Road, Seekonk, Mass. Arrangements are entrusted to the Cremation Society of Rhode Island.
Thursday, October 17, 2013

Donald Collier

Storington — Donald Glenn Collier, 60, of Pawcatuck died unexpectedly during an afternoon mountain hiking trip on Sunday, Oct. 13, 2013.

He was the second of five children born to Donald R. and Elaine (King) Collier of Unionville. He had a deep connection to the water, whether rivers, lakes or the open ocean, which formed during his childhood summers in Westbrook.

After graduation from Farmington High School ('71), he joined the Navy to serve on submarines. He continued to return to these roots, building his own 30-foot sailboat, Vixen, which proudly bore its port of call as Mystic. He traveled far on the planks of his labor, spending years exploring Florida, then the Caribbean and as far as South America.

He returned to Connecticut to raise his two daughters closer to family. He worked as a talented and indispensable marine mechanic at the Mystic Shipyard for 27 years, with a sense of ownership and pride in his work and commitment to going beyond standards for excellence.

His love of the outdoors remained a defining part of his character, and he spent much of his free time mountain biking, hiking, kayaking and mushroom hunting.

His willingness to help his friends and family without hesitation or expectations was something all who knew Don will not forget. He will be remembered as a good, pragmatic, generous, ambitious, and dedicated man of action.

He is survived by his father; his loving daughters, Melissa and April; his son-in-law, Andy Meek; his siblings, Russell Collier of Pittsfield, Maine, Norman Collier of Canton, Candy Walker of Gettysburg, Pa., and Mandy Wright of Goshen, and their families; Kathy Point and her family; and Tamra Stearns and her family.

He is predeceased by his mother; and his best friend and brother-in-law, Timothy Stearns.

All are welcome to join a gathering to celebrate his life at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20, at the Mystic Yachting Center, 100 Essex St., Mystic.

In lieu of flowers, his family suggests donations to Dr. Edward P. Dunne Memorial Scholarship, a medical education scholarship in honor of a late family relative, or Habitat for Humanity International, to continue his volunteer efforts in Haiti.
Robert Collier Day

Lebanon, N.H. — Robert Douglas Collier, 85, died quietly at his home on Aug. 14, 2009. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut and worked at Electric Boat under Adm. Rickover in underwater acoustics. He went on to garner many honors in his field and taught at Tufts University, MIT, and most recently was adjunct professor at Dartmouth College. The family moved from Stonington to Wellesley, Mass., where they lived for many years.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Marguerite; children Rob and Diane, Heather, Ron and Anne; and sister, Anne of Old Mystic.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Sept. 12, at the Church of Christ at Dartmouth College.
Gerald D. Collins

Gerald D. Collins, 60, of Storington, passed away on March 10, 2011, after a month-long illness.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Tripta Sarin Collins; his mother, Mildred Collins; his sister, Sheila Asselin; his brother, Jeff Collins; and two nephews.

Jerry was the founder of Trico Ventures, Inc., which specialized in mergers and acquisitions.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, March 15, at the Pelican Landing Community Center, 24501 Walden Center, Bonita Springs, Fla.
Irving Collins Jr.

Sterling — Irving S. Collins Jr., 82, formerly of Pawcatuck, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011, at Villa Maria Nursing Home in Plainfield.

Born in New London on Oct. 17, 1928, he was the son of late Irving S. Collins Sr. and Arlene (Penny) Collins.

He was predeceased by his wife, Anne (Potter) Collins, and his companion of many years, Lois Swartz.

He leaves behind his son, Irving S. Collins III of New London; two daughters, Carolyn A. Collins of Groton and Valerie (Collins) Partelo and her husband, Richard, of Sterling; and a granddaughter, Marisa A. Partelo of Sterling.

Mr. Collins was a graduate of Western High School and Johnson & Wales University. He served in the U.S. Army from 1950 to 1952 as a military policeman. Irving was a member of the Stonington Police Department for 25 years, retiring with the rank of captain. He was also retired from Harris Corp. in Nashville, Tenn.

Irving was an avid golfer and past member of the Wineapeug Country Club and a lifetime member of the Pawcatuck VFW 1265.

A service celebrating his life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, S1 Williams Ave., Mystic. Burial will be private, and there are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association (www.heart.org) or The National Parkinson Foundation (www.parkinson.org).
Friday, October 31, 2014

James Collins


A memorial service in celebration of his life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1, 2014, at Calvary Episcopal Church, 27 Church St., Stonington.
Jean P. (Williams) Collins, 82, beloved wife for 60 years of Donald Collins of
South Anguilla Road, Pawcatuck, died June 25 in The Westerly Hospital.

Mrs. Collins was born in New London, Sept. 15, 1921, and is the daughter of the late Georg and Ada (Prince) Williams. She had been employed as a Registered Nurse at The Westerly Hospital retiring in 1960. From 1960 until the mid-1980s she was employed as an occupational nurse at Davis-Standard in Pawcatuck.

In addition to her husband of 60 years, she also leaves: a son and daughter-in-law, Rev. Mark and Carmela Collins of Westerly; a daughter and son-in-law, Donna Jean Collins Kelly and Michael Kelly of Duxbury, Mass.; a brother, Palmer "Hunk" Williams of Pawcatuck; two sisters, Irene Siller of Westerly and Ruth Noyes of Alton; five grandchildren, three great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded by several sisters.

Mrs. Collins was a member of the Westerly Graduate Nurses Club, and a member of the Altar Guild of Christ Episcopal Church, for many years. She was also a member with her husband of the Westerly Yacht Club for 50 years. She enjoyed golfing and bowling.

All services are private and will be held at the convenience of the family. The family requests that contributions be made to the American Heart Association in her memory.
Mertie L. Collins

STONINGTON — Mertie L. "Bunny" Collins, 74, of School Street, also of Winterhaven, Fla., died Tuesday, June 29, at her home in Stonington after a long illness.

She was born June 13, 1935, in Rangely, Maine, the daughter of Leo and Florence Burrell Collins. She worked for many years for Yardey Electric in Stonington as a solderer.

Ms. Collins is survived by a son, Larry Heyward of Bangor, Maine; a sister, Vertie Mccoy of Farmington, Maine; and her longtime friend and companion, John J. Lawrence of Stonington and Winter Haven.

A graveside service will be held Friday, July 2, 10 a.m., in Stonington Cemetery. There are no calling hours. Mystic Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. 7/1/1999
Grace Collis
North Stonington

Hewitt Collis, 66, of 1021 Grapefruit Road, S.E., Palm Bay, Fla., died Feb. 1 at her home of cancer.

She was born on Feb. 2, 1931, in Hamden, the daughter of Amos and Ester Hewitt.

She was a former member of North Stonington Congregational Church and the Denison Society. She enjoyed traveling, sewing and crafts.

Mrs. Collis is survived by her husband, Joseph C. Collis; her stepmother, Dorothy Hewitt of New London; three daughters, Jeannie E. Parrish of Palm Bay, Cindy L. Peuer of Columbia, N.H., and Trisha L. Hollis of Norwich; two sisters, Elizabeth Crary of Como, N.C., and Judith Gray of Ledyard; a brother, Amos Hewitt Jr., of Hamden; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic. Brownlie-Maxwell Funeral Home, 1010 East Palmetto Ave., Melbourne, Fla., is in charge of arrangements.

Lizzie Hauschild
Winifred "Winnie" (Drago) Colosi, 100, of Robinson Street, Pawcatuck, passed away at The Westerly Hospital on Thursday, April 5, 2012. She was the wife of the late Samuel Colosi.

Born in Westerly, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Drago.

Winnie was a communicant of St. Michael the Archangel Church. She enjoyed knitting, cooking, and baking her famous Italian cookies. Her family was everything to her and she will be greatly missed.

She leaves a daughter, Jean Chiaradio of Westerly; three grandchildren, Sharon Anderson and her husband Ripley of Ashaway, Michael Chiaradio and his wife Mary Sue, and Carol Benevides and her husband Michael, all of Westerly; and two great-grandchildren, Eric and Amy Benevides, of Westerly. She also leaves a sister, Sarah Salamanca of New London, Conn.

She was predeceased by her four brothers Anthony, Joseph, Morris and Angelo Drago.

Visiting hours will be held on Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. A Funeral Liturgy will take place on Tuesday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael the Archangel Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. Burial will follow in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to either St. Michael School or St. Pius X School, in Winnie's memory. For online condolences, please go to www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com.
Edmond Comeau

Mystic — Edmond G. Comeau, 95, of Mystic, husband of Stella (Ptak) Comeau, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2017, at the Mystic Healthcare & Rehab Center. Born in Mystic, he was the son of the late Benjamin L. Comeau Sr. and Catherine (LeBlanc) Comeau.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran during World War II. He was a machinist for many years for Davis Standard/Crompton Knowles and then Post-Seal International, retiring in 1987. He later worked, until the age of 91, for CVS in Mystic.

In addition to his wife, Edmond is survived by his sister, Barbara Galli of Mystic; his three nieces, Gail Foley Cooper, Marie Traylor and Dyanne Rafal; as well as two nephews, Fred Galli and Kerry Comeau.

He was predeceased by his siblings, Edna, Benjamin L. Jr., Jessica Moniz and Donald.

Funeral services and burial will be private. There are no calling hours.
Lucy Comerford

Lucy (McClelland) Comerford, 90, of 77 South Broad St., Pawcatuck, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2002, at the Clipper Home in Westerly. She was the beloved wife of the late Edward F. Comerford Jr.

Born in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, on Aug. 9, 1911, she was a daughter of the late Jared T. and Sarah Ethel (Wright) McClelland.

Mrs. Comerford was a registered nurse in the U.S. Army during World War II and held the rank of first lieutenant. She also served in the Foreign Service in the Mediterranean for three years.

She was a member of the Central Baptist Church in Westerly, the Harley F. Chase Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Pawcatuck, and the American Red Cross.

One sister, Phyllis McClelland of Ontario, Canada; and several nieces and nephews survive Mrs. Comerford. She was predeceased by three sisters and four brothers.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 10 a.m. in the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly. There are no calling hours. Burial with full military honors will be held in St. Mary Cemetery, Norwich.
Agnes Comolli

Stonington — Agnes “Aunt Agnes” Comolli, 86, of 137 Brookside Drive, Pawcatuck, died Saturday at the Westerly Health Center.

Miss Comolli was born on Sept. 25, 1902, in Pawcatuck, the daughter of the late Charles and Agnes Fitzgerald Comolli.

She had worked at the former Lorraine Mills and as a waitress at the Modern Grill in Mystic, which was owned by her late brother. She retired in 1969.

Miss Comolli was a communicant of St. Michael Church, Pawcatuck. She was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and of the Pawcatuck-Mystic Golden Agers.

She is survived by two nieces, Margaret LoPriore of Waterford and Maureen Schackner of Charlotte, N.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday in St. Michael Church, 62 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. Burial will follow in St. Michael New Cemetery. Calling hours are 6-8 p.m. today in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Rhode Island, c/o South County Office, 146 Main St., Wakefield, RI 02879.
Anna Comrie

Westerly — Anne Rose Comrie, 79, passed into the presence of the Lord on Dec. 17, 2015, in Westerly after a brief illness. She was born in Stonington on June 3, 1936, the daughter of Manuel and Anna (Borges) Roderick.

Anna Rose, formerly of Mystic, had been a resident of Palm Bay, Fla., since 2000.

She is survived by two sons, Jeffery of Palm Bay and Daniel and his wife, Leonora, of Westerly; three grandchildren, Peter, Danielle and Alissa Comrie.

She was predeceased by four brothers, Walter, Douglas, Antone and Richard Roderick; and a grandson, Brian Comrie.

A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2016, at North Stonington Bible Church, 100 Jeremy Hill Road, North Stonington. There are no calling hours.
Jessie F. Comrie
Jessie F. (Fleming) Comrie, 67, of West Vine Street, Pawcatuck, died on Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 9, 2005, at Mary Elizabeth Nursing Center in Mystic. Her husband, Raymond Comrie, died in 1991.

She leaves her daughter and son-in-law, Doreen L. Billman and Wayne Billman of Westerly; two grandchildren, Brett and Ashley Billman of Westerly; three sisters, Mary Arruda and Ruth Avery, both of Pawcatuck, and Vivian Wonnacott of Norwich; and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Comrie was born in Stonington on Jan. 3, 1938, the daughter of the late Michael J. and Ruth (Barridough) Fleming. She was a graduate of Norwich Free Academy in Norwich in 1956.

For many years, Jessie worked for Electric Boat in Groton before becoming a scheduler for 20 years for Chevron Oil in Houston, Texas, retiring in 1997. She was an avid bowler and loved to gamble.

The funeral will take place at Rushlow-Iacoii Funeral Home, 64 Friendship St., Westerly, on Saturday at 10 a.m. Calling hours will take place on Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Scattering of ashes at sea will take place at a later date.

Contributions in Mrs. Comrie's name can be made to the American Cancer Society, 222 Richmond St., Suite 200, Providence, RI 02903.
James Condon

Mystic — James J. Condon, 72, died peacefully on Feb. 21, 2010, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital.
He was born in New York City on Dec. 10, 1937, the son of Joseph Condon and Rose (Nertney) Condon.
James graduated from Cardinal Hayes High School and Manhattan College in 1959, with a bachelor degree in electrical engineering.
He was employed by the Electric Boat division of General Dynamics for 36 years, in Deep Submergence Engineering, notably involved in development of the Nuclear Powered Research Vessel NR-1.
James was a proud to be a founding member of the Mystic Highlands Pipe band. He played bagpipes and drums.
He is survived by his nieces, Nancy O’Connor, Kathleen Barnes and Sheila Lyons.
His sister, Rose Ellen Barnes, died in 1984.
His family will greet relatives and friends from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010, at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. on Monday, March 1, 2010, at St. Patrick Church with internment following at Elm Grove Cemetery.
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Niemann-Pick disease Foundation, (www.nnpdf.org).
For information, directions, or to share a note of remembrance/condolence, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Pawcatuck — Helen T. Cone, 72, of
107 Brookside Lane, died Friday at
her home.
She was born Oct. 30, 1884, in
Portland, Maine, daughter of the
late Neil W. and Mary (Morrison)
Bruns.
Helen lived in Groton for many
years, moving to Pawcatuck 15
years ago. She had been employed
in the Town of Groton Tax
Assessor’s Office for several years
and later worked at Sheffield Tube
Co.
She leaves five daughters, Linda
Sullivan of Philadelphia, Pa.,
Catherine McDade of Canterbury,
Shirley Beaudoin of North Stoning-
ton, Stella Cramer of Chicago, Ill.,
and Heather DeGurse of Boise, Idaho;
a brother, Neil Bruns; 11 grand-
children and several great-
grandchildren.
Services will be held in Portland,
Maine.
Dougherty Bros. Funeral Home,
Plainfield, has care of the arrange-
ments.
Helen Chapin "Hennie" Conger, 97, of Stonington, passed away Monday, Sept. 7, 2009, at Fairview Odd Fellows Home in Groton.

She was born in Hartford Nov. 16, 1911, to Sarah Newton Chapin and Robert Dudley Chapin.

She graduated from the Hartford public schools.

She was preceded by four sisters and a brother who was killed in World War II as well as her son, David Christian Link Conger.

She married David Link Conger of Newtown, Conn., on May 25, 1935. He preceded her in 1980.

She is survived by three children, Cicely Penny Shoemaker, Helen Chapin DeCiantis, and Alice Conger; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

During her life she was a Welcome Wagon Supervisor for New London County, and later was in real estate in the Mystic-Stonington area.

She and her husband moved to Stonington in 1968 where she designed the memorial garden for Calvary Episcopal Church, where she was also a member of the vestry, the building and grounds committee and also acted as flower chairman for the church. She was also a member of the Wadawanuck Club, a member of the Junior League of Hartford and the Cotillion Club. She was a member of the Herb Society of America, served as chairman of the Connecticut Unit, and served on the national board. She was also a member of the Stonington Garden Club.

A memorial service will be conducted at Calvary Episcopal Church, Stonington, on Saturday at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Calvary Church Memorial Garden or Fairview Odd Fellows Nursing Dept.

For information or to share a note of remembrance, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
James Connell

Montville — James J. Connell, 79, of Teconwens Drive, Uncasville, husband of Anna (Vignone) Connell, died Tuesday morning at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital.

Born in New London on March 23, 1929, he was the son of the late Rose F. (Malady) and Thomas G. Connell Sr.

On Oct. 1, 1966, at the Church of the Assumption in Mechanicville, N.Y., he was united in marriage to Anna M. (Vignone) Connell. Prior to his retirement in 1990, he was employed as a clerk at Pfizer for over 30 years.

Mr. Connell was a veteran serving with the United States Navy, a member of the New London Lodge of Elks, The Duck Bowling League, Montville Senior Center, and a volunteer at the Garde Theater.

Surviving is his wife, a brother, Thomas G. Connell Jr. of Uncasville, and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Liebenau Funeral Home, 107 Boswell Ave., Norwich. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Friday in St. John Church, Maple Ave., Uncasville, meeting directly at church. Burial to follow in Maplewood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to either St. John Church, 22 Maple Ave., Uncasville, CT 06382; or The Montville Senior Citizens Center, 12 Maple Ave., Uncasville, CT 06382.
John H. Connelly Sr.

STONINGTON — John H. Connelly Sr., 65, of Al Harvey Road, died Sunday, June 27, at his home.

He was born Oct. 5, 1933, in Elmira, N.Y., the son of the late

Humphrey and Katherine Hughes Connelly. He graduated from Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., and worked for more than 40 years as a chemist with Coming Glass Works.

He married Katherine Fitzsimmons on Nov. 25, 1955, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira, N.Y.

Mr. Connelly was a member of the American Chemical Society and the American Ceramic Society. He was also a member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Westerly-Pawcatuck.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Connelly is survived by a son, John H. Connelly Jr. of Stonington; a daughter, Marge Connelly of Richmond, Va.; a sister, Joan Hogan of Trumansville, N.Y.; and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by a brother, Charles Connelly.

Services will be held Friday, July 2, at the Barber Funeral Home, Horseheads, N.Y. Mystic Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
Captain James E.
Connerton, USN (ret.)

Stonington — Captain James E. Connerton Jr., USN (ret.) of Stonington, died on November 6 at his home.

Formerly of McLean and Arlington, Va., he was born in 1937 to James and Christina (Mulligan) Connerton in Newport, R.I. He was a graduate of Rogers High School, the University of Rhode Island and the U.S. Naval Post Graduate School.

James married Anne Cragan at St. Mary Church in Stonington in 1969.

He had a distinguished 30-year career as a naval flight officer. As a member of Navy squadron VWF-11 based in Argentina, Newfoundland, he flew the extension of the Distant Early Warning line. In Dahlgren, Va., he worked with the hazards of electromagnetic radiation to ordnance at the Naval Weapons Laboratory. He made two combat deployments to Vietnam with Airborne Early Warning Squadron-113 aboard USS Constellation and then served at the Navy Acceptance Office at Grumman Aircraft Corp. As Flag Secretary on the ASW Group 2 and 4 Staffs, he served aboard USS Wasp and USS Intrepid. At the U.S. Naval Academy, he taught electrical engineering, then commanded the Airborne Early Warning Squadron-125 aboard USS John F. Kennedy. He was the Executive Assistant to the Commander, Naval Electronics Systems Command and served as Commander Airborne Early Warning Wing 12.

He directed the Atlantic Fleet Command Center and served a final tour at the Naval Air Systems Command in Washington, D.C.

After retirement from the Navy in 1988, he was employed by the Veda Corporation (later Veridian) as a senior engineer. James was a communicant at St. Mary Church in Stonington and he belonged to the Wadawanuck Club and the Army and Navy Club. He enjoyed sailing, the latest technology and photography.

In addition to his wife, Anne, he is survived by his three daughters and their families, Jane and John Connelly of Stonington, Christine (Kiki) and Capt. Dixon Smith, USN of San Diego, Calif, and Mary and Michael Scott of Flower Mound, Texas. His nine grandchildren are John, Mary Katherine, and James Connelly, Tucker, Zachary, and Cragan Anne Smith, and Michael, Alexander, and Emily Anne Scott. A brother, Daniel Connerton of North Adams, Mass., and Shanghai, China as well as many nieces and nephews also survive him.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, November 10 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route One, Mystic. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, November 11 at 2 p.m. at St. Mary Church in Stonington. Interment will be in Arlington National Cemetery on Jan. 22, 2007 at 1 p.m.

Donations in his memory may be made to Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, P.O. Box 902, Uncasville, CT 06382-9902 or St. Mary Church for the steeple painting fund, 56 Main St., Stonington, CT 06378.

The Connerton family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for obituary information, directions and an online memorial register to leave a note of condolences.
Etheldred Connelt

Stonington — Etheldred McGrew Connelt, 70, of 110 Water St., formerly of Riverside, died Wednesday morning at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital, where she had been since Monday, after suffering a stroke.


She worked in various advertising agencies and art departments, including McCann-Erickson in New York, where she met her husband, Eugene V. Connelt IV.

She was a communicant of Calvary Episcopal Church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three daughters, Bevan Kinney of Lancaster, Pa., Kathryn Loh of Old Greenwich, and Stacey Spartz of Norwich; two sons, Eugene V. Connelt V of Ridgefield and Aubrey F. Connelt of Stamford; two sisters, Barbara Coleman of Sarasota, Fla., and Mary Welch of Potsdam, N.Y.; and four grandchildren.

A memorial Eucharist will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday at Calvary Episcopal Church. Burial will be private.

There are no calling hours. Dino Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial gifts may be made to Calvary Episcopal Church, 27 Church St., Stonington 06378.
Eugene Connett IV


He was born on Jan. 21, 1920, in South Orange, N.J., the son of Eugene V. Connett III and Kathryn Elise (Underhill) Connett.

Eugene attended St. Paul’s School in Concord, N.H., graduating in 1939. He attended Princeton University as a multiple legacy and was a member of the Cottage Club and the crew team.

In 1942 he graduated early to enlist as a first lieutenant in the Army Air Corps as a navigator and served on a classified assignment with the Office of Strategic Services in the Alsace-Lorraine region of France until 1945.

Following World War II, Eugene worked at David Ogilvy Associates in New York, where he met his wife, Etheldred Slosson McGrew, of Geneva, N.Y.; she predeceased him. They were married on April 29, 1950. Later, Eugene became the vice president of the American Carpet Institute, worked for Springs Mills, Inc., and consulted to several manufacturers in the fiber industry.

Mr. Connett sailed competitively on the Great South Bay and instilled the love of sailing in each of his children. In the 1960s, he gained the reputation as a small boat racer’s worst nightmare while sailing for Riverside Yacht Club in Riverside, Conn. In 1979, the Connett family moved to Stonington and joined the Wadawanuck Yacht Club.

His sterling civic and professional accomplishments are only eclipsed by his greater achievements as a magnificent father, faithful friend, and man of integrity. He was adored by all who knew him. The funny man is gone.

Eugene is survived by his five children and their partners, Stacey Migeon Connett Spartz, David Wolodko, Bevan Brecourt Connett Kinney, Daniel Kinney, Kathryn Underhill Connett Loh, Richard C. Loh, Eugene Virginius Connett V, Lori R. Connett, Aubrey Fitzhugh Connett, and Kimberley H. Connett. He also was the proud grandfather to seven grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his sister, Elsie Migeon Connett Baker.

A memorial service will be held at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, June 28, 2009, at Calvary Episcopal Church, 27 Church St., Stonington CT 06378.

Donations may be made in his memory to Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern CT, 403 N. Frontage Road, Waterford CT 06385.
Francis H. Connors Dies at 69; Prominent Druggist, Town Official

STONINGTON — Francis J. (Pete) Connors, 69, one of Stonington's most prominent citizens, died yesterday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Martinelli, Golden Rd., Mystic. Husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Faxon Connors, Mr. Connors in recent years had made his home on Mason's Island, Mystic.

For 28 years he was the proprietor of Connors Drug Store in the Borough which he bought in 1921 from the late Charles T. Willard. In 1961, he sold the pharmacy to Edward A. Bezecito but continued to work there as a pharmacist until a few months ago. He had been ill since January.

Mr. Connors served Stonington as a state representative from 1945 to 1949. A Republican, he served several terms as a prosecutor, judge and prosecuting attorney once again of the old Stonington Town Court in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

He was born in Pawcatuck, May 31, 1887, the son of Timothy J. and Ellen Casey Connors and in the 1912-1916 era was a leading Stonington High School athlete. In 1924 he coached the Stonington High football team.

After two years in the Navy as a hospital corpsman during World War I, Mr. Connors entered the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy where he graduated in 1920.

Before buying his own drugstore, he worked for the Barbour Pharmacy in Westerly. Mr. Connors was a licensed pharmacist in Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts and a member of all state druggist organizations. He was past president of the Eastern Connecticut Druggists Association.

He was a Borough Burgess for five two-year terms ending in 1960 and was an honorary member of all three Stonington Borough fire companies.

He was a charter member and pharmacist for the Stonington Ambulance Corps; a member of the James W. Harvey Post, American Legion; charter member of the Pawcatuck Barracks, World War I Veterans; Nina Council, Knights of Columbus; a lifetime member of the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society; the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and the Holy Family Retreat League of West Hartford.

Many Stonington emigrants were aided in getting their citizenship papers by Mr. Connors over the years.

His first wife, Mrs. Mary Faxon Connors, died in 1929.

Besides his widow and daughter, Mr. Connors is survived by three other daughters, Miss Teresa Connors of San Francisco, Mrs. Langdon Sproul of Windsor Locks and Mrs. Robert Cutfield of Deep River; three sons, Francis G. of Fresno, Calif.; John E. of Lubbock, Texas, and Eugene J. of New Bedford; a brother, Dr. Edwin Connors of Hartford; a sister, Miss Mary Connors of Pawcatuck; and 27 grandchildren. A brother, Charles, of Westerly, died last November.

The funeral will take place from the Williams Funeral Home, Mystic, at 3:30 p.m. Saturday followed by a Requiem High Mass at St. Patrick's Church. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery, Pawcatuck. Calling hours will be from 7 to 9 tonight and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. tomorrow.
Genevieve Connors

Stonington — Genevieve Connors, 50, of Pawcatuck, died unexpectedly at her home on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2014.

She was born on April 8, 1963, in Norwich to John and Adrienne (St.Pierre) Norige. She attended Lyman Memorial High School, growing up, and most recently worked in food and beverage at Foxwoods Resort Casino in Mashantucket.

Genevieve was an avid equestrian in her youth. Later in life she enjoyed antiquing, weekend getaways in northern New England and family gatherings.

She also cherished spending time with her two children and beloved granddaughter.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas Connors of Pomfret; son, Jacob Sherman of Charlton, Mass.; daughter Jamie Bresnan, and granddaughter Hayley Bresnan of Ledyard; mother Adrienne Norige of Bozrah; and siblings Mark, Jay, Christine Norige and Debbie Yolda; along with many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

She was predeceased by her father, John Norige.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Church & Allen Funeral Home, 136 Sachem St., Norwich, with a calling hour beginning at noon until the time of the service. Burial is private at the convenience of the family.

Memorial donations in Genevieve’s memory may be made to H.O.R.S.E. of Connecticut Inc.

To leave an online condolences or view the memorial movie, please visit www.churchandallen.com.
Christopher Conradi

Stonington — Christopher Conradi loved life and lived it to its fullest everyday of his nearly 50 years. An experienced racing sailor, avid skier, and all around athlete, Chris seemed to live life at twice the pace of the average person. Filled with an infectious enthusiasm, he packed his days full of enough activity for three people yet was never too busy, even at a moment’s notice, to do a friend a favor; help his dad haul a boat, or just squeeze in a quick beer with friends and colleagues after work.

He possessed an amazing capacity for friendship, sharing himself with a wide circle of friends in a many-faceted life. Always smiling, positive and forward-looking, Chris set high standards for himself and seemed to derive the greatest satisfaction in meeting the challenges, both large and small, that came in a life of constant personal achievement.

Chris was born in Mystic, Sept. 26, 1956. He attended local schools and graduated from Fitch Senior High School in 1978. He was accepted to Northeastern University in Boston and earned a bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering. He went to work for the Thomas G. Garita Co. in Uncasville in 1991 as an industrial engineer, eventually rising to the position of vice president of manufacturing. Always striving to achieve new goals, he completed a rigorous two and a half year program at Boston University this spring, earning a masters of business administration in executive management.

Throughout this period, Chris enjoyed great happiness with his best friend, Dana Murphy, and was especially close to her two sons, Chad and Tyler. The couple married last Sept. 27 and lived in the Borough of Stonington while designing and remodeling homes on Mason’s Island and Newport.

A child at heart, he enjoyed an easy rapport with children and was a much loved uncle to Jonathan, Jennifer, Audrey and Philip, a loving brother to his older siblings, Katherine and Randy, and a devoted son to his mother, Brandy, his father, Don, and step-mother, June Conradi. He shared a particularly close friendship with his dad, “Big O,” with whom he worked in the family marina and dock building businesses.

In addition to his wife, Dana, and step-sons, Chad and Tyler Murphy, he is survived by his father and step-mother, Don and June Conradi of Westerly; his mother, Brenda Conradi of East Lyme; his brother and sister-in-law, Randall and Diane Conradi, and their two children, Jonathan and Jennifer of Stonington; and his sister and brother in law, Katherine and Bernard Cerles, and their two children, Audrey and Philip of Plymouth, Minn.

His passing was so sudden and so unlikely that he leaves a multitude of friends and loved ones so saddened by their loss that it is still too hard to comprehend. Calling hours are 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Calvary Church Chapel, 27 Church St., Stonington. Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Calvary Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Christopher Conradi Memorial Fund c/o Chelsea Groton Bank, 2 Water St., Mystic, CT 06355.
Stonington man killed after trimaran capsizes

By ETHAN ROUEN
Day Staff Writer

East Lyme — Remnants of Ivan, a hurricane with a grisly legacy of death and destruction, packed enough punch Saturday to claim one more victim, a Stonington man whose boat capsized in Long Island Sound in six-foot seas and winds of 60 knots.

A fast-moving squall, a vestige of Ivan, overturned the Anciano, a 31-foot trimaran near Niantic Bay, tossing Chris Conradi and Peter Harvey, also of Stonington, overboard. Harvey survived but Conradi did not, the Coast Guard reported.

Fishermen who passed by the scene pulled Conradi and Harvey into their boat, but they said Conradi wasn’t breathing at the time. Harvey, who had waved down the fishermen in a call for help, received only minor injuries.

Conradi and Harvey had been

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sailing a two-day race from New London Ledge to Greenport, N.Y. They were experienced sailors who had been sailing together on Anciano, Italian for "Let’s Go," for more than five years, said Peter Laskey, who owned the boat with Harvey.

About 120 boats began the race Friday. On Saturday, the boats were supposed to race a short course near Greenport.

The race Saturday began at 9:30 a.m. with strong winds from the south. An hour later, the remnants of Ivan, which has killed at least 48 people in the United States and 70 in the Caribbean, were visible in the north, according to some sailors in the race.

A brief lull, when the wind dropped to about five knots, was followed by intense winds, rough seas and a downpour.

"It was a sheet of rain," said William Loweth, a spokesperson for the Off Soundings Club, which sponsored the race. "You couldn’t even see where you were." 

Chris Miner, a Niantic resident who dropped out of the race because of the weather, said the ominous clouds came quickly from the north.

"You could see the boats in the race, they were just laid right over," he said, explaining how the heavy winds had turned the sails almost parallel to the water.

The race was canceled at about 11 a.m., Loweth said.

"Two or three boats demasted. Sails were torn," Loweth said. "We had to abandon the race."

Many boats returned to Greenport and other nearby harbors to wait out the storm, he said.

At about 1:30 p.m., Robert Mann and three friends from South Hadley, Mass., were returning from a fishing trip on his 24-foot powerboat, Lulu Byrd, when they spotted Harvey waving at them from atop the capsized boat.

The men pulled Harvey and Conradi aboard. Harvey was calm and had suffered minor injuries, but Conradi was not breathing, Mann said.

He and the others on the boat took turns administering CPR during the 20-minute ride to Crescent Beach in Niantic. Mann, a machine operator, said he was trained as an emergency medical technician.

They were not able to revive Conradi, Mann said.

Conradi was taken to Lawrence & Memorial hospital where he was pronounced dead. A hospital spokesman said doctors were still trying to determine the cause of death. Attempts to contact Harvey were unsuccessful.

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Squall claimed man who loved outdoors and was loved by all.

If ever you thought this would happen to someone I would be Chris. He was the embodiment of life.

By Joe White
Conradi was one of last victims of Hurricane Ivan

As they were growing up Chris and Randy Conradi, along with Maynard, worked at their father’s boatyard in Avondale, where they scraped boat hulls and installed docks. They lived just about every day.

A shaken Peter Harvey declined to comment while standing in his yard Sunday morning. But his brother Darrell said his brother did everything he could to save Conradi.

"Chris was my brother’s good friend and a great sailor. Peter is just trying to deal with all of this personally and do whatever he can to help the family."

Conradi’s brother Randy of Westport said he especially felt bad for Harvey.

"He did everything he could," he said.

A developer, Harvey co-owned a kitesurfer with local attorney Peter Laskey. Along with Conradi, they usually raced together. Laskey would have been aboard the Andiamo Saturday except he had to take his daughter to the doctor Friday when the New London to Greenport race began.

Laskey had known Conradi for 34 years and Conradi was his son’s godfather. They had raced together many times over the past five years including the Greenport race numerous times.

"All the boats were still out there but they decided not to race under those conditions. They thought they were doing the safe thing,” said Laskey, who struggled to talk about his friend.

Conradi has a sister in Minnesota while his father lives in Westerly and his mother in East Lyme. He grew up in Mystic and graduated from Robert E. Fitch Senior High School.

"You wouldn’t want to be on a boat with anyone else. He knew his way around the water and he wasn’t a reckless person in any way,” Peter Harvey said.

"Chris Conradi developed his love for sailing."

Conradi went on to earn his bachelor’s degree in industrial engineering from Northeastern University and his MBA from Boston University this spring. He worked as the vice president of manufacturing at the Farie Corporation in Montville.

Last year he married Dana Murphy and friends and relatives said he became very close with Murphy’s two sons, Chad and Tyler Conradi and Murphy were renovating a house on Mason’s Island.

Since finishing his MBA, Maynard said Conradi had more time to sail this summer. Last weekend he had competed in a 160-mile sailing race.

"Friends said Conradi was as passionate about his skiing as he was about his sailing."

"He had a tremendous energy and love of being in the outdoors," Randy Conradi said. "He loved to challenge Mother Nature. But he could come and visit the kids and be just as happy as he was when he was out on the water. He got along with children so naturally. He was a fun, adventurous person to be around."

Several years ago while skiing in Vermont, Conradi suffered a compound fracture of his leg. He wanted to have the surgery done at The Westerly Hospital so he took some painkillers and got a ride home in the back of a car.

"He was as tough as friggin’ nails," Maynard said.

"Those statistics always seem so impersonal and so far away. Now we’re feeling the effect of it here at home," he said.

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Michael Constantine

Michael Constantine, 50, of Stonington Road, Wequetequock, passed away on Wednesday, June 13, 2012.

Born in Hartford, Conn., he was a son of Charles and June Constantine, both of Wequetequock.

Michael was employed as a mechanic for King Cove Marina for many years.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by three sons, Michael Jr., Nicholas and Zachariah; two daughters, Nichole and Heather; and two brothers, James and John.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend visiting hours on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon at Gaffney-Dolen Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Funeral service and burial will be private. For online condolences, please go to www.gaffneydolenfuneralhome.com.
Anna Maria "Mary" Conti

Anna Maria "Mary" Conti, 95, of Chestnut Court, formerly of High Street, Westerly, died at The Westerly Hospital on Dec. 24, 2007, following a brief illness.

Born in Pawcatuck, she was the daughter of the late Michelangelo and Maria D. (DiAngi) Conti.

Miss Conti had been employed as a floor lady at the George C. Moore Company for many years before retiring. She was a communicant of the Immaculate Conception Church, and she was an avid bingo player. She also enjoyed baking and reading.

Surviving are her sister, Rose M. (Conti) Marino of Westerly; her sister-in-law, Margaret "Peg" (Cawley) Conti of Pawcatuck; several cousins, nieces and nephews as well as several great-nieces and great-nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Rosario J. "Joe" Conti.

A calling hour will be held in the Gaffney-Dolan

Anna Maria "Mary" Conti

Funeral Home Monday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated Monday at 11 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Church. There is no procession from the funeral home to church. Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.
Charles L. Conti

Owned Conti Sheetmetal and Iron Works

STONINGTON — Charles L. Conti, 74, of East Shore Road, Lathimer Point, died Friday, July 24, at Yale-New Haven Hospital, where he was admitted on July 7.

He was born Oct. 2, 1923, in Norwich, the son of Cesare and Zinobia Bellucci Conti. He married Theresa Witchekowski at Sacred Heart Church, Norwich, on Sept. 3, 1944.

Mr. Conti was a Navy veteran of World War II. He owned and operated Conti Sheetmetal and Iron Works in Norwich for 42 years, retiring in 1986.

He made his winter home in Margate, Fla. He was an avid golfer and a former member of the Norwich Golf Club.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Conti is survived by two sons, Thomas Conti of Lincoln, R.I., and Richard Conti of Plainfield; two daughters, Charlene Horan of Wallingford and Terri Anne Duff of Manchester; a brother, Alfred Conti of Norwich; a sister, Vera Ealick of North Carolina; and five grandchildren. He was predeceased by two brothers, Joseph and Cecil Conti and a sister, Tina Danion.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, July 28, at St. Mary Church, Stonington. Burial is in St. Mary Cemetery. Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, was in charge of arrangements.

Contributions in Mr. Conti's memory may be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation of Connecticut, 925 White Plains Road, Trumbull, 06611.
Margaret T. Conti

Margaret T. (Cawley) Conti, 92, of Walnut Street, Pawcatuck, wife of the late Rosario Joseph Conti, passed away at home Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, Margaret was a daughter of the late John and Margaret (Doherty) Cawley.

She is survived by three sons, Michael Conti of Norwich, Conn., John Conti, and Joseph and his wife Maria Conti, all of Pawcatuck; three daughters, Mary Arterton of Raymond, Maine, Margaret Saunders of Pawcatuck and Ann Marie Castagna and her husband, Mike of Westerly; a beloved sister, Mary Cawley of Pawcatuck; and 10 grandchildren.

Margaret was preceded by six brothers and three sisters.

Visiting hours are omitted. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael the Archangel Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. There is no procession from the funeral home to the church. Interment will be in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Margaret’s memory to St. Michael School, 63 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379.

For online condolences, please go to www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com.
Theresa Conti

Stonington — The funeral for Theresa D. Conti of Stonington, who passed away May 18, 2007, will be held from Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, on Tuesday May 22, at 9:15 a.m. with a funeral Mass at St. Mary Church in Stonington at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at St. Mary Cemetery. Relatives and friends are invited to call at the funeral home tonight from 5 to 8.

Theresa Conti

Stonington — Theresa D. (Witchekowskii) Conti, 81, of Stonington, passed away peacefully Friday, May 18, 2007, surrounded by her family and friends.

Theresa was born in Norwich on March 17, 1926, the daughter of the late Edward and Mary (Cowen) Witchekowskii.

She was the loving wife of Charles L. Conti whom she married Sept. 4, 1944. Sadly he predeceased her in 1990.

A lifelong resident of the area, she enjoyed living on Latimer Point, as well as in Margate, Fla. She was a member of St. Mary Church in Stonington and served on the board of the Latimer Point Association as well as the Harmony Terrace Association.

She and her husband owned Conti Sheet Metal and Iron Works where she was secretary and treasurer. She was also an avid golfer and a member of the Norwich Golf Club and Orville Golf Club in Margate.

Theresa was the loving mother of Thomas Conti and his wife, Deborah, of Lincoln, R.I., Richard Conti and his wife, Grace Ann, of Plainfield, Charlene Horan and her husband, John, of Wallingford, and Terri Ann Duff of South Windsor. She was the proud Grammy to Scott Conti, Chad Conti, Brian and Shauna Horan, and Connor and Gavin Duff. She was the devoted friend of Vivian McElwee and her family and Robert Fay, whose love and devotion to her and her family will always be remembered.

Her greatest love was the time she spent with her children and grandchildren.

Her children will always cherish the love and support she gave them throughout her life.

In addition to her husband, Charles, she was predeceased by her sister, Doreen Zarembe, and her brother, Edward Witchekii.

The funeral will be held at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, May 22, from the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, with a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at Saint Mary Church in Stonington. Burial will follow at Saint Mary Cemetery. Relatives and friends are invited to call at the funeral home from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Theresa's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society; 238 West Town St., Norwich CT 06360.

The Conti family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for obituary information, directions and an online memorial register to leave a note of condolence.
Marie Contino

Stoington — Marie E. (Alger) Contino, 76, of Stonington, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008, at Peckleron in Mystic.

Mrs. Contino was born in Indiana on May 10, 1932, the daughter of Joseph and Abigail Alger. She attended local schools and later received her real estate license.

A resident of Stonington since 1956, she was the backbone and bookkeeper of the family business, M.G. Contino & Sons Builders and Developers. Marie's life passion was her family. Nothing pleased her more than spending time with her husband, her sons, and their families and joining their life activities. She also enjoyed traveling to Florida to visit her siblings and was an avid women's UConn basketball fan and a devoted Patriots fan. In her spare time, she enjoyed the beach, her pool, visiting yard sales, and loving her Pomeranians, Pete and Missy. She was a member of the Groton Women's Bowling League.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Michele C. Contino; her sons, Ronald Contino and wife, Kim, of North Stonington; Michael Contino and wife, Joyce White, of Uncasville; Rick Contino and wife, Deborah, of Stonington; and David Contino and his wife, Beth, ofLedyard; a brother, Richard Alger and wife, Nel, of Florida; a sister, Sandra Michael and husband, John, of Florida; seven grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded by a sister, Barbara Wilcox.

A funeral service will be conducted at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Doane Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic. Visitation is private for the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 6931 Arlington Road, Bethesda MD 20814 (www.cff.org).

For information, directions, or to share a note of remembrance with the family, please visit www.draiofuneral.com.
Michele Contino

Stonington — Michele "Mike" G. Contino, 81, of Stonington died Saturday, July 16, 2011.
He was born on June 16, 1930, at his parents' home on Shaw Street in New London. He was the youngest of four sisters and five brothers. He still has two brothers living, Sebastian and James Contino.
Mike was a radio technician in the Air Force and served in the Korean War. After the service, he was a self-employed builder and developer. He was a member and past president of the Southeastern Connecticut Home Builders Association. He was also inducted into the Builder's Hall of Fame. He was chairman of the Board of Tax Review in Stonington for more than 40 years.
He liked crabbing, fishing, and, most of all, going to his family's sporting and other events.
Mike was predeceased by his wife of 66 years, Marie Contino.
He is survived by his four sons, Ron Contino and his wife, two daughters, and a son, Mike Contino and his life partner, Rick Contino and his wife, three sons, and a daughter, and David Contino and his fiancee; as well as four great-grandchildren.
His family will greet relatives and friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic. A funeral service will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be private.
Donations in his memory may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 6931 Arlington Road, Bethesda MD 20814, www.cff.org.
To share a message of condolence or remembrance with his family, please visit www.dinotocfuneral.com.
Clarence Augustus Coogan Jr. (Captain), 84, husband of Bertha M. Coogan, of Stoneridge at 186 Jerry Brown Road, Mystic, Died Tuesday, June 26.

Born on June 23, 1923 and raised on Village Farm in Mystic, which was a section of the Denison Farm, his heritage includes a number of founding fathers from whom he descended -- Denison, Avery, Morgan, Mason, Crumb and Wheeler, who were early settlers of the area. He married Bertha M. Coogan on July 7, 1945.

He matriculated at the University of Connecticut in September of 1941, where he excelled in academics and cross country. He left the university when he enlisted in the Army Air Force as a pilot trainee. He graduated as a co-pilot of the four engine bomber the B-24 and was stationed in Italy. He was promoted to first pilot during combat experiences -- an extremely rare advancement. He was awarded several medals, including four air medals. After Germany surrendered he returned to the U.S. and trained B-29 crews and became a captain in the Air Force.

Once discharged he re-entered the University of Connecticut and graduated in 1946 with a Bachelor of Arts. He ultimately received a fifth year certificate, a Masters degree and a sixth year certificate.

He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and Phi Delta Kappa. His Stonington educational experiences included teaching general science, biology and chemistry, and three years as assistant principal.

His Waterford educational experiences included initiating the opening of a new junior high school (Clark Lane) as administrator in Connecticut. He finished his administrative role as assistant superintendent until he retired in 1981.

He then taught in his wife's Cap n' Steve Nursery School for 12 years and completed 45 years of educating young people.

Other experiences included Assessor Service of the Board of Directors and President of the Lord's Point Association and he was instrumental in saving Beach Street and having a tennis court built. He was a past Grand of Odd Fellows and was on an initiating committee to establish scholarships. He was a former member of Waterford Rotary, served as a Board of Directors member and on a committee that initiated scholarships.

He transferred to Mystic Rotary and again served on the Board of Directors and on a committee initiating scholarships.

In addition he was a member of the Mystic Congregational Church of Eastern Connecticut Athletic Conference, where he received a life membership for attendance at ECC games; a former corporator for the Liberty Bank for Savings and several local, state and national educational associations.

He was the initiator of late arrivals in area schools; enrolled emotionally disturbed students in Waterford High School in the 1960s, he obtained an educational grant for Waterford Native Americans and was the initial founder of Project Oceanology in 1971.

Students acted as administrators of the project until he retired in 1981, and was instrumental in the employment of Dr. Mickey Weiss.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Bertha M. Coogan, two sons, Cap Coogan and Steve Coogan and his wife Kathy Coogan, and one great-granddaughter, Chloe Coogan. Also, one brother, Francis Coogan and one sister, Ellen Marshall.

Dad was preceded by two brothers, Edward and Jesse and two sisters, Priscilla and Claris.

A private ceremony was held for dad on Saturday, June 30, 2007 at 11 a.m. at the Mystic Funeral Home by James P. O'Boyle. There will be no calling hours.

Memorial contributions may be made to either the American Heart Association or the Diabetes Association.

A special thanks for the love and care provided by all the staff at Avalon at Stoneridge and all the doctors and nurses at The Westerly Hospital. The "Captain" will be missed.
Edward C. Coogan Sr.

Edward C. Coogan Sr. was a colorful and influential political presence in Stonington for 20 years. Mr. Coogan, who died last week at the age of 82, helped rule the town during those two decades at the side of former First Selectman James Spellman. The two Democrats started out in politics together in the 1960s with a pact that one would never run for office without the other. Their long reign ended in 1981. From 1961 until then they were elected to the town’s highest offices in all but one election, at the peak of President Nixon’s popularity.

Mr. Coogan and Mr. Spellman presided over what came to be known as the Spellman Organization.

The group also included James McKenna, a reporter now retired from The Day, who managed the campaigns of these two men from the start. Mr. McKenna said Mr. Coogan was not an ideologue, but ran on the sheer force of his personality. Their campaign planks were conservative. But it was also common knowledge that while they never campaigned on the issue, development in town, particularly in the area where Whitehall Avenue and Interstate 95 converge, was a major emphasis in their administration.

Mr. Coogan’s family had owned the farmland where Olde Mistick Village and Mystic Aquarium are located today, and sold it for that development. The road that traverses that center of growth that became known locally as the Golden Triangle is named Coogan Boulevard.

Mr. Coogan was a burly and good-natured man who had been a World War II Marine master sergeant and survived the Battle of Iwo Jima. He was an outgoing man with the gift of gab that made him a natural politician.

He was civic minded and had a special interest in youth sports. His appliance business, Coogan-Gildersleeve, was a familiar sponsor of Little League teams and Mr. Coogan participated actively in coaching youth sports. He was immensely popular in town. Mr. McKenna said Mr. Coogan was the only Democrat ever to sweep elections in all five Stonington voting districts, including the town’s most rural district, a Republican stronghold.

The Spellman-Coogan brand of politics was one of absolute control over the town government. Key to that control was installing loyalists on critical boards and commissions, particularly the police and planning and zoning commissions and the Board of Finance.

Their governance, though heavy-handed in the view of some, left a legacy of commercial growth for Stonington that played off of Mystic’s growing popularity as a tourist destination. For developers, Stonington offered the advantages of convenience to I-95, a picturesque New England village and low taxes, kept that way by the tight-fisted fiscal policies of Spellman and Coogan.

Their brand of running the town would be out of place today. But they guided development in a manner that has left Stonington better off in many respects than it had been.

One of Stonington's most popular politicians left his mark on the town.
Edward C. Coogan Sr.

Edward C. Coogan Sr., 82, of Greenmanville Avenue, Mystic, died Friday, Dec. 5, 2003, at the Mary Elizabeth Nursing Center in Mystic after a lengthy illness.

He was born in Mystic on Jan. 27, 1921, son of the late Clarence and Clara Morgan Coogan. He was a graduate of Stonington High School with the Class of 1938. He

served in World War II with the United States Marine Corps, retiring as master sergeant. He married the former Jean Bitters in New London on Oct. 29, 1943. She survives.

Mr. Coogan had been employed at the former Socios Products Co., in Mystic, and later with Stan Williams Appliance Store. He and Andy Gildersleeve then opened Coogan-Gildersleeve appliance store on Greenmanville Avenue in Mystic where he worked until he retired.

Long active in the community, he served as a selectman in the Town of Stonington for 20 years beginning in 1961. He was a Boy Scout leader and received the Silver Beaver Award. He was a member of the Hugo Simonelli Post VFW of Mystic, a member of the Groton Sportsmens Club and the Mystic Rod and Gun Club. He was a member of the Social Society of Froshinh of Mystic and the Mystic Congregational Church.

In addition to his wife Jean, he is survived by one son, Edward C. Coogan Jr. of Stonington; two daughters, Martha Jane Fleming of Milford, Mass., and Betty Jean Hewitt of Stonington; three brothers, Jesse Coogan of New London, Clarence Coogan Jr. of Stonington and Francis Coogan of Pearl, Miss.; a sister, Ellen Marshall of Stonington, and five grandchildren.

He was predeceased by two sisters, Clarissa Lathrop and Priscilla Howe.

Private funeral services will be held at the convenience of the family. A memorial service will be held at a time to be announced.

Contributions may be made in his memory to Mary Elizabeth Nursing Center, attention Julie Hartman, 28 Broadway, Mystic, CT 06355.

The Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.
Frank was employed by and retired from Siemens in Mississippi for 28 years. He taught at Columbus Tech Institute in Columbus, Ohio, and U.S. Navy Electronics Basic School in Millington, Tenn. He also taught airborne radar operation. He taught electronics, physics and math at Hinds Community College for 21 years in the evening division, also at Packard Electric and MTTI in Brandon, Miss.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley A. Coogan of Pearl, Miss.; two daughters, Clara Ruth Powell of Pearl, Miss., and Kathy Olson and her husband, Randy, of Plano, Texas; stepdaughter, Lisa Hinson and her husband, Bill, of Pearl, Miss.; stepson, Todd Steinkamp and his wife, Robin, of Houston; two grandsons, David Powell of Pearl, Miss., and Matthew Olson of Plano, Texas; one step-grandson, Andrew Brooks of Houston; one granddaughter, Sarah Olson of Plano, Texas; two step-granddaughters, Lauren Steinkamp of Pelahatchie, Miss., and Amber Brooks of Houston; and one sister, Ellen Marshall of Stonington.

Frank was preceded by his parents, Clarence and Clara (Morgan) Coogan Sr. of Stonington; two sisters, Priscilla Howe of Stonington and Clarissa Lathrop of Dunnelon, Fla.; three brothers, Edward Sr., Jesse and Clarence Coogan, all of Stonington; and son-in-law, Raymond Powell of Pearl, Miss.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to the Pastor's Fund or the food pantry at McLauren Heights United Methodist Church, 325 Mary Ann Drive, Pearl, MS 38208.
Obituaries

Mystic — Jesse W.H. Coogan, 66, a loving, gentle man, has now entered into eternal rest April 10, 2007.

Son of Clara (Morgan) Coogan and Clarence Coogan of Village Farm, Mystic, he attended Broadway School in Mystic.

He had worked at the Mystic Bowling Alley in Mystic, next to the Modern Grill. He was an avid collector and assembler of models and also collected and enjoyed music albums. As a young man he was a fixture in downtown Mystic with his ever-present pipe. His greatest passion was his longtime membership in the Boy Scouts of America, with fondest memory of his trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, N.M., in 1938. His brother, Clarence Coogan Jr., remembered Jesse as a young man who had an interest in reading and had an outstanding vocabulary. He was a sensitive young man who responded well to kindness and attention. In spite of his handicap, when he was about 15 he rode his bicycle to Lawrence & Memorial Hospital to visit his sister-in-law, who was so loved by him.

He is survived by his brother, Clarence Coogan Jr. of Mystic, two sisters, Frances Coogan of Pearl, Miss., and Ellen Marshall of Old Mystic, cousins, Henry Coogan of Voluntown and Walter Morgan of Brookings, S.D., many nieces and nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to Connecticut River Council of Boy Scouts of America, PO Box 28008, East Hartford CT 06123.

Funeral services will be private and burial will be in the family lot at Elm Grove Cemetery in Mystic.

The Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.
Betty Cook

Stonington — Betty Heneman Cook, 70, of 22 Bradford Road, died Monday at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London after a brief illness. She had been a patient at Pendleton for the past week.

A resident of Stonington since 1973, she was born Sept. 20, 1921, in Tyler, Minn., daughter of Herbert G. and Alta Baise Heneman. She received a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of Minnesota. She formerly had resided in Pan-

ther Valley, N.J.

She married Richard F. Cook on March 17, 1944, in St. Paul, Minn. She was a longtime volunteer at Westerly Hospital.

Besides her husband, she is sur-

vived by one daughter, Susan Cook Hoganson of Oakland, Calif.; one son, Richard F. Cook Jr. of Sud-

bury, Mass.; and two grand-

children.

A memorial service will be con-

ducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday at

Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St.
Mystic.

There are no calling hours.

Donations in her memory may be

made to the Stonington Free Li-

brary, P.O. Box 188, Stonington

06378, or to a charity of the donor's

choice.
Janet Cook

Pawcatuck — Janet E. (Holly) Cook, beloved wife of Thomas C. Cook, of Palmer Street, Pawcatuck, passed away at her home on Sept. 22, 2018, at the age of 73. Born in Westerly, she was a daughter of the late George R. and Winifred Holly. Janet worked as a waitress for Ship’s Lantern in Mystic for many years and was an avid reader. She will be dearly remembered as a great listener who was always ready with a warm smile and a cup of tea.

In addition to her husband, she leaves her three children, Holly Eaves and husband Stephen Spencer Eaves of Charlestown, R.I., Mark Cook and wife Rebecca of Pawcatuck, and Ronald Cook and wife Cheryl of Old Saybrook. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, Janna Eaves of Nashville, Tenn., Marina Eaves of Boston, Mass., and Aliyah, Skylah, Hennessey, Emerson, and Parker Cook, all of Connecticut. Janet was predeceased by her sister Joan Booth, formerly of California.

Visiting hours are omitted. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Liturgy at 11 a.m. on Friday at St. Mary’s Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation, 1001 E. 10th Terrace, Suite 220, Kansas City, Mo., 64113 or to St. Michael Capital Campaign, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379. In Janet’s memory, Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, is in charge of the arrangements.

For online condolences please visit www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com.
Joan Cook

Mystic — Joan (Clark) Moffett Cook, of Mystic, passed gently on the morning of Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012, in The Westerly Hospital, after being bid a fond farewell by her loving family.

Joan was born in Bronxville, N.Y., and was a graduate of Bronxville High School and Pine Manor College. In 1948, she married William W. Moffett with whom she had three children, raising their family in Bronxville, Northern California, Chicago, and Glen Ridge, N.J. In Glen Ridge, she was president of the Women's Auxiliary for The Children's Hospital of Newark. For many years she was also involved with the Children's Theater of the Montclair Junior League, which performed live theater in inner city schools.

In Glen Ridge, she enjoyed a successful career in real estate, which she continued on Mason's Island where, in 1976, she and her husband retired to the beloved family home known as "Red Shutters." In Mystic, she served as president of the Board of the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center and volunteered for Meals on Wheels. She and her family were longtime members of Mason's Island Yacht Club, where she excelled in tennis and bocce. She was also a founding member of the women's social circle "Bitch and Stitch," and was an avid bridge player.

Joan was predeceased by her first husband, William Moffett, in 1992. She then had the good fortune to fall in love a second time, marrying Richard F. Cook of Stonington. They were blessed with 17 years of happy marriage.

She leaves behind her husband, Richard F. Cook; her brother, Warren Clark of Washington, D.C.; her son, William W. Moffett Jr. of Pawcatuck; and daughters M. Catharine Moffett of Mystic and Susan Moffett of North Stonington. She also leaves behind seven doting grandchildren.

A Service of Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, at the Union Baptist Church of Mystic, celebrated by Rev. Ann Aberg of Mystic Congregational Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Joan's memory to The Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center.

The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic, is assisting the family.
For many years, Phillis presided over girl-scout meetings and horse-riding lessons, participated in PTA functions, healed bruised knees and wounded egos, cleaned up messes, planted gardens, and held her family together. Until she felt she couldn't anymore. She divorced in 1963 and moved to Chico, Calif.

In 1991, Phillis married James Cooke. Together they traveled the world. They walked the Great Wall of China, snorkeled off the Great Barrier Reef, sailed felucias on the Nile. They watched lions mate on the plains of Africa. On her last trip, in the days before her death, she flew in a harness through the canopy of a forest in Costa Rica.

Then from a faraway place, she sent postcards to her grandchildren describing wonders. Among her favorite adjectives were "glorious" and "gorgeous." For verbs, she favored "adore" and "love.

Phillis could never refuse a child hawker with trinkets to sell. She returned from her trips with handmade dolls and stale cocoa, carved compasses, bamboo boxes and wooden spoons — from Havana and Luxor, Delhi and Angkor Wat. She gave these to her children and grandchildren. She also sent clothes, books and other necessities to people she had met in distant lands. She helped two Kenyan men build homes for their families; David Oke, a Nairobi gardener, named a daughter after her.

On holidays, Phillis sent cards, sweets and gifts to all of her grandchildren. For Halloween, she sent festoons of ghosts and bats. On Valentine's Day, candy hearts arrived. Chocolate eggs and bunnies marked Easter. She was fond of holiday cards that make music when you open them.

Phillis and her sister Linda had a secret password they whispered to each other as children, and continued using in later years: "Ushi Bushi chocolate girl, maybe yes and maybe no, look at those mouths they see." Nobody else understood what they were talking about, which is why they loved it.

Phillis is survived by her three children, four grandchildren, Alexandra, Jack, Stella and Lelia, and by two sisters, Carla Simonds Warren and Linda Vail Simonds.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday Dec. 4 at the Mystic Yachting Center in Mystic.

Geraldine A. "Jerry" Coon, 94, of River Road, Pawcatuck, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2008, at The Westerly Hospital.

Jerry was born in North Stonington on Sept. 13, 1913, the daughter of Frank E. and Melissa Greene Coon. She was a 1931 graduate of Stonington High School and a 1935 graduate of Connecticut College for Women. She continued her education by receiving her M.S. from Brown University in 1937 and her Ph.D. from the University of Rochester in 1950.

She enjoyed a distinguished career, beginning as a research mathematician at Taylor Instrument Companies in Rochester. She later accepted a position as a mathematics professor at Goucher College in Towson, Md., where she was employed for over 15 years before retiring in June 1980.

Jerry is survived by her nieces, Lavinia Wilbur, Carol Hansen, and Melissa Bohnen and their families.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded by her life companion, Dorothy Lewis Bernstein, Ph.D.; her siblings, Alice Coon, Marion Reba Coon, Raymond Coon, Avis Coon Wyman, and Carroll Coon; and a nephew, Raymond Coon Jr.

A graveside funeral service will be conducted at River Bend Cemetery, Beach Street, Westerly, on Friday at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. There are no visiting hours.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Audubon Society of RI, 12 Sanderson Road, Smithfield, RI 02917.

The Dinoto Funeral Home, historic downtown Mystic, is assisting the family. For information or to share a note of remembrance or condolence with her family, please visit: www.dinotofuneral.com.
Marjorie (Peck) Coon, 84, of Highland Avenue, Middletown, Conn., formerly of Hillsdale Park, Richmond, R.I., died Monday, March 16, 2009, at Middlesex Hospital, Middletown.

She was the wife of the late Walter Coon.

Born in Stonington on Sept. 23, 1924, she was the daughter of the late Maurice and Gladys (Eggleston) Peck.

Mrs. Coon had a ceramic shop in her home for 27 years. She was a member of the Chestnut Hill Baptist Church, was the treasurer of the Chestnut Womans Society, was president of the Exeter Senior Citizens and belonged to the Wickford Golden Agers. She was also a member of the North Kingstown Business and Professional Women.

Marjorie P. Coon, David Tacey, and Carolyn Tacey; and great-grandchildren, Daniel, Sarah and David Tacey.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Charles Coon; a grandson, Ralph Tacey III; and a sister, Dorothy Barter.

Funeral services and burial will be private. Visiting hours are Wednesday, March 18, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the S.R. Avery Funeral Home, corner of Bank and Main Sts., Hope Valley.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Chestnut Hill Baptist Church, 467 Ten Rod Road, Exeter, RI 02822.

For online condolences, go to www.everyfuneral-home.com.
Philippa Coon
Pawcatuck — Philippa M. Coon, 81, of 102 S. Broad St., Pawcatuck, died Tuesday morning, Sept. 9, 2003, at the Westerly Hospital.

She was the wife of the late Carroll E. Coon.

Born in Westerly on April 7, 1922, she was the daughter of the late Philip and Evelyn (Newton) Murphy.

Mrs. Coon was a loving mother and grandmother and was an avid gardener.

She is survived by her two daughters, Carol Hansen of Waterford, and Melissa Behney of Stonington. She also leaves her three sisters, Margaret Kent of Westerly, Ellen Bailey of Pawcatuck, and Ramona Bailey of Westerly, one brother, George Murphy of Westerly, three grandchildren, Kristina Hansen of Mystic, and Winslow Behney and Curren Behney both of Stonington; and one great-grandchild. She also leaves her sister-in-law, Geraldine Coon of Pawcatuck.

She was predeceased by a brother, John Murphy.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday at 2 p.m. in River Bend Cemetery, Beach St., Westerly, R.I. Calling hours are respectfully omitted. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Avalonia Land Conservancy, P.O. box 309, Mystic Ct. 06372.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly.
Eileen Cooney

Stonington — Eileen (Newton) Cooney, 95, of Stonington, passed away Dec. 18, 2019, after a brief illness. She was born in Hartford Feb. 8, 1924, the daughter of Granville Newton and Gertrude (Delahanty) Newton and lived most of her life in Hartford with her late husband, Henry Francis Cooney, and nine children, Mary Eileen Cooney (deceased), Eugene A. Cooney of Southington, Vincent DePaul Cooney (deceased), Stephen Joseph Cooney (deceased), David Michael Cooney (deceased), Thomas Moore Cooney of Pennsburg, Pa., William Newton Cooney of Cromwell, Christine Marie Cooney of Stonington and Henry Francis Cooney Jr. of Naples, Fla. In addition, she leaves seven grandchildren.

In her youth, Eileen was a regular communicant at St. Peter's Church in Hartford where she sang in the choir and first met her future husband, Henry. After marrying, she and Henry were active members of the St. Lawrence O'Toole Church parish in Hartford. In her later years she found great peace in attending Mass and receiving communion at the Chapel of Our Lady of the Assumption on Enclers Island. Eileen was an indefatigable worker throughout her life. During World War II, she worked at Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford. After marrying and raising her large family, she was active in teaching secretarial courses for many years. She moved to Stonington following her husband's death to be closer to the shore she so loved. Eileen could often be found in silent prayer during lengthy walks on the Connecticut and Rhode Island beaches.

Her family will receive relatives and friends from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 23, at the Mystic Funeral Home on Route 1 in Mystic. A Mass of Christian burial will follow at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick Church, 32 East Main St., Mystic. A short reception will immediately follow the mass at the Parish Hall. Her burial will take place in the afternoon at 2 p.m. Monday at Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Cottage Grove Road, in Bloomfield.
Amanda Cooper

Broomfield, Colo. — Amanda Lynn
(Bromley) Cooper, 21, of Broomfield,
Colo., and former resident of Con-
necticut, died at her home on Jan.
30, 2006. She was the wife of Sean
M. Cooper of Colorado.

Born in Westerly, R.I., she was the
daughter of Timothy Bromley of
North Stonington and Rebecca
(Thompson) Bromley Elwell of Paw-
catuck, and stepdaughter of Nancy
Bromley of North Stonington and
Randy Elwell of Pawcatuck.

She was a longtime resident of
Pawcatuck Avenue in Pawcatuck
and was a former member of the
Open Door Baptist Church. Amna-
da enjoyed being with family and
friends.

Surviving, in addition to her hus-
band, parents, stepmother and step-
father, she also leaves her grandfa-
ther, Willard Thompson, of
Pawcatuck, and grandparents,
Frances and Jesse Hill, of North
Stonington; three sons, Charles
Bromley, Aden Cooper and Gabriel
Cooper, all of Broomfield; two
sisters, Barbara Bromley and
Christina Bromley and a brother;
Philip Bromley, all of Pawcatuck; a
half-brother, Timothy Sanborn, of
Tampa, Fla.; and several aunts and
uncles and cousins.

She was predeceased by a brother;
Charles Thompson

Calling hours will be held from 4
to 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Gaffney-
Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St.,
Westerly. Relatives and friends are
invited to attend the funeral service,
which will be held at 10 a.m.
Wednesday in the funeral home.
Burial will be in First Hopkinton
Cemetery, Ashaway.
Mary Copley 12/25/88


She was born July 9, 1923, in Richmond, Va., the daughter of the late James and Elizabeth Dollard Muldowney.

She received her master's degree in library science from the University of Rhode Island. She was employed at Stonington Public Library, the Westerly High School library and, for 20 years, at Mystic Junior High School in Stonington.

She is survived by one daughter, Elizabeth Copley Powers of Harvard; two sons, Frank J. Copley of Princeton, Ind., and Almon J. Copley Jr. of Brussels, Belgium; two brothers; Paul D. Muldowney of Hagerstown, Md., and the Rev. James D. Muldowney of Virginia Beach, Va.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at St. Theresa's Church, Still River Road, Harvard, Mass.

Badger Funeral Home, Littleton, Mass., is in charge of arrangements.
Belton Copp IV

Old Lyme — Belton Allyn Copp IV, 91, died peacefully at his home in Old Lyme on Sept. 27, 2011.

Belton was born on May 27, 1920, to Elizabeth (Thoeing) and Belton Allyn Copp III in Chicago Heights, Ill., and was raised in Memphis, Tenn. He graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in 1938 and from Yale in 1942, and that same year joined the Navy.

On Feb. 7, 1945, as captain of PT boat 373, Belton led a two-boat squadron into Manila Harbor on a reconnaissance mission. He lost his left arm as a result of this action and was awarded a Silver Star for "gallantry in action," and a Purple Heart. He was further honored when Gen. Douglas MacArthur returned to Manila on PT boat 373.

In 1947, Belton graduated from Yale Law School, and was employed by "Waller, Anderson & Smith" in New London, before starting his own firm in 1951.

While attending Yale Graduate School of Conservation, he was appointed the Connecticut Commissioner of Fish and Game (1953-55). Belton was a candidate for the 2nd Congressional District in 1964, served as a governor on the state Board of Education from 1991 to 1996 and had an enduring interest in environmental conservation.

He was a trustee, director or president of various land conservation organizations and other charitable institutions in Old Lyme and New London.

Having lived in Old Lyme since 1948, Belton was a recognizable jogger on all the roads around the area. He also took great pleasure in his ranches, one in Alberta, Canada, and one in Dubois, Wyo. Belton delighted in philosophy, poetry and politics. A friend of every kind of person, his love of song, adventure and a job well done brought great joy to those around him.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Eugenia Tyler Copp; his four children, Allyn, Lucy, Betsey and Genie; his brother, Dan Copp; his sister, Betsey Copp Halsey; eight grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

There will be a celebration of Belton’s life at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8. It will be held at his house in Old Lyme. Friends are welcome.

Donations in Belton’s memory can be made to: The Conservation and Research Foundation, P.O. Box 909, Shelbourne, VT 05482 or The Old Lyme Land Trust, PO Box 163, Old Lyme, CT 06371.
Mystic — Webster Tirrell Copp, 81, died peacefully at home, surrounded by family, on Dec. 27, 2022. He leaves his wife of 58 years, Patricia Briggs Copp; his four daughters and their husbands, Candace (Copp) Jacobs and Michael Jacobs of Cromwell, Jennifer (Copp) Kamenik and Jim Kamenik of Mystic, Jacqueline Tirrell Copp-Moffett and Peter Moffett of West Hartford, Elizabeth (Copp) Lebel and Frederick Lebel of Wenham, Mass. He was the beloved Grampy to 11 grandchildren, Abby and Maggie O’Brien, Jillian and Aly Jacobs, Katie and Kimme Hasenfuss, Alison Kamenik, Carly and Sam Moffett, and Hannah and Jack Lebel.

Born in Hartford and raised in Norwich, he was the son of Mary A. Tirrell and Webster D. Copp. He was an active resident of West Hartford for 24 years, and after retirement of Mystic.

He was predeceased by his two brothers, James H. Copp and David H. Copp.

Web spent his early years in Norwich, where he met his adoring wife. He was a graduate of Norwich Free Academy. He received a bachelor of science degree from the University of Connecticut in 1951, and his Juris Doctor from Suffolk Law School in 1953, at which time he became a member of the Connecticut Bar. He and Patricia were married at her parents’ home in Norwich in January of 1952, and had a lifetime of happiness together.

He was a veteran of the Korean War, attended Officers Candidate School, and in 1952 was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Army. After serving, he became associated with the Travelers Insurance Co., where he remained for 38 years, retiring in 1993 as associate counsel. While employed in the Life Insurance Division he acquired CLU and ChFC designations.

Web was very civic-minded and a dedicated and loyal Republican, serving on several boards in West Hartford, the Board of Special Assessments and The Board of Tax Review.

In Stonington, he chaired the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Charter Revision Commission. He also served on the Masons Island Fire District and as the president of the Masons Island Property Owners Association. He was a trustee of Bay Path College from 1987 to 1994 and an ad hoc member of Northeastern University staff teaching insurance courses in Hartford. He was a former trustee and long time member of the Masons Island Yacht Club.

A justice of the peace since 1972, he and his wife performed countless weddings in the Hartford and Mystic areas. Most of these ceremonies were done jointly, usually for a married couple to officiate together, and a particular joy for them both.

Web began each day with the crossword puzzle, jumble, and cryptogram. He was an enthusiastic and loyal UConn Huskies men’s and women’s basketball fan, rarely missing a game, and usually wearing the blue and white Husky colors on game days. An upstanding citizen, he was a member of Calvary Church, a former chairman and provider of anecdotes for the ROMEOs (Retired Old Men’s Eating Organization), a competent player and former chairman of MIYC bocce, a loving husband, father and grandfather. He will be remembered for his quiet demeanor, the twinkle in his blue eyes, his overall kindness, sense of humor, and as a consummate gentleman.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 3, 2011, at Calvary Episcopal Church, 27 Church St., Stonington.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern Connecticut and Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut in recognition of the family’s deep appreciation of the extraordinary care they provided.

The Dahlin Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.
Bernadette Corbett
Gales Ferry — Bernadette C. Corbett, 97, of 12 Patricia Court in Gales Ferry, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2007 at the Fairview in Groton.

Mrs. Corbett was born on Feb. 28, 1910 in Pawcatuck, the daughter of Eugene and Harriet Girard.

She was married to Theodore W. Corbett on Sept. 13, 1943 in Groton.

She had worked for over 20 years as a dental assistant for Dr. Robert Londregan.

A longtime member of the Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Gales Ferry, she sang in various church choirs for over 75 years; and also had been a member of the Cecilia Chorus of Norwich for over 25 years.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Paula J. More, of West Kingston, R.I.; a sister, Geraldine Fahy of Rockville; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Her burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery, New London. There will be visiting hours from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday at the Elye Grotton Memorial Home, 310 Thames St.
Marjorie Corbett
Pawcatuck — Marjorie Marie (LeClair) Corbett, 70, beloved wife for 47 years of Robert L. Corbett of Lester Avenue, Pawcatuck, died at her home on Nov. 6, 2007, following a five year battle with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP).

Born in Waterville, Maine, she was the daughter of the late Bernard and Joanne (Caron) LeClair. She was a graduate of Gardiner High School in Gardiner, Maine, with the Class of 1955.

Mrs. Corbett was a communicant of St. Michael the Archangel Church in Pawcatuck, and she was a devoted and loving wife and mother. She loved music and playing the piano, and she also enjoyed reading and spending time with her family.

In addition to her husband, she also leaves four children, David R. Corbett and his wife, Cindy, of Westerly, James B. Corbett of Richmond, Patricia and Michael Biscoe of Pottsville, Pa., and Daniel S. Corbett of Hollowell, Maine; her mother-in-law, Theima Stern, of Foxboro, Mass.; two brothers, Daniel LeClair, of Falls Church, Va., and Stephen L. LeClair, of Gardiner, Maine; and five beautiful grandchildren, Megan, Michael, Dayna, Benjamin and James.

Calling hours will be held Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Mass of Christian Burial, which will be celebrated Friday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael the Archangel Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. There is no procession from the funeral home to the church. Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations in her memory be made to Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, P.O. Box 902, 176 Gallivan Lane, Uncasville, CT 06382-9002; St. Michael the Archangel Church, 60 Liberty Street, Pawcatuck, CT 06379; or Visiting Nurse Association of S.E. CT, 403 N. Frontage Road, Waterford, CT 06385.
Stonington Man Dies In Crash

STONINGTON — Antonio Reposa Cordova, 77, of 3 Wheeler Court was killed outright about 5:30 a.m. Sunday when he was thrown out of a car which overturned on a sharp curve at the top of West Broad Street hill in Pawcatuck.

Stonington Police said the man apparently struck his head on the sidewalk. He was then hurled 15 feet, striking a tree in the yard of Mrs. Margaret Cawley and finally landing between two parked cars in the yard of First Selectman James M. Spellman.

Stonington Medical Examiner Griffith J. Walshe attributed death to a skull fracture, multiple fractures of the ribs, and a bruised chest.

The driver was William H. Johnson, 37, of 9 Broad St. He faces charges of negligent homicide, reckless driving, speeding, and failure to carry his operator’s license. He was untroubled.

Lawrence Mercieca, 66, of 94 Gold St., also riding in the car, was given outpatient treatment at Pawcatuck Hospital for minor injuries.

Police said the car struck the curb of the sidewalk, flipped over twice and then mounted a stone wall before coming to a stop in Mrs. Cawley’s yard.

Mr. Spellman, who was awakened by the sound of the crash, summoned police.

Mr. Cordova was born Sept. 27, 1913, in St. Miguel, the Azores, the son of Mrs. Estela Cordova of St. Miguel and the late Benito Cordova.

He had resided in Stonington since coming to the United States in 1957 and was employed at the American Velvet Co.

He was a communicant of St. Mary’s Church and a member of the Neptune Engine Co. of the Stonington Borough Fire Department and the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society.

Besides his mother, survivors include his widow, Mrs. Mary Vincent Cordova; a son, Antonio David Cordova and two daughters, Elaine Maria and Susan Marie Cordova, all at home; two brothers, Declan of Pawcatuck and George Cordova of St. Miguel and a sister, Mrs. Fernanda Ferreira of Fall River, Mass.

The funeral will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday from the St. Williams Funeral Home, Pawcatuck, to a Requiem Mass at 10 at St. Mary’s Church.

Interment will be in St. Mary’s Cemetery.

Collins hours are from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today.
Daciano Cordeiro

Stonington — Daciano R. Cordeiro, 64, of 14 Antoinette St., Pawcatuck, died Sunday at Westerly Hospital after a long illness.

He was born on Jan. 1, 1934, in San Miguel, Azores, Portugal, the son of Maria Estrela Cordeiro of Fall River, Mass., and the late Bento Raposa Cordeiro.

He was the husband of Lorraine Arauto Cordeiro.

In his youth, Mr. Cordeiro captained a soccer team in San Miguel. He served as a cook in the Portuguese Army for eight years.

He moved to Connecticut after his marriage in 1952 and worked for the American Velvet Co. In 1983, due to illness, he retired from the American Felt and Filter Co. (formerly the GAF Corp.). He was an avid gardener and bowler.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Cordeiro is survived by a son, Michael Cordeiro, and two stepdaughters, Rosemarie Discuillo and Veronica "Ronnie" Crowley, all of Pawcatuck; a sister, Fernanda Pereira of Fall River; and four grandchildren. He was predeceased by two brothers, Arsenio and Jorge Cordeiro.

The funeral will assemble at 10:15 a.m. Tuesday at the Rushlow-Iacocca Funeral Home, 64 Friendship St., Westerly. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. at the Church of St. Michael, Liberty Street, Pawcatuck. Burial will be in St. Michael (New) Cemetery. Calling hours are 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

The Day
June 8, 1998
Mary Cordeiro

Groton — Mary E. (Hennessy) Cordeiro, 81, recently of Groton, wife of 58 years to Rodney R. Cordeiro, peacefully entered God's embrace Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2018.

Born in Acushnet, Mass., she was the daughter of the late John and Mary (Stone) Hennessy. She graduated from Fairhaven High School in 1955 where she initially met her future husband and life's companion. She had an associate's degree from Three River's Community College and prior to living in Groton, Mary resided in Stonington for 52 years.

Mary was an accomplished dancer and dance teacher, a dedicated mother, and enthusiastic Gramma and devoted herself to volunteering at St. Mary Church and being an integral part of the spiritual community. Well read in literature, she loved her Sunday crossword puzzle. Her voice graced the Mystic River Chorale for 10 years, and while a member she and Rod traveled to Europe, singing in Germany, Austria and Switzerland in 1995 and Belgium and France in 1997.

She has a great circle of family and friends that gave her much joy, and co-owned Faith Books and Gifts in Westerly during the 1990s. A unique soul, she had a sharp wit and a great belly-laugh. Mary loved to cook, her vibrant garden was a delight to all, and many are warmed by her beautiful knitted creations. She will be greatly missed.

In addition to her husband, she leaves her four children, Raymond Cordeiro and his wife, Deborah, of Stonington, Daniel Cordeiro and his wife, Annie, of Canton, Mass., Rosemary Kamireddy and her husband, Nagireddy, of Preston and Susan Bradley and her husband, Jack, of Old Saybrook; seven grandchildren, Brittany, Andrew, Genevieve and James Brenton Cordeiro, Nicholas Kamireddy and Madeline and Joseph Bradley, a brother-in-law, Leo Cordeiro and his wife, Maria, of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; and one grand-dog, Pippen.

Calling hours will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, 2018, at the Mystic Funeral Home on Route 1 in Mystic. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Mary Church in Stonington. Following the Mass, she will be buried at St. Mary Cemetery, Stonington.

In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to St. Mary Church Building Fund, 95 Main St., Stonington, CT 06378.
Born in Aciachina, MA, she was the daughter of the late John and Mary C. She graduated from Farnham High School in 1935 where she initially met her future husband and lifelong companion. She had an Associate’s Degree from Three Rivers Community College and an MA from the University of Minnesota in History and English. Mary was an accomplished dancer and dance teacher, a dedicated mother, and enthusiastic member of the community. Her voice graced the Mystic River Chorale for 10 years, and while a member, she and Rod traveled to Europe singing in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland in 1957 and 1987. She has a great sense of family and has owned and co-owned many homes in Rehoboth Beach during the 1930s. She will be greatly missed.

Calling hours will be held at Mary Church in Stonington, CT on Thursday, October 25, 2018, from 5-8 PM. The funeral will take place on Friday, October 26, 2018, at 10:00 AM at the Mystic Funeral Home on Route 1 in Mystic. A luncheon will follow at 12:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to the Mystic River Chorale.
Mary Cordeiro

Mary Cordeiro, 76, of 3 Wheeler Court, Stonington, died Thursday evening, Dec. 23, 1999, at The Westerly Hospital.

She was born in Kingston, Mass., Nov. 23, 1923, the daughter of the late Joseph and Sarafina (Feliz) Vincent. She married Arsenio R. Cordeiro in San Miguel the Azores on Jan. 12, 1957. He died in 1970.

She had been employed at the former Sonoco Company in Mystic and later at the American Velvet Company in Stonington. She had also worked for the Zimmerman, Wurtman and Popiel families in Stonington.

Mrs. Cordeiro was a communicant of St. Mary Church in Stonington and a member of the Nina Circle Daughters of Isabella.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Arsenio and Susan Cordeiro of Groton; a daughter and son-in-law, Elaine and Jon Seebet of Pawcatuck; a daughter, Susan Cordeiro of Stonington, and three granddaughters. She was predeceased by three brothers, David Vincent, Joseph Vincent and Jack Vincent.

The funeral will be held from the Mystic Funeral Home on Route 1, Tuesday, at 11:15 a.m., with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary Church, Stonington, at 11 a.m. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home on Monday from 5 to 8 p.m.

STONINGTON — Mary Vincent Cordeiro, 76, of Wheeler Court, died unexpectedly Thursday evening, Dec. 23, at The Westerly Hospital.

She was born Nov. 23, 1923, in Kingston, Mass., the daughter of Joseph and Sarafina Felix Vincent.

She married Arsenio R. Cordeiro in San Miguel, the Azores, on Jan. 12, 1957. Mr. Cordeiro died in 1970.

Mrs. Cordeiro worked at the former Sonoco Co. in Mystic and later at the American Velvet Co. in Stonington. More recently she worked for the Zimmerman, Wurtman and Popiel families in Stonington.

She was a communicant of St. Mary Church, Stonington, and a member of the Nina Circle Daughters of Isabella.

Mrs. Cordeiro is survived by a son, Arsenio Cordeiro of Groton; two daughters, Elaine Seebet of Pawcatuck and Susan Cordeiro of Stonington; and three grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday, Dec. 28. Mystic Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.
Pawcatuck — Anna N. (Nuoci) Cordone, 73, of Pawcatuck, died Oct. 23, 2005 in the Westerly Hospital, Westerly.

She was the widow of the late Pasqualino Cordone. She had been very dedicated to her husband for forty-six years.

Mrs. Cordone was born in Castelbuono, Palermo, Italy, daughter of the late Mariano and Nicoletta (Noce) Nuoci.

She had been employed as a seamstress for Carwild Medical Supply. She was a communicant of St. Michael the Archangel Church in Pawcatuck, and she enjoyed gardening, crocheting and cooking.

She is survived by her in-laws, Giuseppe and Anna DiGarbo and Mariano and Giovanna Cordone, all of Pawcatuck; her brother, Pasquale Nuoci of Castelbuono, (PA) Italy; her sisters, Provvidenza Vaccaro, also of Castelbuono, (PA) Italy; Santa Piro of Rome, Italy and Giuseppina Scialabba of Cefalú, (PA) Italy; and by many nieces and nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded by three sisters Maria Noce, Giovanna Maiorano, and Rosa Danna.

Calling hours will be held Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Caffrey-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial, which will be celebrated Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael the Archangel Church, 59 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. There is no procession from the funeral home to the Church. Interment will be in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to St. Michael the Archangel Church, 59 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379 in Anna's memory.
Pasqualino Cordone

Pasqualino Cordone, 75, of Fairview Drive Pawtucket, beloved husband of Anna (Nunez) Cordone, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2001, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital, New London.

Born in Castelbuono, Provence, Sicily, on Jan. 3, 1926, he was a son of the late Vincenzo and Providenza (Russo) Cordone. In addition to his wife, he leaves a brother, Mariano Cordone, a sister, Anna DiCicco, and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Cordone had worked in the shipping department at Guild Music before retiring in the early 1980s. He was an avid gardener and wood worker. He served in the Italian Army and was a communicant of the congregation of San Pietro in Castelbuono.

Family requests donations be made to the American Heart Association in his memory.
Pasqualino Cordone

Pawcatuck — Pasqualino Cordone, 75, of 2 Fairview Drive, died Sunday at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London.

He was born on Jan. 3, 1928, in Palermo, Sicily, the son of the late Vincenzo and Providenza Rustici Cordone.

He was the husband of Anna Nuell Cordone.

Mr. Cordone served in the Italian Army.

He was employed in the shipping department of Guild Music, retiring in the early 1990s.

He was a communicant of the Congregation of San Pietro in Castelbuono Province of Palermo, Italy.

An avid gardener, Mr. Cordone also enjoyed woodworking.

In addition to his wife of 46 years, he is survived by a brother, Mariano Cordone of Pawcatuck; and a sister, Anna DiCarbo of Pawcatuck.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Michael's Church, Liberty Street, Pawcatuck. Burial will be in Riverbend Cemetery. There is no procession from the funeral home.

Calling hours are 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly.

Donations in his memory may be made to the American Heart Association.
Irene Christine Geyer Mathewson Corn (1928 - 2017)

Born in Mystic, Conn. May 5, 1928 to Albert E. and Rosalie Feld Geyer, Irene was a beautiful wife, mother, and grandmother who was patient, kind, and loving. She will be greatly missed.

She was predeceased by her parents; her first husband, Francis Robert Mathewson; and her daughter, Donna Mathewson Shannon.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Corn Sr., of Stonington; her daughter, Sandra Mathewson Bock, of Denver Colo.; her daughter, Vickie Mathewson Bozsum, of Oakdale; her son, Robert Mathewson, of Norwich; her daughter, Terri Corn Crowley, of Pawcatuck; her son, Charles Jr., of Stonington; her son, Kevin Corn of Pawcatuck; 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Please visit her web page at www.epassing.org and type in her full name to share photos, memories, and stories.

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Joe Correira

Mystic — Joe Correira was prematurely called to celebrate his 94th birthday at the Lord’s Table on July 6, 2009.

Joe was the eldest of four children born to Portuguese immigrant parents Joseph and Edna Correia in Fall River, Mass., on Aug. 26, 1915. Joe spent his adult years in southeastern Connecticut and was well known in Stonington, Mystic and Old Mystic, where he made his residence. A celebrant of St. Patrick’s Roman Catholic Church, Joe was a fourth-degree Knight and member of the Father Murphy Council 1943, a former vice president and lifetime member of the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society, and member of both the Mystic VFW and German Club.

Joe began his career as a weaver at the Rossi Velvet Mill and continued his business endeavors in Stonington (Sinclair Gas) and The Old Mystic Garage. He retired from General Dynamics/Electric Boat, and spent his golden years in service to the community, which ranged from being a “creative consultant” to the “Mystic Pizza” movie to serving as grand chef for many a community clambake. Joe was very active in the Stonington Fishermen’s Memorial and the senior citizen communities in Fall River, Mass., and Portsmouth, R.I.

He was predeceased by his wife, Emma Frances (Cappy) Thomson.

He leaves four children residing in southeastern Connecticut: Linda Ipsen (Richard), Nancy Boardsen (Harry), Joseph Correia III (Patrice), and James Correia (Linda). He was blessed with six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. Friends are invited to celebrate his life from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon at the funeral home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday, July 9, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Patrick’s Church, 32 E. Main St., in Mystic. Burial will follow at St. Patrick Cemetery Old Mystic.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in his memory to the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society, 26 Main St., Stonington. CT 06378 or to Mystic Manor, 475 High St., Mystic, CT 06355.

The family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to share an online message of condolence.
Mary Cortesi

Distinguished career with the United Nations

STONINGTON — Mary Office in Athens, Greece.
Williams Cortesi, 86, of Water- She married Roger Cortesi in
Street, died Wednesday after- Rome, Italy, on Jan. 26, 1963.
noon, Aug. 13, at Mary Elizabeth Mr. Cortesi died April 3, 1989.
Nursing Center in Mystic, where A resident of Stonington for
she lived for the past two years. several years, Mrs. Cortesi was
She was born Oct. 7, 1910, in an active member of St. Mary's
New York City, the daughter Church. She was also active in
of Linsley R. and Grace Kidder civic and charitable events in
Williams.

As a young woman, she worked for the Office of War
Information in London during the Blitz.

After World War II, she began a long and distinguished career
with the United Nations. She was first stationed in
Washington, where she was in charge of issuing diplomatic
passports. Later, she was transferred to New York, where she
was an assistant to the secretary
general's office. Her last assign- 
ment before retiring was serving
with the United Nations Relief
and Rehabilitation Administration

Mrs. Cortesi is survived by
three stepsons, Roger Cortesi of
Washington, D.C., and
Alexander and Henry Cortesi,
both of New York City; a step- 
daughter, Katherine Armstrong
of Boston, Mass.; a sister,
Virginia Derby of Naples, Fla.;
and several nieces and
nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial
was held at St. Mary's Church,
Stonington, on Tuesday, Aug. 19.
Burial is in Stonington Cemetery.

Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl
St., Mystic, was in charge of
arrangements.
Roger Cortesi, an investment banker, died yesterday at Westerly (R.I.) Hospital. He was 87 years old and lived in Stonington, Conn.

Mr. Cortesi was a founding partner in 1931 of Auchincloss, Parker & Redpath, which became Thomson & McKinnon, Auchincloss Inc. Mr. Cortesi was an executive vice president. He retired in 1974.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Hathaway Williams; four children from a previous marriage, Roger, of Washington, Henry and Alexander, both of Manhattan, and Katharine Armstrong of Boston, and eight grandchildren.

Died April 3, 1989
Eulalia R. Costa

Eulalia R. (Rego) Costa, 84, formerly of Pawcatuck, and wife of the late Jaime Carvalho Costa, died Oct. 15, 2008, in the Watch Hill Care and Rehab, Westerly.

Born in San Miguel, Azores, Portugal, she was a daughter of the late Manuel Rego Moniz and Gilda Leite Ponte.

Mrs. Costa had been employed as a printer with Griswold Textile, before retiring.

She was a communicant of St. Michael the Archangel Church in Pawcatuck, and she was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Surviving are two sons, Eduardo Carvalho and his wife Gloria of Montreal, Canada, and James Costa of Westerly; two daughters, Natalia Moreira and her husband Jose of Montreal, and Helena Sousa and her husband Edward of Hope Valley; a brother, Jose Moniz of New Bedford, Mass.; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by a son, Alberto Costa.

There are no calling hours. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Liturgy, which will be celebrated Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael the Archangel Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck.

Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery.

Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, is in charge of the arrangements.
Joseph Costa, 85, Dies; Former Town Burgess

WESTERLY, R.I. — A former Stonington burgess, Joseph A. Costa, 85, of 87 Water St., Stonington died Saturday afternoon at the Westerly Hospital where he had been admitted Thursday.

Mr. Costa was born in St. Michael's, Azores, Nov. 2, 1911, the son of the late Joseph and Albina (August) Costa.

He came to the U.S. in 1903 and was educated in Stonington Schools. In 1905, at age 14, he entered the employe of the former Alwood Company of Stonington.

During WWI he served with the U.S. Army Corp of service engineers and also worked as an interpreter.

Following the war he returned to the Alwood Co. and in 1929 became a foreman there. He worked 49 years for the company before leaving to take posts at E.B. and retiring from there in 1957.

Mr. Costa was a former borough burgess. A member of the Nina Council, Knights of Columbus and its Assembly. He also held memberships in the borough fire department, the James W. Harvey Post American Legion, the Harley P. Chase Post VFW, Portuguese Holy Cross Society, and was a communicant of St. Mary Church, Stonington.

In addition to his wife, Rose (Sousa), he is survived by a brother Manuel Costa of Stonington; a niece and two nephews.

COSTA — In Westerly, R.I., July 2, 1977, Joseph A. Costa, 85, of 87 Water St., Stonington, husband of Rose (Sousa) Costa. Funeral will be from the Shee-Williams Funeral Home, 110 West Broad St., Pawcatuck, this morning at 11 a.m. to St. Mary Church in Stonington at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Interment will follow in St. Mary Cemetery, Stonington. Visiting hours were held yesterday at the funeral home.
Mildred Costa

Pawcatuck — Mildred (Card) Costa, 92, of South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, died on Monday, April 16, 2007, at Fairview in Groton.

She was born in Pawcatuck on Jan. 19, 1915, daughter of the late Horace and Harriet (Yost) Card. She attended local schools.

She was predeceased by her husband, Thomas Costa, whom she married in Stonington in 1932. Mrs. Costa had worked for many years at the Puritan Laundry in Mystic and later at Kitchen Little also in Mystic.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her son Thomas W. Costa in 2001. She is survived by three grandchildren: Noreen Costa of Plantsville, Thomas Costa of Stonington, and Kathleen Costa of California; a great-grandchild, and a former daughter-in-law, Joan Costa of Groton.

The funeral will be held at 9:15 a.m. Friday, April 27, from the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, with a Funeral Mass at St. Mary Church in Stonington at 10 a.m.

Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery. Relatives and friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.
DEATH NOTICES


Funeral will be held from the Thomas L. Neill and Sons Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 9:15 a.m. with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary Church in Stonington and at 10 a.m. Interment in St. Mary Cemetery.

Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home Monday 7-9 p.m.

Rose Costa

STONEINGTON — Rose (Sousa) Costa, 80, of 87 Water St., Stonington, died Sunday morning at the Westerly Hospital, Westerly, R.I., where she had been a patient for the last week and a half.

She was born April 16, 1906 in Stonington, daughter of the late Joaquim and Mary (Pacheco) Sousa.

Mrs. Costa had lived in Stonington all of her life, she had been employed at the former Atwood Machine Co. in Stonington and later at the Coffee Cup Restaurant, also in Stonington.

Her husband Joseph A. Costa, died in July 1977.

She was a communicant of St. Mary Church and a member of the Stonington Senior Citizens.

Survivors include a sister, Lenora Sousa of Stonington; several nieces and nephews, including Mrs. Ralph Ballato and Mrs. Mary Nolan, both of Stonington.

Thomas L. Neill and Sons Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, is in charge of the arrangements.

Rose S. Costa

Rose (Sousa) Costa, 80, of 87 Water St., Stonington, died this morning at The Westerly Hospital where she had been a patient for the last week and a half.

Mrs. Costa was born in Stonington April 16, 1906, a daughter of the late Joaquim and Mary (Pacheco) Sousa.

She was a lifelong resident of the community. She had been employed at the former Atwood Machine Co. and later at the Coffee Cup Restaurant, both in Stonington.

Her husband, Joseph A. Costa, died in July of 1977.

She was a communicant of St. Mary Church and a member of the Stonington Senior Citizens.

She is survived by a sister, Lenora Sousa of Stonington; and several nieces and nephews including Mrs. Ralph Ballato and Mrs. Mary Nolan both of Stonington.

The funeral will be held from the Thomas L. Neill and Sons Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, Tuesday at 9:15 a.m. with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary Church in Stonington at 10 a.m. Interment in St. Mary Cemetery. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home Monday 7-9 p.m.
Thomas W. Costa

Thomas W. Costa, 62, of 6 Chestnut St., Reading, Mass., formerly of Stonington, died Thursday, July 19, 2001, at the Fair Oaks Hospital in Fairfax, Va., where he had been admitted on Wednesday.

Born in Stonington, July 21, 1938, he was the son of Mildred Card Costa of Pawcatuck and the late Thomas Costa.

Mr. Costa graduated from Stonington High School with the class of 1956. He had been employed at the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics as an engineering aide in the research and development department. He served with the U.S. Air Force in Germany in 1961-62.

He had been a general building contractor in the Stonington area and, was currently employed by the Herman/Stewart Construction Company of Massachusetts, serving as the construction superintendent on a project in Fairfax, Va.

He was a past Grand Knight of the Nina Council No. 43 Knights of Columbus in Stonington and a member of the Nina Assembly 4th Degree. He was a member of the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society in Stonington.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Marjorie S. Costa of Reading, Mass.; two daughters, Noreen Costa of Plantsville, Conn., and Kathleen Costa of Hermosa Beach, Calif.; and one son, Thomas W. Costa Jr. of Stonington.

The funeral will be held on Monday from the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, at 9:15 a.m. with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary Church Stonington at 10 a.m. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home on Sunday from 5 to 8 p.m.
Josephine Costanzo

Pawcatuck — Josephine A. Costanzo, a resident of Pawcatuck for 28 years, formerly of Stamford, died Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, at the age of 87.

She was born Nov. 9, 1918, in Derby, the daughter of the late Dominick and Vincenza Cutterelli Violano.

She was preceded by her husband, Frederick G. Costanzo Sr.; her daughter-in-law, Linda Costanzo; her brothers, Vincent "Jimmy" Violano and John Violano; and a sister, Mary Lungarini Coppola.

Mrs. Costanzo was a homemaker. She was a member of the Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society and also a member of St. Michael the Archangel Church in Pawcatuck.

She is survived by her loving children, Frederick G. Costanzo Jr. of Darien, MaryAnn Altman and her husband, Paul, of Stonington, and Thomas "Tucker" Costanzo of Norwalk, Conn.; her grandchildren, Brian, David, Daniel, Kevin and Steven; a great-grandson, Jason; and her sisters, Louise Abdella, of Southbury, Conn., and Helen Barella, of Boynton Beach, Fla.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. today, Aug. 29, 2006, at Sacred Heart Church, 37 Schuyler Ave., Stamford. Interment will follow in St. John Cemetery, Darien.

Lacerenza Funeral Home, 8 Schuyler Ave., Stamford, is in charge of arrangements.
Thomas Costello Jr.

Stonington — Thomas F. Costello Jr., 87, of Pawcatuck, father, and grandfather, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012, at home.

Born in Quincy, Mass., on Sept. 22, 1925, he was the son of the late Ellen (McAuliffe) and Thomas F. Costello. Tom graduated from Quincy High School in 1943, and proudly served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946. He attended Boston College, earning a business degree and graduating in 1951.

Tom married Rita Shea in 1953.

Throughout his business career, he was a respected entrepreneur and business leader. Tom joined Alston Studios in 1953 and became president and partner/owner in 1960. He later sold the business in 1975 to join Mystic Color Lab as general manager and ultimately rose to president, retiring in 1990.

Tom was engaged in the Mystic community through the Rotary Club, as a member of Mystic Tourism Committee, and director of southeastern Chamber of Commerce.

During these years, Mystic Color Lab was considered one of the top photo finishers in the country. Tom highly valued his long personal and professional association with Mystic owners, Stanley Popiel and Ingrid Pedersen.

He was active in the National Photo Finishing and International Photo Marketing organizations which provided an opportunity for him and his wife, Rita, to travel across the United States and around the world.

Tom became a director of Chelsea Groton Bank in 1980 and greatly enjoyed serving in this role until his retirement in 2000.

Tom will be deeply missed for his warmth, compassion, and sense of humor.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Rita (Shea) Costello; daughters Ellen M. Costello and her husband, Michael D. Judge, of Chicago, Ill., Marie A. Simpson and her husband, Rory, of Plainfield, Ruth M Costello of Wethersfield, Rita M. Stewart and her husband, Bill, of Plainfield; sons Thomas J. Costello of Pearland, Texas, and Robert F. Costello and his wife, Nicole, of Hebron; and six grandchildren, Jennifer Simpson, David and Samantha Reiss, Ian Thomas Costello, Emma M. Costello, and Natalie J. Costello.

He was predeceased by a daughter, Ann E. Costello.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Michael Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. A private burial will follow at St. Mary Cemetery, New London. There are no calling hours.

Mystic Funeral Home is assisting the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Westerly Hospital (www.westerlyhospital.org) or to the Haitian Health Foundation (www.haitianhealthfoundation.org).
Anita Cote

Stonington — Anita J. Cote, 80, of Pawcatuck, formerly of Uncasville, died on Wednesday, June 4, 2014, at Apple Rehabilitation in Mystic.

Anita was born on Sept. 26, 1933, in New London, daughter of the late John and Emera (Paradis) Rousseau. She grew up in Montville and was a graduate of Norwich Free Academy. She was the loving wife of Edward D. Cote, who predeceased her. She was also predeceased by her son, David.

She worked at New London Convalescent Home in Waterford, as a nurse's aide, as well as supervisor of housekeeping for many years, and more recently worked at Walmart in Waterford until retirement. She was also an avid Red Sox fan and could and would tell you everything about all the players and the games.

Anita was a dedicated and faithful parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Church, where she served as a eucharistic minister, lector, and taught CCD for many years. Previously, she also served as president of both the Council of Catholic Women and the Rosary Altar Society. She also recently was a communicant of St. Pius X Church of Westerly. She enjoyed volunteering her time assisting with the annual church bazaars, donating plants each year, and more recently at the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center. She was a kind, compassionate person who was always willing to help someone in need.

She is survived by her children, Peggy Pelland (Tim) of North Stonington, John, Gina and Marie Cote, all of Norwich; daughter-in-law, Patricia Cote of Westerly; six grandchildren, Jacob Leonard, Drew Pelland, Amber Cote, Brenden Cote, Jennie Cirrito and Christopher Jordan; and two great-grandchildren, Austin Shukis and Sean Leonard. She also leaves brothers, Raymond Rousseau of Alabama and George Rousseau of Florida; and two sisters, Maryanne Shusta of Madison and Janet Childress of North Carolina.

Calling hours will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 8, at the Woyasz & Son Funeral Home, 11 Jerome Road, Uncasville. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, June 9, at St. John the Evangelist Church, 22 Maple Ave., Uncasville. Burial will follow in St. Patrick Cemetery.

The family would like to thank everyone for their continued love and support and are accepting memorial donations to help with expenses, c/o Peggy Pelland, 178 Wyassup Road, North Stonington, CT, 06359.
Joseph Costa, 85, Dies; Former Town Burgess

WESTERLY, R.I. — A former Stonington Burgess, Joseph A. Costa, 85, of 87 Water St., Stonington died Saturday afternoon at the Westerly Hospital where he had been admitted Thursday.

Mr. Costa was born in St. Michael's, Azores, Nov. 2, 1891, the son of the late Joseph and Albina (August) Costa.

He came to the U.S. in 1909 and was educated in Stonington Schools. In 1916, at age 14, he entered the employ of the former Atwood Company of Stonington.

During WW I he served with the U.S. Army Corp of service engineers and also worked as an interpreter.

Following the war he returned to the Atwood Co. and in 1929 became a foreman there. He worked 49 years for the company before leaving to take posts at E.B and retiring from there in 1957.

Mr. Costa was a former borough Burgess. A member of the Nina Council Knights of Columbus and its Assembly. He also held memberships in the borough fire department, the James W. Harvey Post American Legion, the Harley P. Chase Post VFW, Portuguese Holy Cross Society, and was a communicant of St. Mary Church, Stonington.

In addition to his wife, Rose (Souza), he is survived by a brother, Manuel Costa of Stonington; a niece and two nephews.
Frances Cote

Frances (Haberek) Cote, 82, of 200 Pequot Trail, Pawcatuck, wife of the late Oliver L. Cote, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2002, at the Westerly Nursing Home.

Born in Hopkinton, Aug. 25, 1920, she was the daughter of the late Alexander and Carolyn (Lodpkievits) Haberek.

Mrs. Cote was employed as a weaver at the George C. Moore Co. of Westerly, and the American Velvet Co. of Stonington for several years prior to retiring as an inspector from the Kenyon Piece and Dye Co.

She was communicant of St. Michael Church, Pawcatuck; a member and Past Noble Grand of Carolyn Rebekah Lodge No. 31 of Hope Valley; a member of Hope Valley Grange, and the former Hope Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Cote also enjoyed gardening.

She will be sadly missed by two daughters, Carolyn Cross of Rutledge, Tenn., and Margaret Cote of Anchorage, Alaska; a son James Pukas, of Westerly; a sister Jennie Gorskowski of Raymond, N.H.; and a grandson, Jim Pukas of Westerly.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by four brothers, Frank, Sam, Albert, and Edgar Haberek; and three sisters, Stella Peterson, Alice Pinkowski, and May Defosses.

Calling hours will be held Wednesday evening from 6 to 9 in the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly. The funeral will be held from the funeral home Thursday followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in St. Michael Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. Interment in St. Sebastian Cemetery, Westerly.
OBITUARY

Caroline Cottrell

Old Saybrook — Caroline R. Cottrell, 89, of Old Saybrook, died Tuesday at Old Saybrook Convalescent Home following a long illness. She was born Jan. 31, 1923, in Stonington, the daughter of Joseph Perry and Mary Francis Perry. She married George S. Cottrell in 1948 in Westerly, R.I. Mrs. Cottrell moved to Old Saybrook in 1958. She was a communicant of St. John's Roman Catholic Church in Old Saybrook and a member of the St. John's Ladies Guild.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Cynthia Rich of East Hampton, with whom she made her home for the past three years, and Jeanne Huffman of Palm Harbor, Fla., three sons, William Cottrell of St. Mary's, Ga., Richard Cottrell of Waterford, and Michael Cottrell of Moodus; a brother, William Perry of Stonington; a sister, Anna Sisk of Stonington; and five grandchildren.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Edward Perry and Joseph Mello and an infant son, Geoffrey.

A private burial service will be held in St. Mary's Cemetery in Stonington.

Calling hours are 7-9 p.m. Friday at Swan Funeral Home, 1224 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.
Chieko Cottrell

Westerly — Chieko Betty Cottrell, formerly of Westerly, who survived the first allied fire-bombing of Tokyo although her parents and brother were killed, died Thursday in Boston, where she resided for a year with her daughter. She was 69.

Mrs. Cottrell lived for 42 years in Westerly, where she was active with the American Music Theater, sewing costumes and organizing sets. She was a master of Ikebana, the art of Japanese flower arranging. She also designed hats, furs and jewelry.

Mrs. Cottrell was the wife of the late Nickolas Cottrell, a lawyer in the Department of Justice. They met after World War II in occupied Japan when he worked under Gen. Douglas MacArthur and had a key role in carrying out U. S. policy to democratize the country. Before being assigned to Japan in 1947, he worked on foreign policy.
**COTTRELL**

From the onset of World War II though 1944.

Mrs. Cottrell was born April 24, 1920, in Tokyo. Her life, along with the lives of millions of others in Japan, was incredibly hard virtually from 1941, when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, until the war ended.

Her daughter, Leona Hones, noted that bombings were not long in coming after Pearl Harbor and they soon continued almost non-stop to the end of the war, destroying almost all of Tokyo and other major cities.

Mrs. Cottrell was one of eight children in her eighth-grade class of 52 who survived the first fire-bombing.

Despite the loss of her parents and brother, Mrs. Cottrell survived the war years because of her spirit and courage, her daughter said.

"She was a very strong person," Mrs. Hones added, "She always had a joy of life which, considering the trauma of her childhood, was remarkable."

Mrs. Cottrell and her husband, who died in 1993, resided on Potter Hill Road, Westerly. Her daughter said she had a love of nature which was expressed through flower arrangements and landscape design.

In addition to her daughter, Leona Hones, of Boston, Mrs. Cottrell is survived by two other daughters, Lydia Lehr, also of Boston, and Helen Goblick of Providence.

Joseph A. Langone Funeral Home, Boston, is in charge of arrangements. A memorial service will be held in the spring in Westerly, at a time and place to be announced.

Gifts in memory of Mrs. Cottrell can be made to The Wellness Community, 1320 Center St., Scituate 305, Newton Center, Mass. 02492.
Philip W. Cottrell, 74, volunteer, attended Yale and Trinity College

STONINGTON — The retired executive of the former C.B. Cottrell & Sons Co., died recently.

Philip Whitman Cottrell, 74, of North Main St., died at his home.

Mr. Cottrell was personnel director of the former family business before retiring.

A native of Westerly, he was born Jan. 25, 1913, the son of Arthur Maxon and Kate Virginia Hunkins Cottrell. He married the former Emily Darrell on Oct. 10, 1941.

A former president of the Stonington Visiting Nurse Association, he was a volunteer at the Westerly Hospital for more than 25 years. He was a graduate of the Taft School and attended Yale University and Trinity College.

He was a member of the L Club of New York City and a longtime member of the Misquamicut Club in Watch Hill. He was a member of the Wadawanuck Club and St. Anthony's Society.

Besides his wife, survivors include a daughter, Virginia Fidelia Cottrell of New York City; a stepdaughter, Amanda Atwood Lindberg of Stonington, and two grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted at Christ Episcopal Church in Westerly. Internment was in Stonington Cemetery. The Church & Allen-Dinoto Funeral Home, Mystic, was in charge of arrangements.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Westerly Hospital, Wells St., or to the Stonington Visiting Nurse Association, 229 North Water St.

Died January 10, 1988
Philip W. Cottrell

STONINGTON — Philip Whitman Cottrell, 74, of North Main Street, retired executive of the former C.B. Cottrell & Sons Co. of Pawcatuck, now Harris Corp., died Sunday at his home.

Mr. Cottrell was personnel director of the former family business before retiring.

A former president of the Stonington Visiting Nurse Association, he was a volunteer at the Westerly Hospital for more than 25 years. He was a graduate of the Taft School and attended Yale University and Trinity College.

He was a member of the L Club of New York City and a longtime member of the Misquamicut Club in Watch Hill. He was a member of the Wadawanuck Club and St. Anthony's Society.

A native of Westerly, he was born Jan. 25, 1913, the son of Arthur Maxon and Kate Virginia Hunkins Cottrell.

He was married Oct. 10, 1941, to the former Emily Darrell.

Besides his wife, survivors include a daughter, Virginia Fidelia Cottrell of New York City; a stepdaughter, Amanda Atwood Lindberg of Stonington, and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted at Christ Episcopal Church in Westerly at a date to be determined. Private interment will be in Stonington Cemetery. The Church & Allen-Dinoto Funeral Home, Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.

There are no calling hours.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Westerly Hospital, Wells Street, or to the Stonington Visiting Nurse Association, 228 North Water St.
Sara Cottrell

Stonington — Sara Emily Darrell Cottrell, 84, of North Main Street, died Tuesday at home.

She was born June 25, 1905 in Stonington, a daughter of the late Edward F. and Sara Stone McKeeen Darrell.

She attended the Chapin School in New York City and Miss Porter’s School in Farmington.

She was the former wife of James Ernest Blake, who served in the U.S. Diplomatic Service in the late 1920s and early 1930s. They were stationed in several consulate posts in Europe and the Far East.

Mrs. Cottrell was later married to former Stonington resident Eugene Atwood II of Salt Lake City, Utah.

She married her third husband, Philip Whitman Cottrell, in 1941.

Mr. Cottrell died Jan. 10, 1983.

Mrs. Cottrell was an avid horticulturist and traveler. Her interests included a wide range of community and humanitarian causes. She was a member of the Waddawanuck Club of Stonington, the Misquamicut Club of Watch Hill, R.I., and the Calvary Episcopal Church in Stonington.

She is survived by two daughters, Amanda Atwood Lindberg of Stonington and Virginia Pidelia Cottrell of New York City; two granddaughters; and a great-granddaughter.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Calvary Episcopal Church, Stonington. Private burial will precede in Stonington Cemetery. There are no visiting hours. The Dimoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Stonington Ambulance Service, 3 Elm St., Stonington, 06378 or to the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center Building Fund, P.O. Box 122, Mystic 06355.
When Mandy and Ginna first asked me if I would say a few words today, I was a bit reluctant, feeling inadequate at such a request.

How does one do justice to a beautiful human being in just a few moments when it took 84 years to fine tune and hone this friend of ours we honor today.

I do not feel that we are mourning a death. Rather, I like to believe we are celebrating the wonderful and full life of Emily Cottrell.

I know that Emily would want no gloom.

Sara Emily Darrell Black Atwood first crossed my path on a wintry day in 1939. I remember well that first meeting. Along with Hank & Kappy Palmer, she welcomed me to Stonington. I was immediately taken with her friendly interest, and the twinkle in her eye. Her sense of humor was evident. This was the beginning of a 50 year friendship. I was to learn later that she was fairly independent and a little bit stubborn.

A bit younger, I was awed by this handsome woman, who had lived glamorously throughout the far parts of the world, who had a cute little girl and who in her early thirties had already been married twice.

She was being courted by some Lothario by the name of Philip Whitman Cottrell.

This was fascinating to a conservative mid-westerner. Emily was Stonington's answer to Elizabeth Taylor. It was WOW.

She married Philip.

One never knew which was the straight man. Their senses of humor so complimented one another. It was fun to just sit and listen, and to be with them, a wonderful couple.

When the war came along, Stonington was busy reproducing itself.

1942 & 43 brought forth a new Darrell, a new York, a new Miller, and a Palmer and a Simmons, a Gildersleeve, a new Sheffield, a Streeter, a Lincoln and a Knox, a new Cottrell and bringing up the rear, a new Paffard.

The black out was in effect and the clothes lines in Stonington were filled with diapers.
Emily teased me for complaining about ruining (quote) my summers by being pregnant. It was my western way of saying summer that made her laugh.

Yesterday, when I was trying to make less chaos out of my desk, I came upon a note from her written last summer on the back of an old calendar pad (I guess that’s frugality). We had just swapped Platycodon and Feverfew.

I didn’t give her any specifics as I was sure she knew more about Platycodon than I did. But I got the full treatment from her. The note states that Feverfew’s real name is (Chrysanthemum parthenium) and that it is a "hardy perennial of shrubby, leafy habit". And to top it off, she noted that it was an "old time garden favorite". How like her, and so horticulturally meticulous.

Now her kitchen was another matter. No Mrs. Meticulous here. She had to have been part Houdini to have created meals out of such array (I think that’s a good word for complete and organized confusion).

Her motto was "gardening forever - housework whenever".

I took up golf and my favorite golfing companion was Philip. Emily never resented the many games & hours we shared. I only wish I had written down some of Philip’s one liners for errant shots - so unique - so Philip.

Emily loved her dogs, Rev & Lilly. She loved people, and she loved children.

Last year when Erica & Henry presented her with a great granddaughter, her excitement and joy was contagious. Meg, the happy, bubbling infant brought new dimensions to Emily’s life.

At this time a few health problems plagued her. Literally, she seemed to order these inconveniences out of her life. Her independence reared its head.

She didn’t want anyone smothering her with care. She wanted to cope her way. And she did. She recovered enough to enjoy another joyous time at Manasota Key with her family.

She died peacefully in her sleep.

We gather here today because we respected, honored and loved Emily Cottrell.

We are better individuals because our paths crossed hers.

Life does not cease. I look at Mandy and I see her resembling more and more her lovely mom. I see Philip in the shy smile of Ginna.

Bless our good friends Emily and Philip. They live on. I dare say they are observing us and thinking:

_All is right with the world._
Deaths

Corrected Notice:

Cottrell — In Westerly, R.I., May 31, 1997, Viola C. (Cronin) Cottrell, beloved wife of Charles Cottrell, residence: 42 Mechanic Street, Pawcatuck, Conn. A funeral service will be held in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Tuesday at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited. Visiting hours in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, Monday 7 to 9 p.m. Family requests contributions to the Westerly Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 512, Westerly, in her memory.

Viola C. Cottrell

Viola C. (Cronin) Cottrell, 80, of 42 Mechanic Street, Pawcatuck, who died early Saturday morning, is survived by her husband, Charles Cottrell, a stepdaughter, Barbara Lewis of Pawcatuck; a granddaughter, Linda Davis of Pawcatuck; a great-great-grandson, Juan Davis, also of Pawcatuck; a brother, Denis Cronin of Stonington; and four sisters, Kathleen Jeffrey and Jeanna Petrone, both of Stonington, Peggy Verhasselt of North Stonington, and Barbara Nord of Bakersfield, Calif., as well as several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by brother, Richard Cronin.

This information contained errors in the Sunday edition. The funeral service will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Visiting hours are this evening from 7 to 9. Memorial gifts may be made to the Westerly Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 512, Westerly.
COUGHLIN — In Stonington, Conn., May 17, 1940, Miss Mary C. Coughlin of 54 Elm Street, Stonington, aged 94.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, May 20, at 8 a.m. from the Church and Allen Funeral Home, 17 Pearl Street, Mystic, followed by a high mass of requiem at St. Mary's Church, Stonington, at 9:30 a.m. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Stonington.

Miss Coughlin of Elm Street Dead

STONINGTON — Miss Mary C. Coughlin, of 54 Elm Street, died at her home Saturday, May 17, following an extended illness.

She was born in New York City, June 25, 1844, a daughter of Cornelius and Ellen O'Leary Coughlin. Miss Coughlin, a communicant of St. Mary's Church, resided in Stonington most of her life.

Survivors include three brothers, Edward and Joseph Coughlin, both of Stonington; two sisters, Miss Jane Coughlin and Mrs. Fred Turner, both of Stonington; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 8 a.m. from the Church and Allen Funeral Home, 17 Pearl Street, Mystic, followed by a high mass of requiem at 9:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, Stonington. Internment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Stonington.

DIED

COUGHLIN — Edward O'Leary Coughlin, aged 94 years of 54 Elm St., Stonington, died Friday at 9:30 a.m. at N. M. Allen's Hospital, Mystic, after a brief illness.

A lifelong resident, he was born Oct. 11, 1844, the son of Cornelius and Ellen O'Leary Coughlin.

He had been employed at the Cutrell Co., Pawcatuck, as a clerk, retiring five years ago.

He was a communicant of St. Mary's Church, Stonington.

Surviving are two brothers, Thomas and Joseph Coughlin; two sisters, Miss Jane Coughlin and Mrs. Fred Turner, both of Stonington.

The funeral will be at 8 a.m. Monday from the Church and Allen Funeral Home, Mystic, to St. Mary's Church, Stonington. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Calling hours are from 7 to 9 tonight and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday.
COUGHLIN — In Norwich, Jan. 19, 1979, Joseph Francis Coughlin, of 54 Elm St., Stonington. Funeral services will be held from the Church & Allen Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, Tuesday at 9:15 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary Church, Stonington at 11 a.m. Interment in Stonington Cemetery. Contributions in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 120 Broad St., New London, or Edmundite Fathers, Enders Island, Mystic. Friends and relatives may call at the funeral home Monday evening from 7-9.

Joseph F. Coughlin

STONINGTON — Joseph Francis Coughlin, 78, of 54 Elm St., died Friday at Backus Hospital. Mr. Coughlin was an inspector at American Velvet Company, retiring in 1972. He was a member of St. Mary Church.

A native of Stonington, he was born on March 3, 1900, the son of Cornelius and Ellen (O'Leary) Coughlin.

Survivors include a brother, Thomas Coughlin of Stonington.

COUGHLIN — In Norwich, Conn., January 19, 1979, Joseph Francis Coughlin, of 54 Elm St., Stonington.

Funeral services will be held from the Church & Allen Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 9:15 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church, Stonington at 11 a.m. Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery. Contributions in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 120 Broad St., New London, or Edmundite Fathers, Enders Island, Mystic. Friends and relatives may call at the funeral home Monday evening, 7-9.
Thomas Coughlin

Thomas Coughlin, 89, formerly of 54 Elm St., Stonington, died Tuesday at the Mary Elizabeth Convalescent Home in Mystic.

Mr. Coughlin formerly worked as an inspector at the American Velvet Co. of Stonington and was a member of St. Mary's Church of Stonington.

He was born on Nov. 14, 1893 in Stonington, a son of Cornelius and Ellen (O'Leary) Coughlin.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 9:15 a.m. from the Church and Allen Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St.
Mystic — Marion C. (McHale) Cousins, 84, of Mystic, wife of the late Stanley E. Cousins, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Helen (Kasalla) McHale and lived in Mystic since 1960.

She is survived by two children, Michael J. Cousins of Mystic and Michelle Workman and her husband, Scott, of Boscawen, N.H.; and a granddaughter, Christina Workman also of Boscawen, N.H.

Services will be private.

The Mystic Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.
Gerard Cowan

Pawcatuck — Gerard Patrick Cowan, 49, of Pawcatuck, beloved husband of Michelle Morris and father of Ciara, Ben, and Jamie Cowan, passed away, Monday, Feb. 2, 2009, at home after a long battle with a brain tumor.

Born in Dublin, Ireland, he was the son of Margaret (Dignum) Cowan of Dublin, Ireland, and the late James Cowan. Gerard was a traditional Irish musician, and was also a veterinarian technician for many years in New Jersey, Michigan, and Virginia. At various points in his life he trained as a baker, worked as a tiller, was a stay-at-home dad with his triplets, and even a cowboy. He loved to fish, appreciated the outdoors and all wildlife, the Pittsburgh Steelers, and enjoyed listening to and playing traditional Irish music.

Besides his wife, children, and mother he leaves his sister and brother, Deirdre Duffy and her husband, Eric, and Robert Cowan and his wife, Ann, all of Swords, Ireland; a niece, Alana Witter; and his nephew, James Duffy.

A memorial service celebrating Gerard’s life will be held Thursday, Feb. 5, at 11 a.m. at the Old Mystic United Methodist Church, 44 Main St., Old Mystic. There are no calling hours. The Mystic Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.

The family has asked any donations be made to Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, 227 Dunham St., Norwich, CT 06360. The family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for the online guest book.
PAWACATUCK - Irene N. (Miner) Cox, 91, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 1, 2018.

Irene was born in Westerly, R.I. She was the wife of the late Jerome P. (John) Cox and the daughter of the late Elias Miner and Emma G. Miner. She was extremely proud of her early "Langworthy-Miner" heritage; settlers of Stonington, CT and Hope Valley, Richmond, R.I. She attended the Baptist Church in N. Stonington, CT and was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, a Masonic affiliate. She leaves her three children, John P. Cox of Midland, TX, Joyce E. Panciera (Richard) of Westerly and Bruce G. Cox (Judy) of Somers, CT; six grandchildren, Jefery (Erin) of Westerly, Gary of Pawcatuck, Jamie (Laura) Gaster of Newport, Julie (Jay) Rector of Starkville, MS, James (Kim) Cox of Ft. Worth, TX and Christopher (Rache) Cox of Portland, OR; and seven great grandchildren!

The Funeral Service will be privately held. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, is in charge of arrangements.

For online condolences please visit www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com
Henry J. Cragan, 83
Prominent civic leader in Stonington

By JOHN FOLEY
Day Staff Writer

Stonington — Henry J. Cragan, 83, former chairman of the Board of Finance here and active for years in civic and fraternal organizations, died Friday at his home at 507 Stonington Road.

Mr. Cragan, who was a noted athlete in high school and in college, devoted much of his time to community service for almost two decades after he retired from American Telephone and Telegraph Co.

He was outgoing, energetic and virtually unstoppable until the last few years, noted his daughter, Mary Motherway. He enjoyed everything he was involved in and he believed in doing his best, she added.

Community center
In addition to the Board of Finance, which Mr. Cragan headed in the 1970s, he was also president of the Stonington Community Center, one of his favorite projects; treasurer of the Stonington Free Library, and business manager of Historical Footnotes, published by the Stonington Historical Society.

He was also a member of the Westerly Curling Club, steward emeritus of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Westerly-Pawcatuck, and a member of Nina Council, Knights of Columbus, Stonington. He was a communicant of St. Mary’s Church.

Mr. Cragan was a 1926 graduate of Stonington High School, where he was president of his class and an outstanding football and baseball player. He was not big but he had great competitive spirit and drive, qualities which he retained throughout his life.

While at Rhode Island State College, now the University of Rhode Island, he played football and baseball on teams coached by the late Frank W. Kearney, regarded as one of the best coaches in the nation.

Mr. Cragan graduated from college in 1930. He was a member of Sigma Chi, Iota Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi.

He resided for years in Hastings-on-Hudson in New York while with the controller’s department at American Telephone and Telegraph. He was chairman of the Board of Education and active in civic work there. He returned to Stonington in 1970 when he retired after 44 years with AT&T.

Mr. Cragan was in the Army during World War II, serving with the Finance Corps. He retired from the Army Reserve in 1960 with the rank of colonel.

He was born March 10, 1909, in Providence, the son of Henry and Alice Crook Cragan. His father, also a native of Providence, worked for Electric Boat.

Mr. Cragan married the former Vera Vargas in 1935 in Stonington. In addition to his wife, and his daughter, Mary Motherway, who resides in Stonington, his survivors include two other daughters, Anne Conner of McLean, Va., and Jane Duffy of Westwood Mass., eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a brother, Robert L. Cragan, also a noted athlete.

The funeral will assemble at 9:15 a.m. Monday at Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. at St. Mary’s Church. Burial will be in St. Mary’s Cemetery.

Calling hours are 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday. Gifts in memory of Mr. Cragan can be made to the Stonington Community Center, P.O. Box 286, or to the Stonington Free Library, P.O. Box 188, Stonington, 06378.
MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL
FOR
HENRY J. CRAGAN
1909 - 1992

I am the Resurrection and the Life.
He who believes in me even if he dies shall live.

JOHN XI.25

St. Mary's Church
Stonington, Connecticut
Rev. Edward J. Davis, Pastor
Here I Am, Lord

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Reader: Mary Connerton Scott

PSALM 23

Response:

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; I SHALL NOT WANT.

SECOND READING

Reader: Lynn Cragan Duffy

A reading from
The Book of Revelations 14:13

Lector: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Lector: I am the Resurrection and the Life, He who believes in me, Even if he die, Shall live.
PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.

GOSPEL PLEASE STAND
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL
Reader: Ruth Vargas
Response: Lord, Hear Our Prayer

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Henry "Ted" Duffy
Robert Duffy
David Motherway, Jr.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

Amazing Grace

Communion Song:

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

Based on Psalm 91

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My Refuge, My Rock
in whom I trust!"

Refrain:

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you
And famine will bring you no fear:
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.

Refrain

You need not fear the terror of the night.
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come.

Refrain

For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Refrain

A TRIBUTE TO GRAMP

Melissa Motherway
8. Be Not Afraid

BOB DUFFORD, S.J.

1. You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall wander far in safety, though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.

1. You shall see the face of God and live. (Antiphon)

ANTIPHON:

Be not afraid. I go before you always. Come, follow Me and I will give you rest.

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not be drowned. If you walk about the burning flames, you shall not be harmed. If you stand before the pour't of hell and death is at your side, know that I am with you through it all. (Antiphon)

3. Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs. Blessed are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh. And if wicked men in salt and hate you all because of Me, blessed are you! (Antiphon)
JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE

Refrain:

Just a closer walk with Thee
Grant it Jesus, if you please;
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be, dear Lord, Let it be.

I am weak but Thou art strong
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.
Refrain

Thru this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
Refrain

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
On that bright eternal shore
I will walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.
Refrain
VERA CRAGAN

Stonington — Vera Vargas Cragan, 87, of Stonington, died June 1 at home after a long illness.
Born in Maspeth, New York, in 1915, she was the daughter of Joseph A. Vargas and Mary Young Vargas.

She was a graduate of Stonington High School, class of 1933 and Katherine Gibbs School in Providence.


She and her husband lived for many years in Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y., where she was especially active in Girl Scouting. Mrs. Cragan was a member of the Westchester Wicks of the St. Andrew's Curling Club, Friends of the Hastings Library, St. Matthew's Church, and the Ladies of Charity.

Prior to retiring to Stonington in 1970, she worked for Columbia University's Hudson Laboratories in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.

In retirement, she served as a member of the Stonington Community Center Board and volunteered at the Stonington Library. She was also a member of Child and Family Services and the Stonington Historical Society. Mrs. Cragan was a communicant of St. Mary Church in Stonington. An avid gardener and reader, she also enjoyed needlework, crossword puzzles, and her book club activities.

She is survived by her three daughters and their husbands, Anne and James Connerton of Arlington, Va., Mary and David Motherway of Stonington, and Jane and Charles Duffy of Westwood, Mass.; eight grandchildren, Jane Connerton Connolly of Stonington, Christine Connerton Smith of Annapolis, Md., Mary Connerton Scott of Flower Mound, Texas, David L. Motherway Jr. of Boca Raton, Fla., Melissa Motherway Christian of New York City and Stonington, Lynn Duffy Berkley of Boston, Mass., Robert C. Duffy of Falls Church, Va., and H. Edward Duffy of Boston, Mass.; and 12 great-grandchildren. In addition she is survived by two sisters, Ruth E. Vargas of Stonington and Margaret V. D'Avanzo of Sarasota, Fla.

She was predeceased by three brothers, Joseph A. Vargas III, Richard A. Vargas, and Austin A. Vargas.

Calling hours will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 5, 2003, at St. Mary Church, Stonington.

Following the Mass, burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Hospice of Southeastern Conn., 179 Gallivan Lane, P.O. Box 902, Uncasville, CT 06382 or the Stonington Community Center, P.O. Box 288, Stonington, CT 06378.
Augustus Craig
Stonington — Augustus Frederick Craig, 79, of Stonington, died peacefully on Oct. 18, 2007, while surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Mystic, on Aug. 26, 1928, he was the son of the late William Payne Craig and Ida Belle Holly.

Gus was the beloved husband of Virginia (Twiggy) Craig for 51 years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his four children. Gus Craig of Stonington, Laura Zeppieri of Ledyard, Diane Kodama of North Stonington, and Bill Craig of Phoenix, Ariz., and his 12 grandchildren. Gus is also survived by a sister, Anne Warren, of Mystic, and many nieces and nephews.

Gus is predeceased by his siblings, William Craig, Jean Killen, and Barbara Ferguson.

After serving in the U.S. Navy as a submarriner, he went to work for Davis Standard from October of 1955 until his retirement in April of 1992. Gus put his gifted hands to work in the extruder assembly department for 37 years in order to provide for his family. In addition to Davis Standard, he spent 11 wonderful summers with his family, hosting campers and beachgoers on Ram Island (Mystic Island). He was often seen driving as many as a dozen children along the beach on the old Jeep while singing “Henry the 8th, I am.”

His family will greet relatives and friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday at the Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday at St. Mary’s Church, Stonington Borough. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of CT, 2139 Silas Deane Highway, Suite 308, Rocky Hill CT 06067-2338.

For obituary information, directions, or to send his family a note of remembrance or condolence, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Pawcatuck — Anna (Fallon) Crandall, 85, of Pawcatuck, died on Dec. 23, 2016, at Royal Westerly in Rhode Island.

Anna was born at The Westerly Hospital to Mabel and Raymond Fallon. She attended St. Michael's School and Stonington High School, and married Donald Crandall in 1951.

Anna achieved a 50-year career at the Westerly Sun, starting as a circulation clerk and becoming head bookkeeper. She was active in many organizations including the Stonington Historical Society and was president of The Friends of the Westerly Public Library where she was instrumental in raising money at the annual book fairs. Anna was an advocate for the environment and for animals, owning many pets and caring for outdoor wildlife. Anna and her good friend, Joan Downes, enjoyed many years of antiquing — finding, repairing and selling many items.

Anna is survived by her sister-in-law, Theresa Fallon; her nephew, Dick Fallon and friend Deb Fox; nieces Ann Fallon, Donna Page and Susan Fallon; many grand-nieces and nephews; and two great-great-grandnephews.

A Funeral Liturgy will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 6, 2017, at St. Mary's Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Road, Newington, CT 06111 or St. Michael's Capital Campaign, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379 in Anna's memory.

Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly is in charge of the arrangements. For online condolences please visit www.gaffney-dolanfuneralhome.com.
Elizabeth "Betty" (Champlin) Crandall

WESTERLY — Elizabeth "Betty" (Champlin) Crandall, age 88, of Westerly, RI passed away peacefully at the Community Hospice, Westerly, RI on May 19, 2019. Betty was a 1948 graduate of Stonington High School. Over a number of years she worked for employers such as the Westerly Sun, the United Way, Harris Corporation and as tax collector for the Dunn's Corners Fire District. She traveled the world with her husband in connection with his work, and as a result of his work transfer, moved with him and the family to Bedford, Texas from 1983 to 1987.

In 1997, she and her husband moved to Northport, Florida, enjoying the sunshine and searching for shark's teeth, before moving back to Westerly in 2012 to be closer to family. She was a warm and gracious hostess, a devoted den mother and a devoted grandmother, providing childcare for her grandchildren for more than a decade. She was a member of the Dunn's Corners Presbyterian Church.

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 from 5 to 7 pm at Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main Street in Westerly, RI. The funeral service will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 10 am at Dunn's Corners Presbyterian Church, 221 Post Road, Westerly, RI, with burial at River Bend Cemetery to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to Dunn's Corners Presbyterian Church, 221 Post Road, Westerly, RI 02891.

For online condolences, please visit www.buckler-johnston.com.
G. Marie Crandall

Mystic — G. Marie (Hagman) Crandall died Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018, at Green Tree Manor.

She was a native of Mystic and a graduate of Stonington High School. After graduating Murray State College in Kentucky, she worked as a maternity nurse at Lawrence + Memorial and Westerly Hospitals.

Marie left nursing and spent the rest of her life entirely devoted to her three beloved children. She was an avid Patriots and UConn fan.

She is survived by her three children, her daughters, Mary Evans and her husband, Floyd Evans Jr., of Ledyard, Kim Smith and her husband, Mark Smith, of Waterford and her son, William J. Crandall of Pawcatuck; and her two grandsons, Daniel Cirrito and Ryan Evans, both of Ledyard; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by her ex-husband, the love of her life, Richard Crandall; and her parents, William and Irma (Brown) Hagman.

Marie’s family will greet family and friends from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018, at the Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic, immediately followed by a 1:30 p.m. service at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Lambtown Cemetery.

For further obituary information, directions or to send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Obituaries

Harold ‘Ding’ Crandall Sr.

Harold Benjamin “Ding” Crandall Sr., 70, of Pawtucket, died Friday, Oct. 27, 2006. He was the husband of Marion (Snyder) Crandall.

Son of the late Daniel and Grace (Dunn) Crandall, he was a painter and enjoyed fishing and traveling.

Mr. Crandall leaves three daughters, Judy Crandall of Groton, Ellen Crandall of Mystic, and Terri St. Thomas of Westerly; one son, Harold Crandall Jr. of Exeter; three stepchildren, Helen Payne of Ashaway, Robert Staskowski Jr. of Hopkinton, and Anthony Staskowski of San Diego, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one sister, Abbie Godbout of Hopkinton.

He was a brother of the late Daniel and John Crandall, Madoline Belhouri and Elizabeth Taylor.

A funeral service will be held at the Charleho Southern Baptist Church, Route 91, Bradford, at 3 p.m. Saturday.
Kenneth Crandall Sr.

Stonington — Kenneth A. Crandall Sr., 78, of Pawcatuck, passed away at The Westerly Hospital on Monday, Nov. 28, 2011. He was the husband of Edwina (Shea) Crandall.

Born in Westerly, he was the son of the late Louis E. Crandall and Hazel Crandall Lamb.

Kenneth graduated from Stonington High School in 1951 and was a member of the 1950 High School State Championship basketball team. He had just attended his 60th high school class reunion. He proudly served his country as a member of U.S. Navy from 1951 to 1955. He worked at Monsanto Co. in Stonington for 30 years until his retirement in 1985.

A sports fanatic, he was an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox, Bruins, Celtics, and Patriots. A golf enthusiast, he collected score cards and memorabilia from courses across the country. He was also a past member of Elmridge Country Club. He coached and was an active participant in the Pawcatuck Little League for many years. In his later years, he loved gardening and spending time walking around Watch Hill.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, William F. Crandall and his wife, Marsha, of North Stonington, Kenneth A. "K.C." Crandall Jr. and his wife, Sarah, Edwin F. Crandall and Mary Grayce Crandall, all of Pawcatuck. He will be sadly missed by his grandchildren, Kirsten, Keliee, Daniel and Elizabeth Crandall. He also leaves many nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, Kenneth was preceded in death by his brothers, Louis and Donald Crandall.

In keeping with his wishes, visiting hours are respectfully omitted. Funeral service and burial will be private.

Memorial donations may be made to the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center, 27 Chase St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379 (www.thepnc.org).

Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, is in charge of the arrangements.

For online condolences, please go to www.gaffney-dolanfuneralhome.com.
Edward Cranshaw Jr., 87, of Greenhaven Road, Pawcatuck, died peacefully on Monday Dec. 8, 2003, at The Westerly Hospital. He was the beloved husband of Eunice (Wood) Cranshaw.

Born in Fall River, Mass., on June 14, 1921, he was the son of the late Edward Cranshaw Sr. and Mary (Stevens) Cranshaw.

Mr. Cranshaw worked at the Bradford Dyeing Association for over 30 years and later retired from Electric Boat in Groton. Edward served proudly in the Navy Sea Bees during World War II.

He was life member of the Pawcatuck Workmen's Club, life member of the Pawcatuck VFW 1265 and a life member of the American Legion and the Westerly Yacht Club. He was a communicant of St. Michael the Archangel Church in Pawcatuck.

Besides his wife of over 60 years, he is survived by his two children, Richard Cranshaw and Susan Cranshaw, both of Pawcatuck. He also leaves his sister, Margaret Reale of Matunuck.

He was predeceased by his three sisters, Mary Bitgood, Helen Ritter and Rita Holland.

At Mr. Cranshaw's request, funeral services and burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Home and Hospice Care of Rhode Island, 169 George St., Pawtucket, RI 02860.

Arrangements by Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly.
Catherine Marie Cravinho

Dornhekey Cravinho left this world on Feb. 11, 2009, in Renton, Wash. She had just celebrated her 80th birthday on Dec. 20th.

She was born in Stonington and always considered the Stonington/Pawcatuck (Wequetogacket) area her home. While living in this area, she was a member of St. Mary Church in Stonington.

Catherine married Leopold Cravinho in 1952 and built a home on Greenhaven Road in Pawcatuck.

Between 1971 and 1985, work took Catherine and Lee to Wayne, N.J., but they always traveled "home" to Pawcatuck on weekends.

In 2002, Catherine moved to the state of Washington to be close to her daughter, Jean, son-in-law John, and grandson, Matthew. While living there, she volunteered at the Renton Senior Center. Catherine's many interests included cooking, rooting for the Red Sox and working in her yard. In later years she loved to knit and read a good book.

Most of all, throughout her life, Catherine was interested in people. She would strike up a conversation with people, always interested in what they were up to and, if needed, what she could do to help out in any way.

Catherine has left many friends, co-workers, family and neighbors who will all miss her greatly.

Besides her immediate family in Washington State, she leaves her sister, Emily Delmonico, of Sterling, Conn.; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Joseph and Carole Cravinho, of Pawcatuck; a brother-in-law, Ernest Cravinho, of Winchester, Mass.; and four nieces and nephews.

Catherine was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Lee, in 1988, and we all find comfort in knowing that they have just had a grand reunion after all these years.

A memorial service is to be held later at the convenience of the family.
Catherine M. Cravinho

Dec. 20, 1928 – Feb. 11, 2009

Catherine Marie Dennehey Cravinho left this world on Feb. 11, 2009.
In 2002, she moved to Washington State to be close to daughter Jean, son-in-law John and grandson Matthew.

Catherine has left many friends, co-workers, family and neighbors who will all miss her greatly. Besides her immediate family, Catherine is survived by her sister, Emily Deimonic of Sterling, Conn.; brother and sister-in-law, Joseph and Carole Cravinho of Pawcatuck; brother-in-law, Ernest Cravinho of Winchester, Mass.; brother-in-law, Robert Doughty of Pawcatuck; and four nieces and nephews.

Catherine was preceded in death by her husband, Lee in 1986; and her sister, Anne Roderick Doughty in 2006.
Dorothy Cravinho

Dorothy (Bergel) Cravinho, 93, of 276 North Water St., Stonington, died Dec. 5, 2002, at The Westerly Hospital.

A native of Stonington, she was born Feb. 9, 1909, daughter of the late Paul and Evelyn (Pereira) Bergel. She was married June 1937 to Antone J. Cravinho, who died in July 1985.

Upon graduating from the former Borough School in the class of 1927, Mrs. Cravinho continued her education at the former Willimantic Normal School graduating in 1929. She received her B. S. from Eastern Connecticut Teachers College in 1955.

Mrs. Cravinho began and ended her teaching career in the Stonington School System. Under the supervision of Supt. WR. Snyder, she closed out two rural schools, the Taugwunk in 1930, and the Road District in 1932, before being transferred to teach in the Borough School in 1932.

Until her retirement in 1969, she was active in many organizations: Charter member of the Stonington P.T.A., Den Mother for Cub Scouts, Treasurer and Tax Assessor of Stonington Fire District, Board Member of the Stonington Visiting Nurse Association, plus participating in church and community projects.

Kind and loving to all, she will be sorely missed. Affectionately known to her grandchildren as Gram, she will keep us all warm with the many beautiful afghans and quilts made over the years. A sharp mind, baked beans, deviled eggs, Portuguese sweet bread, green pumpkin pie, ice cream, apple dumplings and newspaper clippings will always be close to our hearts.


She was predeceased by a brother, Paul F. Bergel.

Calling hours will be held at the Mystic Funeral Home, 51 Williams Ave., Mystic, on Dec. 6 from 4 to 7 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11 a.m. on Dec. 7 at St. Mary Church, Broad Street, Stonington. Interment will follow the Mass at St. Mary Cemetery, Stonington.

For directions and an online memorial book on behalf of the family, you may visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com.

He was a standout football player for the Stonington Bears and served in the Navy during World War II in the Pacific Theater.

He had resided in Winchester, Mass., for many years.

He is survived by two daughters, Barbara DiSarcina and Marsha Hazard; two grandchildren, Paul DiSarcina and Barbara Hazard; his brother, Joseph W. Cravinho of Pawcatuck; and a niece, Jeanne Cravinho-Perkins of Seattle, Wash.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Mary (Lima) Cravinho; his second wife, Barbara (Faulkner) Cravinho; two brothers, James and Leopold Cravinho; and his sister-in-law, Catherine (Dennehey) Cravinho.

Calling hours were held Sept. 20 in Arlington, Mass.
Kathleen Cravinho

Stoneington — Kathleen Tasca Cravinho, age 73, of Stoneington, passed away at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital in New London on June 24, 2018.

Kathy was born on Jan. 26, 1945, in Norwich, daughter of Angelo and Sonia Tasca of Pawcatuck. Kathy grew up in Pawcatuck; however, the family spent most summers in the Watch Hill, R.I. area. She attended a private, Catholic boarding high school in Providence, R.I., and studied nursing at a program in Bridgeport. Kathy worked in the nursing field at Westerly Hospital for many years; however, she left the profession to focus on raising her family.

Kathy was the beloved wife of the late Paul E. Cravinho Sr., devoted mother of Paul E. Cravinho Jr., and his wife Fatima Bonias; Amy Lynn; and her husband, Everald T. Benjamin; and loving "Nonnie" of Nicholas Benjamin, Vanessa Benjamin, Catherine Cravinho, Paul Cravinho III and Chloe Cravinho.

Kathy married Paul, the love of her life, in August 1965. They briefly settled in New York, where he was working for Arthur Anderson. Once Paul and "Sam," his special nickname for her, were expecting their first child, the happy couple returned to Saunders Road in Misquamicut, R.I., to live in a home gifted to them by Kathy's mother and father. As their family grew, Paul and Kathy moved into their Watch Hill Road home, where they lived for 25 years. After Paul retired from Pfizer, he and Kathy moved to the Stonington area in 1986, and built the house of their dreams, where they lived until Kathy's passing.

Kathy was a devoted and loving mother, an extremely supportive wife and friend to all. She was very proud of her family and was excited to become a "Nonnie" to her five grandchildren. Kathy cherished holidays and family get-togethers; any chance to spend time with her family was important to her. She would spend hours cooking and preparing for her company. Some of her most famous creations were her sausage breads during Christmas, her five varieties of cream pies and spinach bread at Easter, and the clam fritters and chowder during the summer lobster dinners.

She and Paul enjoyed traveling together, dancing at the Westerly Yacht Club and volunteering at many local charity events. Kathy stood next to Paul as he campaigned to become Judge of Probate in Stonington. Handing out potholders and knocking on doors, she was by his side through it all. Kathy was known for her feisty, yet good sense of humor. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Friends and family will gather from 3 to 6 p.m. on Friday, June 29, at the Mystic Funeral Home on Route 1 in Mystic. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 30, at St. Mary's Church in Stonington. The burial ceremony will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery. Following the interment, the family will be hosting a Celebration of Life in honor of Kathy from noon to 3 p.m., at the Spicer Mansion in Mystic.
Mary Pimentel Cravinho, 95
Operated Cravinho’s Grocery

STONINGTON — Mary Pimentel Cravinho, 95, of Greenhaven Road, Pawcatuck, died Dec. 24 at The Westerly Hospital.

She was a lifelong resident of the area. Born in Stonington on June 13, 1900, a daughter of Frank and Maria Joseph Pimentel, she attended Stonington schools.

She married Ernest P. Cravinho Sr., and together they operated Cravinho’s Grocery on School Street in Stonington for more than 25 years. Mr. Cravinho died April 6, 1983.

Mrs. Cravinho was a communicant of St. Mary’s Roman Catholic Church and the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center.

She is survived by two sons, Joseph W. Cravinho of Pawcatuck and Ernest P. Cravinho Jr. of Winchester, Mass.; one granddaughter, and one great-grandson.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by two sons, James and Leopold “Lee” Cravinho; and a brother, James Pimentel.

A funeral was held at the DiSalvo Funeral Home, Mystic, on Wednesday, Jan. 3, with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary’s Church. Burial was in St. Mary’s Cemetery.

Memorial gifts in Mrs. Cravinho’s memory may be made to the Stonington Visiting Nurse Association, 20 S. Anguilla Rd., Pawcatuck 06379, or the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center, Chase Street, Pawcatuck 06379.
Paul Cravinho Sr.

Stonington — The Honorable Paul Ernest Cravinho Sr., age 77, of Stonington, passed away on Jan. 12, 2018, surrounded by his family. A native of Stonington, he was born May 15, 1940, son of the late Anthony J. and Dorothy Bergel Cravinho. Paul will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 52 years, Kathleen Tasea Cravinho, whom he alone referred to as Sam; his brother, Anthony J. Cravinho and wife, Karen, of Maine; his son, Paul Ernest Cravinho Jr. and wife, Fatima, of New York; his daughter, Amy Lynn Benjamin and husband, Everton, of Stonington; and his five grandchildren, Nicholas Paul Benjamin, Catherine Tasea Cravinho, Vanessa Cameron Benjamin, Paul Ernest Cravinho III and Chloe Ann Cravinho.

Paul graduated from Stonington High School in 1958, and from the University of Rhode Island in 1962. Upon graduation, he was recruited by Arthur Andersen in New York City and began his illustrious accounting career. However, he and his wife were drawn back to the Misquamicut, R.I., area to raise their children closer to family. Paul began building Cravinho's Tax Service in the charming beach cottage that was gifted to them by Kathleen's parents. Five years later, they moved into their Watch Hill Road home, where they lived and raised their family. For the next 25 years, Paul also worked as an accountant for Pfizer in Groton.

Paul retired from Pfizer in 1985, to fulfill his dream of serving the town of Stonington as probate judge. He ran a successful campaign and took his first oath of office in November 1986. Judge Cravinho held that position until his retirement in 2010. Paul served as treasurer of the Probate Court Assembly for more than 10 years, and during his retirement was appointed to the Council on Probate Judicial Conduct by Gov. Dannel P. Malloy. Paul also served as treasurer for the town of Stonington from November 2013 until 2017.

Until his passing, he was active in several community organizations including the Board of Directors for the Stonington Community Center, the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society, the Westerly Elks Club and the Fraternal Order of Police in Westerly. He donated annually to the Connecticut Law Enforcement Memorial Event and was active in the Democratic Town Committees in both Westerly and Stonington. One of his and Kathleen's greatest joys was their involvement with the Sergio Franchi Music Foundation. Mrs. Eva Franchi relied upon Paul's financial expertise for this concert attended by thousands held on the grounds of the Franchi Estate. Music and love filled the air each year and sent people's hearts soaring.

Following tax season each year, Paul and Kathleen would escape and travel around the world together. They attended numerous Probate Assembly trips together and vacationed in Florida in the spring. Paul and Kathleen also were lifelong members of the Westerly Yacht Club, where they danced on Saturday nights with friends.

Paul will be remembered by his family and friends as a generous man and a source for providing solid advice in all of life's challenges. He had a passion for cars, music, the stock market, UConn women's basketball and for serving the community he loved dearly.

The family will receive visitors from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday Jan. 19, at Mystic Funeral Home in Mystic. Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20, at St. Mary's Church in Stonington. Burial in the Catholic Cemetery will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery.
CROTHERS — In Norwich, Conn., April 15, 1979, Fred A. Crothers, husband of Eleanor (German) Crothers of Willow Point, West Mystic.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Patrick's Church, Mystic, at the convenience of the family. Interment in St. Patrick's Cemetery. There are no calling hours. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Groton Senior Center Fund, in care of Groton Senior Citizens, Groton, Conn. Church & Allen Funeral Home, Mystic, in charge of arrangements.
Donald Crawford

Stonington — Donald Crawford, 77, of 133 S. Broad St., Pawcatuck, passed away Saturday at Pendleton in Mystic. Don was born in Attleboro, Mass., on Aug. 24, 1928, the son of Elliot and Vivian Crawford. Raised in New London and New Haven, he had been a resident of Stonington since 1944.

He was employed for many years as a commercial fisherman out of Stonington Harbor. He retired in 1994. He was a member of the So. N.E. Fishermen & Lobstermen’s Assoc., Westerly Elks, and Westerly Yacht Club.

Survivors include a son, Donald M. Crawford of Pawcatuck, and a daughter, Brenda A. Crawford of Ledyard.

Don’s family will greet relatives and friends at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl Street, historic downtown Mystic, on Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m. Services and burial will be private.

For obituary information, directions, or to send the family a note of remembrance/condolence, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.

Donations in his memory may be made to the So. N.E. Fishermen & Lobstermen’s Assoc., PO Box 90, Stonington, Ct 06378.
Harriet Crawford

Stonington — Harriet (Moody) Crawford, 80, of Stonington, died Wednesday Jan. 18, 2006, at The Westerly Hospital after a brief illness.

Harriet was born in Cambridge, Mass., on Dec. 8, 1925, the daughter of John H. and Theresa (Hughes) Moody.

A professional caregiver, she devoted her career to providing personal companionship and care. In her later years, she enjoyed spending her time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A faithful Catholic, Harriet was a communicant of St. Mary’s Church in Stonington.

She is survived by her children, Pamela C. Gentile of Mystic, Donald M. Crawford of Pawcatuck, and Brenda Peckham of Ledyard, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and her extended family, Stacey and Tony Cassata and their daughters.

She was predeceased by her sisters, Theresa Lakor and Dorothy McCulloch.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary’s Church, Stonington, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday. There are no visiting hours.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Children’s Hospital Foundation, PO Box 91088, Washington, DC 20077-1085.

For obituary information or to send an online condolence/remembrance to the family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
OAKDALE — Vivian DuChette Crawford, 85, of Route 85, died Sunday, Nov. 24, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital where she was admitted on Friday evening.

She was born June 3, 1911, in Attleboro, Mass., the daughter of Robert and Susie Daken DuChette. She married Elliot G. Crawford in Athens, N.Y., on Nov. 25, 1927. He died in July, 1965.

Mrs. Crawford was a resident of southeastern Connecticut for most of her life.

She is survived by one son, Donald Crawford of Pawcatuck; one daughter, Suejane Clay of Oakdale; one sister, Lillian Madeira of Stonington; five grandchildren, Pamela Genie of Mystic, Brenda Crawford and Donald Crawford Jr., both of Pawcatuck, Steven and Vivian Miller, both of Oakdale; and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Wednesday, Nov. 27. Burial is in Maplewood Cemetery, Norwich. The Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, was in charge of arrangements.

Contributions in Mrs. Crawford's name may be made to the American Heart Association, 5 Brookside Dr., Wallingford, 06492; or the American Cancer Society, 238 West Town Street, Norwich, 06360.
Joseph A. Creaturo

Joseph Anthony Creaturo, 77, of Bonita Springs, Fla., formerly of Stonington, Conn., passed away peacefully on Jan. 13, 2011, surrounded by his loving wife and family after a short illness.

He was born in New Rochelle, N.Y. on March 22, 1933 to the late Joseph Creaturo and Antoinette (Fontanarosa) Creaturo. He graduated from Iona College with a Bachelor’s Degree of Arts and Sciences and then served as a tank commander in the Korean War.

Joseph spent much of his professional career as a senior executive at Avon and Revlon cosmetic corporations in New York City.

In 1971, he relocated his family to Watch Hill, R.I., and entered the veterinarian pharmaceutical business where he served as president and CEO of Mastic-Kure Productions in Norwich, Conn. Joseph enjoyed working in his garden, cooking, and spending time with his friends and family and his soul mate.

Joseph is predeceased by his older brother, Peter Creaturo. He is survived by one sister, Norma (Creaturo) Stone of South Yarmouth, Mass.; his wife Marjorie A. Creaturo of Bonita Springs, Fla.; and two sons, John J. Creaturo of Stonington, Conn., and Michael A. Creaturo of Westerly and his wife DeAnna (Hayden) Creaturo; and one grandchild, Olivia Grace Creaturo.

There are no calling hours and services are private. Any contributions may be sent to Hospice/Joanne House, 27200 Imperial Parkway, Bonita Springs, FL 34135 C/O Joseph Creaturo.
Stonington—Marjorie Ann Kleindienst Guidera Creaturo, born Jan. 12, 1932, died peacefully at Fairview Nursing Home, having spent the day in the company of all her six children Feb. 3, 2019, at the age of 87.

Marjorie was born to father Alfred Kleindienst, who emigrated from Austria and despite only having attained a sixth-grade education, was founder and former owner of radio station WORC in Worcester (now Providence). He was also an inventor and entrepreneur. Her mother, Alice Joslin Kleindienst, was a homemaker whose genealogy included a general in the Revolutionary War and roots going back to the Mayflower Colony.

The family lived at Beacon Park on Webster Lake at the very site where Native Americans originally declared the name of the Lake to be "Lake Charyngagegmanchauggagagchebeubungamauag," which meant "You fish on your side, we'll fish on our side and nobody fishes in the middle."

Marjorie took great pride in raising her six children, mostly in Stonington. She was a talented and published artist who studied under William Schultz, Robert Brackman, Herman Itchkawitch and others.

Marjorie leaves behind her children and their families: Robert and Sharon Guidera, Amy and Paul Tasca, Timothy and Pamela Guidera, Laura Paige and her late husband Donald Paige, Andrew and Bethany Harris, Oliver and Jocelyn Harriss, Michael and Eva Guidera, Maove Guidera, Brigid Guidera, Christopher and Ann Guidera, Jordan Guidera, Nicholas Guidera, Madison Guidera, Jessica Hintze, and Devin and Laura Hintze. Marjorie also leaves her lifelong best friend Judy Edgecomb.

A celebration of life Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019, at St. Mary's Church in Stonington.
Annie Cregan

Stonington — Annie Loretta Costa Freymuth Creegan, 78, of Manchester, a native of Stonington, died Friday at home.

She was born on Oct. 8, 1921, in Stonington.

Mrs. Cregan was the widow of Thomas R. Cregan and William Freymuth.

She was raised in Stonington and had been a Manchester resident since 1962.

Mrs. Cregan was a parishioner of St. Bartholomew's Church in Manchester.

She loved being a grandmother and enjoyed ceramics and gardening.

She is survived by a son, Orville W. Freymuth of Bolton; three brothers, Donald E. Costa of Redmond, Ore., Albert L. Costa Sr. of Ledyard and Ozzie Costa of Holiday, Fla.; two sisters, Rita Bissell of Richmond, Va., and Belmeda Bainton of Port Orange, Wash.; and two granddaughters.

The funeral service will be at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday at Watkins Funeral Home, 142 East Center St., Manchester, with a Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated at 10 a.m. in St. Bartholomew's Church, 45 Ludlow Road, Manchester. Burial will be in St. James Cemetery, Manchester.

Calling hours will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Bartholomew Church Building Fund, 45 Ludlow Road, Manchester CT 06040, or to Visiting Nurse and Health Services Inc., North Central Hospice, 8 Keynote Drive, Vernon CT 06066.
James R. Critcherson, 73

Dairy farmer for 30 years

PAWCATUCK — James Riddell Critcherson, 73, of Pequot Trail and Zephyrhills, Fla., died Sunday, Aug. 25, at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam.

He was born Nov. 22, 1922, in Stonington, the son of Harold D. and Margaret Riddell Critcherson.

He married Phyllis Pettengill on June 28, 1947, in Monmouth, Maine.

Mr. Critcherson was a dairy farmer in Pawcatuck for more than 30 years. He was also a custodian in the Stonington school system for more than 24 years, retiring in 1983.

He was a member of the Pawcatuck Lodge of Masons and past patron of the Pawcatuck Order of Eastern Star. He was active in the Pawcatuck 4H Club, a past member of the Stonington Grange, the Tomaquag Valley Hound Club, the Ledyard Square Dance Club, and the New London County Farm Bureau. He also belonged to the Zephyrhills Moose Club and Elks Club in Zephyrhills, Fla., and was active in the Florida Draft Horse Association.

He and his wife traveled extensively throughout the United States since his retirement.

Besides his wife, Mr. Critcherson is survived by two daughters, Mary Margaret Schlais and Carmela Miner, both of Pawcatuck; one son, John J. Critcherson of Pawcatuck; a sister, Jean Smith of Bethlehem; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held Wednesday, Aug. 28. Burial is in the Robbins Cemetery, Voluntown. The Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly, R.I., was in charge of arrangements.

James Critcherson

Stonington — James Riddell Critcherson, 73, of 237 Pequot Trail, Pawcatuck, and Zephyrhills, Fla., died Sunday at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam.

He was born Nov. 22, 1922, in Stonington, son of Harold and Margaret Riddell Critcherson. He married the former Phyllis Pettengill on June 28, 1947, in Monmouth, Maine.

Mr. Critcherson was a dairy farmer for over 30 years. He retired in 1983 from the Stonington school system, where he was a custodian for over 24 years.

He was a member of the Pawcatuck Lodge of Masons and past patron of the Pawcatuck Order of Eastern Star. He was formerly active in the Pawcatuck 4H Club and the Elks Club. He was a past member of the Stonington Grange, the Tomaquag Valley Hound Club, the Ledyard Square Dance Club, and the New County Farm Bureau. He also belonged to the Zephyrhills Moose Club and was active in the Florida Draft Horse Association.

He and his wife traveled extensively throughout the United States.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Mary Margaret Schlais and Carmela Miner, both of Pawcatuck; a son, John J. Critcherson of Voluntown; a sister, Jean Smith of Bethlehem; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly. Burial will be in the Robbins Cemetery in Voluntown. A calling hour will be held one hour prior to the service.
Phyllis (Pettengill) Critcherson, 83, of Pequot Trail, Pawcatuck, Conn. and Zephyrhills, Fla., died suddenly on Friday, May 16, 2008 at The Westerly Hospital. She was the beloved wife of James Riddell Critcherson, who sadly predeceased her on Aug. 28, 1996.

Born in Marmouth, Maine on Oct. 9, 1924, she was the daughter of the late Irving H. and Mary Louise (Robinson) Pettengill.

Mrs. Critcherson taught Home Economics at the Pawcatuck Middle School for 20 years before retiring. She also had been a professional seamstress for many years, and enjoyed designing and working on her hand made crafts.

She was a member of the Ruth Chapter #44 Order of the Eastern Star. She was a former member of the 4-H, the New London County Farm Bureau and the Florida Draft Horse Association.

Phyllis and Jim enjoyed many years riding with the Tomaquag Valley Hound and Hunt Club. They also enjoyed square dancing with the Ledyard Square Dance Club, and traveled extensively throughout the United States during their years of retirement.

Phyllis will be sadly missed by her three children, Mary Margaret Schlais and her significant other, Romeo Baribeau - both of Pawcatuck; Carmela Miner of Pawcatuck; and John J. Critcherson of Voluntown, Conn. She was the loving and devoted grandmother of Lonnie Schlais of Uncasville, Conn.; Dean Schlais and his wife Toni of Pawcatuck;

Phyllis Critcherson

Dwayne Schlais of Pawcatuck; Rebecca Dyer and her husband Mark of Voluntown; and Thomas Miner and his wife Suzanne of Pawcatuck.

She also leaves her eight great grandchildren: Cody Schlais, Dylan Schlais, Dean Schlais Jr., Jacob Schlais, Madisyn Riddell Dyer, Harley June Dyer, Kyle John Miner and Aiden Miner. She was the sister of the late Robert Pettengill, Amy Cooper and Pauline Cretian.

A Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, May 20 at 1 p.m. in the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly. A calling hour will precede the service from noon to 1 p.m. Burial will follow in Robbins Cemetery, Route 138, Voluntown.

Donations may be made to the charity of the donor’s choice. For online condolences and shared memories, visit www.buckler-johnston.com.
Rev. Crockett, minister, teacher, author dies


Born in Charlestown, Oct. 12, 1919, he was the son of the late William F. and Isabel (Gaw) Crockett. In 1942, Canon Crockett married the late Eleanor (Walch) Crockett his wife of 54 years.

He is survived by his son, William D. Crockett of Tiverton, and his daughter, Deborah C. Andre of Wilbraham, Mass.; a sister, Jean Littleton of Pawcatuck; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Canon Crockett graduated from Westerly High School in 1937 and from Emerson College, Boston, in 1941. He received his master's degree from Tufts University, Medford, Mass., in 1950 and his theological degree from the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass., in 1955. He did additional studies at Boston University. He served as a member of Emerson's Board of Trustees for 30 years, and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 1965.

An Army veteran of World War II from 1942 to 1946, he served with the medical department. He graduated from the Army Air Corps Officer Candidate School, and trained aviation cadets at Yale University. He participated in the North Apennines, Rhineland, and Central European campaigns, and was a member of the Army of Occupation in Germany. Remaining in the Reserves, he retired as a Lt. Col. from the U.S. Air Force in 1979.

Following his active military service, Canon Crockett taught speech and drama in the Westerly public schools, at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass., Emerson College, and Northeastern University, in Boston. He also served as

In retirement, Canon Crockett pursued an interest from his Boy Scout days and studied and visited archaeological sites in Israel, Italy, Greece, Egypt and the northeastern United States and Canada. This resulted in a book entitled "Archaeological Anomalies" which examined evidence of pre-Columbian visits to this area by Spanish Celts, Carthaginians, Irish Monks, Vikings, and Portuguese explorers.

He was a member of the Gungywamp Society, of Noank, Conn., and the Early Sites Research Society of New England.

Canon Crockett will lie in state on Sunday from 7 to 9 p.m. in Christ Episcopal Church, corner of Elm and Broad Streets, Westerly. The funeral service will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Christ Church. Burial will be in the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery, Exeter, where he will be laid to rest next to his beloved Eleanor. Arrangements by the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Westerly Historical Society, P.O. Box 91, Westerly, RI 02891.
the Westerly public schools, at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass., Emerson College, and Northeastern University, in Boston. He also served as director of admissions at Emerson College from 1950 to 1952. Following his graduation from theological school in 1952, Canon Crockett was rector of Holy Trinity Church, Tiverton, from 1952 to 1958; he served as rector of Emmanuel Church, Stamford, Conn., from 1958 to 1965; executive secretary of Province One (New England), secretary for college work, and regional director of the Parish Training Program from 1965 to 1968. He was Canon to the Ordinary (assistant to the Bishop) under three successive bishops of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts from 1968 to 1985. He represented his diocese at four general conventions of the Episcopal Church and served on its Joint Standing Committee on program, budget and finance. He was a member of its first joint committee to nominate a presiding Bishop for the church.

Throughout his ministry and retirement, Canon Crockett had an active interest and involvement in the ecumenical and interfaith movements. He served as president of the Stamford-Darien Connecticut Council of Churches, the boards of the Greater Springfield, Mass., and the Worcester, Mass., ecumenical councils and was president of the Western Massachusetts Interfaith Council, and the Massachusetts State Council of Churches, which gave him its prestigious Forest L. Knapp Ecumenical Award in 1986. He was also an active member of the Westerly-Pawcatuck Clergy Association.

A prolific writer of tracts, designer of posters and author of five books on Christian Stewardship, he was nationally known as a lecturer and conference leader on that subject.
Obituaries

Denis G. Cronin
Denis G. Cronin, 60, of Stonington, Conn., companion of Susan Treherne, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at his home.
Born Feb. 27, 1941, in New London, Conn., he was the son of the late Daniel A. and Grace (Ennis) Cronin.
Mr. Cronin owned and operated a farm.
He is survived by a son, John D. Cronin, of North Stonington, Conn; two daughters, Barbara Gileau of Voluntown, Conn., and Tamara Treherne; four sisters, Kathleen C. Jeffrey of Stonington, Conn., M. Barbara Nord of Bakersfield, Calif., Joanna C. Petrona of Stonington, Conn., Peggy C. Verhasselt of North Stonington, Conn.; four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.
Mr. Cronin was predeceased by a sister, Viola Cottrell.
Calling hours are Tuesday, from 6-8 p.m. in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, R.I.
A funeral service will be held in Gaffney-Dolan on Wednesday at 10 a.m.
Interment will be in St. Michael Cemetery.
Wallace Cropper

Stonington — Wallace Cropper, 79, formerly of Sisk Drive, Pawcatuck, died Thursday at the Cheshire Medical Center in Keene, N.H., after a brief illness.

He was born on June 12, 1923, in Pawcatuck, the son of the late Joseph H. Cropper and Elizabeth Welton Cropper.

He married Barbara Lucille Bradshaw on July 5, 1947, in West Mystic. She died on Nov. 21, 1997.

Mr. Cropper attended local schools.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Prior to his retirement, Mr. Cropper worked for the U.S. Postal Services as a route carrier in Stonington for more than 17 years. He had previously been employed as a truck driver for Davis Standard in Pawcatuck.

He is survived by two sons, Todd Cropper of Gales Ferry and Jason Cropper of East Swanzey, N.H.

In addition to his wife, he was predeceased by two brothers, Frederick and George Cropper; and a sister, Eveleen Holland.

A funeral service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery in Mystic.

There are no calling hours.
Lewis Cross

Stonestown — Lewis "Pete" Cross, of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Stonington, passed away at home Oct. 14, 2019, with his five children and two grandchildren at his side. Lewis was born Sept. 12, 1928, in Wheeling, W.Va., to Frederick Cross and Marie Collier Cross. He was preceded in death by his four siblings: Lena, Lewis Jr., Frank, and Jim.

Lewis served in the U.S. Navy, earning the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer, retiring after 22 years of military service. He worked for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Brussels, Belgium, and for the Korean War, following the war. After being discharged, he worked for the United Nations in New York City. Following his military service, he worked for a number of companies in the U.S., including the Hooker Chemical Company and the Lycoming Division of United Technologies Corporation, where he worked as a systems analyst.

Lewis was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was loved by all who knew him. He had a great sense of humor and beloved playing golf. He enjoyed traveling with his family and friends. He was a Broadway show aficionado and loved to play the harmonica.

Lewis is survived by his wife and 10 grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to a local hospice organization of your choice.
Stella Crosse

Stonington — Stella Elaine (Berry) Crosse, 62, of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Stonington, beloved wife of Lewis T. Crosse, passed away Friday, Dec. 16, 2011, in Florida.

Born in Paonia, Colo., she was the daughter of the late Henry and Stella (Short) Berry. She will be remembered by family and friends for her tremendous capacity for love, caring and acceptance, her strength of character, her generosity and her vitality.

Stella was a faithful member of the Bishop Scabury Church Community.

In addition to her husband, she leaves five children, Yvonne Sawyer and her husband, Rick, of Miami, Fla., Michael Crosse and his wife, Beatriz, of West Palm Beach, Fla., Teresa Crosse of Stonington, Celeste Crosse and her husband, Pedro Berdecia, of Alexandria Va., Douglas Crosse of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and honorary son, Jorge Ballivan of Michigan; two brothers, Philip Berry and his wife, Tita, of El Paso, Texas, and Verne Berry and his wife, Beverly, of Longmont, Colo.; and eight grandchildren, Lilian Rogers, Lewis Crosse, Vincent Crosse, Ethan Sawyer, Claire (David) Tamburovic, Trey, Devon, and Nicholas Sawyer. She also leaves many much-loved extended family members and friends.

Her family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, immediately followed by a service at 7 p.m. at Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic (51 Williams Ave.) Burial will be private.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave an online message of condolence.
Stonington — Elizabeth “Betty” J. (O’Neill) Croteau, 92, lifelong resident of Stonington, died Friday, Dec. 27, 2019, following a brief illness. Born in Stonington, she was the daughter of the late William and Delinda (Santos) O’Neill. She was predeceased by her husband, Francis Croteau; two of her children, William and Ann Croteau; and a sister, Grace Wood.

Betty is survived by children John Croteau and his wife, Carole, of Westerly, R.I. and Catherine Croteau and her husband, Daniel Driscoll, of Melrose, Mass.; daughter-in-law Frances Croteau of Ohio; and six grandchildren: Lori Croteau (Alan Duggan), Marc Croteau (Raemarie), Kristina Croteau (Kevin Doyle), Jennifer Ireland (Patrick), Alex Croteau (Erin Deveau) and Jason Croteau (Rachel); and seven great-grandchildren, Ashlynn, Griffin, Francis, Julius, Benjamin, Oscar and Arlo. She also is survived by many wonderful cousins, nieces and nephews.

Betty was a faithful and active communicant of St. Mary Church in Stonington, a member of the Commission on Aging, the SVIA, a volunteer at the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center and the co-chairwoman of the Borough Rights of Way Committee, which helped preserve public access to the shoreline in Stonington Borough. Swimming at the Point, UConn basketball, making pies, spending time with family and enjoying a good fight were all her hobbies, but primarily she will be remembered for her strong spirit, strong friendships, straight talk and her favorite phrase, “I don’t know what you people are doing, but I’m going to the beach.” She will be missed beyond measure.

Her family will receive relatives and friends from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, at the Mystic Funeral Home located on Route 1. A funeral Mass will follow at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Following her Mass, she will be buried at St. Mary Cemetery in Stonington.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in her memory may be made to the St. Michael Capital Campaign, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379 or stmichaelpawcatuck.com.
Angeline S. Crothers.

Angeline S. (Sanquedolce) Crothers, wife of the late Norbert "John" Crothers of Stillman Avenue, Pawcatuck, died Saturday, May 15, 2004, at the Westerly Hospital. Her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in The Church of St. Michael the Archangel, Liberty Street, Pawcatuck Tuesday at 10 a.m. There will be no procession from the funeral home. Visiting hours will be held in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. A full obituary will appear in Monday's edition.
CROthers — In Norwich, Conn., April 15, 1979, Fred A. Crothers, husband of Eleanor (Gorman) Crothers of Willow Point, West Mystic.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Patrick's Church, Mystic, at the convenience of the family. Interment in St. Patrick's Cemetery. There are no calling hours. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Groton Senior Center Fund, in care of Groton Senior Citizens, Groton, Conn. Church & Allen Funeral Home, Mystic, in charge of arrangements.
Cheryl Crouch


She was born and raised in Ledyard but lived most of her adult life in North Stonington and Mystic. She was the daughter of James and Ida (Marciniak) Crouch.

Cheryl loved animals and was devoted to her dogs, Sam and Tippy. She was a voracious reader, avid vegetable gardener and skilled needle-worker. Cheryl enjoyed surprising her family and friends with gifts of produce from her garden, beautiful handmade afghans and cross stitch pieces.

She worked as a printer for the former Twenty Third Publications in Mystic and Bayard of New London. She also worked for the former A&P and Big Y in Mystic and Phoenix Optix of Ashaway, R.I.

Cheryl is survived by two brothers, Ronald Crouch of Norwich and Lawrence Crouch of Waterford; two sisters, Kathleen Powell of St. Louis, Mo., and Lisa D'Andria of Norwich; as well as several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by a brother, Giles Crouch.

Funeral services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her name may be made to the Connecticut Humane Society, 159 Old Chester Road, Quaker Hill, CT 06375.

Please visit www.labenskifuneralhome.com to leave an online tribute or condolences.
Howard E. Crouch

Funeral arrangements have been completed for Attorney Howard E. Crouch, 86, of 130 West Broad St., Pawcatuck, who died Saturday, May 9, 1993, at The Westerly Hospital.

The Rev. Peter Wood will officiate at the funeral service to be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Central Baptist Church, 16 Elm St., Westerly. Burial will be in Stonington Cemetery. There are no visiting hours. The Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly, is in charge of arrangements.

A descendant of Thomas Miner, one of the four original settlers in Stonington, he was a lifelong resident of Stonington. He was born Dec. 13, 1909, a son of the late Stephen E. and Ruby (Howard) Crouch.

A well-known real estate attorney throughout Connecticut, Mr. Crouch graduated from Westerly High School in 1927 and received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Rhode Island in 1933 and his law degree from Columbia School of Law in 1941.

He had operated his law practice in Pawcatuck since 1945 and was a member of both the Connecticut Bar Association and the New London Bar Association.

Active in politics, Mr. Crouch served 11 terms in the Connecticut General Assembly, from 1951 to 1973, as State Representative from District 43, Stonington and North Stonington. He served on the Judiciary, Corporations, Banks and Regulated Activities, and Administration and Policy committees of the General Assembly.

During his term of office, he voted against no-fault insurance, supported a strict anti-abortion law and the federal Equal Rights Amendment. He also was in favor of retaining the death penalty.

Mr. Crouch served as chairman of the Stonington Republican Town Committee for four terms before stepping down to serve on the Board of Finance. He also served as chairman of the Stonington Development Committee and was president of the former Pawcatuck Board of Trade.

A member of the Central Baptist Church, he served as moderator for 25 years and was a member of the building committee for the new church on Elm Street.

An Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Crouch served with the 85th and 103rd Infantry Division from 1942 to 1945. He received the Bronze Star and three Campaign Stars. He was a member of the Harley P. Chase Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Pawcatuck, where he served as judge advocate.

He was also a member of the Westerly Lions Club and served as secretary of the Pawcatuck Fire District Sewage Committee.

Mr. Crouch had been a teacher at Bloomfield High School, Bloomfield, Conn., and managed Cragsmoor Inn in Cragsmoor, N.Y.

Never married, he was preceded by his brother, T. Allen Crouch.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Central Baptist Church Memorial Fund, 16 Elm St., Westerly, 02891.
T. Allen Crouch, Stonington schools superintendent, dies

T. Allen Crouch, 87, of 150 West Broad St., Pawcatuck, superintendent of Stonington schools for 15 years, died Monday, Nov. 21, 1961, at his home.

Born in Stonington, March 25, 1887, a son of the late Stephen E. and Ruby (Howard) Crouch, he was a descendant of Thomas Miner, one of the four original settlers of Stonington.

A lifelong resident, he attended Stonington schools and received a bachelor's degree from Brown University. He received his master's degree from Columbia University.

Mr. Crouch began his association with the Stonington school system as a teacher of social studies at Stonington High School. He was appointed superintendent of schools on Dec. 18, 1934, succeeding Robert V. Reed.

During his term, the longest of any superintendent in the town's history, the school system experienced a tremendous growth. The population of the town increased by 60 percent, bringing in an additional 1,000 students. During his tenure, a new high school was completed and occupied in 1957 and a new elementary school in Nyska was occupied in 1959.

Employment of special teachers in the fields of art, guidance, band, library, and health service extension came into being during Mr. Crouch's term and considerable time was devoted to curriculum study and changes.

He retired as superintendent for health reasons on July 31, 1960, but continued in a teaching capacity at the Pawcatuck Junior High School until 1963 when he accepted a post on the faculty of Pine Point School. It was noted by the Stonington Board of Education, at the time of his resignation, that "the job of superintendent of schools is a demanding one, and Mr. Crouch has never shirked his duties. He has taken little time off. He has worked Saturdays and Sundays, nights and holidays. He has been one of the town's most valued and respected officials."

Mr. Crouch served on the Stonington Board of Education from 1913 to 1917. He was a member of the local, state and national associations of school administrators, and served on the boards of directors of five local community organizations, including the Stonington School Association, the Stonington Public Library, and the Stonington Education Association.

Mr. Crouch was a member of the Masonic Lodge and a charter member of the Stonington High School Alumni Association.

He was a member of the Central Baptist Church, Stonington.

Mr. Crouch, who was married, is survived by his brother, Howard E. Crouch of Pawcatuck, and his sister, Mrs. Stephen E. Crouch of Pawcatuck.

DEATH NOTICES

Crouch — In Pawcatuck, Conn., Nov. 21, 1961, T. Allen Crouch, son of the late Stephen E. and Ruby (Howard) Crouch, resident 150 West Broad St., Pawcatuck.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly, Wednesday at 3 p.m. There are no calling hours. Obituaries may be made to the Stonington-Pawcatuck YMCA Building Fund, 95 High St., Westerly, 02891.
Dorothy Crouse

Mystic — Dorothy N. Crouse, 97, of Church Street, Mystic, died on Monday, July 8, 2013, at home.

She was born in Old Mystic, on March 7, 1916, the daughter of Adam and Bertha (Stormski) Novak. The family moved to Williams Street in Mystic, where Dorothy attended Stonington schools, graduating from Stonington High School in 1934. She was proud to be on the first cheerleading squad at Stonington High. Dorothy worked at Duram Enders Razor Blade Factory, where she met and then married her husband, George A. Crouse Sr. on Oct. 4, 1941. She later worked at Carvel's in Mystic.

She was an avid Red Sox fan and loved attending all of her grandchildren's sporting events.

She is survived by a son, George A. Crouse Jr. of Old Mystic; a daughter, Elizabeth Radynski of East Lyme; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by three brothers, Joseph, Leonard Sr., and Anthony Novak.

A calling hour will be held from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, July 12, at Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, followed by a 2 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Patrick's Church, 32 East Main St., Mystic. Burial will follow in St. Patrick's Cemetery, River Road, Old Mystic.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Center for Hospice Care Southeastern Connecticut, (www.hospicesect.org).

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave an online message of condolence.
George A. Crouse Sr.

George A. Crouse Sr., 93, of Church Street, Mystic, died Wednesday, March 3, 2004, at the Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London where he had been admitted on Feb. 26.

He was born in Whitney, Pa., April 7, 1910, son of the late Alex and Anna Smolleck Crouse.

He graduated from Latrobe High School in 1928. Moving to New Jersey, he worked for Bristol Myers and Durham Enders razor blade factory. He came to Mystic in 1933 with Durham Enders working at the Mystic plant until it closed in 1956. From there, he went to Electric Boat as a shipfitter and process analyst, retiring in 1975.

Mr. Crouse was a member of Father Murphy Council 1943 Knights of Columbus of Mystic, and served as secretary of the Polish American Club in Mystic. He was one of the founding fathers of the Mystic Little League in 1952.

He was a communicant of St. Patrick Church in Mystic where he served as an usher from 1940 until his 90th birthday. Active in sports, he played on the Polish Club fast-pitch softball team in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

Mr. Crouse married the former Dorothy Nowak in St. Patrick Church in Mystic on Oct. 4, 1941. She survives.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, George A. Crouse Jr. of Old Mystic; a daughter, Elizabeth Radynski of East Lyme; a brother, Andrew Crouse of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; four sisters, Anna Rakaczky and Margaret Desport of Latrobe, Pa., Sophie Stanko of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Betty Dominick of Jeanette, Pa.; and six grandchildren.

He was predeceased by three brothers, Anthony, Stephen and Joseph Crouse; and two sisters, Helen Delikat and Catherine Luffey.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held today at St. Patrick Church, Mystic, at 10 a.m., with burial in St. Patrick Cemetery. There were no calling hours.

Contributions may be made in his memory to the Visiting Nurse Association of S.E. Connecticut, 403 North Frontage Road, New London, CT 06320.

The Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, is in charge of arrangements. The Crouse family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for obituary information, directions and an on-line memorial registry to leave a note of condolence.
Barbara Crow
Mystic — Barbara Baker Crow, 91, of Masons Island, Mystic, formerly of Rye, N.Y., passed away on Friday, April 2, 2004, at the Hillcrest Nursing Home in Uncasville.

Barbara was born on July 27, 1912, in Grosse Point, Mich., daughter of Harold Danforth Baker and Margaret Carhart Baker.


Barbara was a consummate interior decorator.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2004 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Pearl Street, Mystic. Interment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx, N.Y. prior to the memorial service.

The Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic is in charge of the arrangements.

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Obituary
Mr. Crowell dies; was vice president at Robertson firm

STONINGTON — Charles L. Crowell, 67, of Wamphaser Point, a retired vice president of Robertson Paper Box Co. in Montville, died Monday in Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston.

Mr. Crowell graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1931. He was a sales executive in the folding carton industry when he and his late brother, Arnold Crowell, founded the Crowell Carton Co. in Marshall, Mich., in 1948.

He joined Robertson Paper Box Co. in Montville in 1950. He retired as vice president in 1968.

He was born March 6, 1906, in Park Ridge, Ill.

He was married three times. His first two wives, Audrey B. Crowell and Frances Arsenault Crowell, predeceased him.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnstone Crowell; a son, John A. Crowell of Wilmington, Del.; two brothers, Robert K. of Richmond, Va., and A. B. Crowell Jr. of South Yarmouth, Mass.; three stepsons, a stepdaughter, two grandchildren and 22 step-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at Calvary Episcopal Church, Stonington.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center or the Stonington Community Center.
Catherine Crowley

Catherine (Sullivan) Crowley, 87, of North Broad Street, Pawcatuck, died at her home on Feb. 25, 2004. She was the widow of the late Joseph F. Crowley.

Mrs. Crowley was born in Westerly, the daughter of the late Frederick and Eleanor (Gilchrist) Sullivan. She had been employed as a sales clerk at the former Munroe's Florist until retiring in the mid-1970s. She was a communicant of St. Michael Church in Pawcatuck.

She is survived by two daughters, Jane E. Ogley of Pawcatuck and Sandra E. Johnson of Northfield, Minn.; two brothers, Francis Quattromani of Westerly and John A. Quattromani of Charlestown; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a brother, Frederick Sullivan.

Calling hours will be held today from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Friends and relatives are invited to a Mass of Christian Burial on Friday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. There is no procession from the funeral home. Interment will follow in St. Michael Cemetery.
Eileen Crowley

East Lyme — Eileen M. Crowley of Niantic went to the Lord on May 27, 2012. She was born in Westerly to the late James M. and Teresa Crowley. She was a graduate of St. Michael the Archangel School in Pawcatuck and a member of the 1968 graduating class of Stonington High School. Eileen retired as a senior analyst from Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corp. after 39 years of service.

She leaves her siblings, James M. Jr. (Kathleen Banks) Crowley and Mary (Sean M.) Griffin, all of Westerly, and Stephen (Kathleen Atkins) Crowley of Panama City Beach, Fla. She also leaves her nieces, Amy, Corinne, Kirsten, and Kelli Eileen Crowley, and Kimberly Friend; and nephews, Daniel and Kyle Crowley and Spc. Sean C. Griffin; as well as her many uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Eileen’s greatest passion was her home in Niantic. She was an avid New England Patriots fan.

Visiting hours are omitted. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 13, at St. Pius X Church, 45 Elm St., Westerly. The burial will follow in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Michael’s Church Capital Campaign, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379, in Eileen’s memory.

For online condolences, please go to www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com.
Florence D. Crowley
STONINGTON
Florence D. Crowley, 93, of Stonington, CT, wife of the late Thomas L. Crowley, died Friday, July 27, 2018, at the Lawrence & Memorial Hospital.
Born in New York City she was the youngest child to the late Otto and Florence (Donahue) Schweitzer and lived in Stonington for the past 68 years.
Florence attended the College of Mount Saint Vincent earning her Bachelors' degree in chemistry in 1946. Following graduation, she worked as an eye doctors' assistant in NYC. She spent her summers at the family cottage on the Wecquetucket Cove. It was there, during one summer, that she met her future husband Thomas. She and Thomas married on her birthday in 1951. She soon gave birth to her two sons and was a full-time mother until her sons entered middle school.
She then returned to her professional career and worked in the business office at the Cottrell Lumber in Mystic. She subsequently accepted a position as a sixth-grade teacher at St. Michael School in Pawcatuck. While teaching at St. Michael she earned her teaching certificate and then served as a fourth-grade teacher at Mary Morrison School in Groton for 15 years up until her retirement.
Florence was a devoted wife and loving mother. She often stated that the best years of her life were when her sons were little. She was a devout Catholic, who following her retirement, dedicated herself to supporting the scheduling needs of the church. In addition, she was a lector and Eucharistic minister. During her retirement Florence also became an avid pastel and water color artist. Florence loved figure skating, Broadway musicals, opera and her golden retriever Molly.
She is survived by her two sons, Thomas F. Crowley and his wife, Ronnie, of Pawcatuck and Raymond J. Crowley and his wife, MaryBeth Merritt, of Great Barrington, MA; and five grandchildren, Brian, Thomas, Megan, Elizabeth and Alexandra Crowley. She was predeceased by her three siblings, Marie Baker and Stephen and Joseph Schweitzer.
Her family will receive friends Wednesday, August 1st from 6-8 p.m., at the Mystic Funeral Home on Route 1 in Mystic. A funeral mass will be celebrated Thursday, at 10:00 a.m., at St. Mary Church in Stonington. Her burial will follow at St. Michael Cemetery in Pawcatuck.
Memorial contributions in her memory may be made to St. Michael the Archangel Church.
James M. Crowley, 90, of Lee Street, Westerly, husband of the late Teresa M. (Shea) Crowley, passed away Aug. 20, 2010, in the Westerly Nursing Home.

Born in Pawcatuck, he was the son of Frederick and Alice (Donnelly) Crowley.

James was a graduate of St. Michael the Archangel School and Stonington High School Class of 1937. He retired from the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics on May 1, 1988, after 37 years of service. Jim was an avid tennis player, playing as recently as September of his 89th year, and skier, traveling here and abroad with his friend, Charlie Shea. He served as a longtime volunteer fireman for the Pawcatuck Fire Department and was a faithful Communicant of St. Michael Parish before becoming a Communicant of St. Pius X Parish. He was a 3rd degree Knight of Columbus.

James was among the first New Englanders to voluntarily enlist in service of his country in 1941. A decorated veteran of World War II, then Staff Sergeant James Crowley completed 50 bombing missions over North Africa, Sicily, and Italy earning the Air Medal with 9 Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart as a waist gunner aboard the B-17 Flying Fortress of the 97th Bomb Group Heavy, United States Army Air Corps.

Surviving, he leaves his children, Eileen M. Crowley of Niantic, Conn., James M. Jr. and Kathleen B. Crowley of Westerly, Stephen and Kathleen A. Crowley of Panama City, Fla., and Mary and Sean Griffin of Westerly; eight grandchildren, Amy, Kimberly Crowley Friend, Daniel, Kyle, Corinne, Kirsten and Kelli Crowley, and Sean Griffin, along with brother Charles Crowley of Pawcatuck and Sister Mary Crowley of the Sisters of Mercy in West Hartford, Conn.

James was predeceased by his sisters, Eleanor Crowley and Elizabeth “Betty” Gervasi, and brothers Francis and Joseph Crowley.

Visiting hours will be held Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Pius X Church, Elm Street, Westerly. There is no procession from the funeral home. Burial with military honors will be held at St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the Westerly Nursing Home Garden Fund, 79 Beach St., Westerly, RI 02891 in Jim’s Memory.

Online condolences are available at www.gaffney-dolanfuneralhome.com.
Mr. James R. Crowley, 69, beloved husband for 45 years of Vivian (Picken) Crowley of Pequot Trail, Pawcatuck, died Dec. 23, 2008, following a lengthy illness, surrounded by his family.

Born in Wequetuck, he was a son of the late James L. and Catherine (Emmett) Crowley.

Mr. Crowley retired after 40 years’ employment from Electric Boat, where he worked as a planning packaging coordinator.

Known as the “Wequetuck Historian,” Mr. Crowley conducted a lengthy research of the 350 plus years of Wequetuck’s history. He was instrumental in the erection of the signs along Route 1 that show the original boundaries of the village, and the monument at the corner of Farmhouse Road. Mr. Crowley enjoyed spending time with his family, traveling abroad with his wife, gardening at his home, and was very active in other civic activities of the town.

He was past assistant fire chief of the Wequetuck Fire Department serving in 1978, and a member of the Renovation Committee to build a new fire station. He served as vice-president of the Wequetuck Fire District and he implemented the Wequetuck Fire and her husband Robert, all of Pawcatuck, and James Crowley and his wife Patricia of Soraghe, Conn.; six sisters, Connie Kmetz, Mem Banker, Libby Holly and Pidge Crowley, all of Pawcatuck, Tess Matthews of Westerly, and Charlotte Kennedy of Hartford; two brothers, William Crowley of Pawcatuck and Michael Crowley of Stonington; 14 grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Raymond and Thomas Crowley; and by two sisters, Margaret Crofts and Lucy Crowley.

Calling hours will be held Friday, Dec. 26, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Gaffney-Dolen Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Liturgy to be celebrated Saturday, Dec. 27, at 10 a.m. in St. Michael the Archangel Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. There is no procession from the funeral home to the church. Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions in James’s memory be made either to The Wequetuck Fire Department Scholarship Fund, Farmhouse Road, Pawcatuck, CT 06379, or to the Mary Elizabeth Nursing Center, Inc., 28 Broadway, Mystic, CT 06355.
Lucy Crowley

Stonington — Lucy Ann “Luddy” Crowley, 76, of Stonington, passed away Friday, Oct. 21, 2005, at The Westerly Hospital.

Luddy was born Dec. 20, 1928, in Wequetequock, daughter of James Leo and Catherine Emmet Crowley. A lifelong resident of the area, she graduated from Stonington High School. She worked for the Groton school system as chief accountant for 30 years, retiring in 1992.

Luddy was active in 4-H for many years, and following her retirement, she was an avid reader and traveler. She was known for her cooking skills and cooked for all the family gatherings, her Rhode Island quahog chowder was the family favorite.

Luddy is survived by her siblings, Catherine T. Matthews of Westerly, Madeline Banker of Wequetequock, Constance Knetz of Pawcatuck, Charlotte Kennedy of West Hartford, Elizabeth Holly of Pawcatuck, James Crowley of Wequetequock, Patricia Crowley of Wequetequock, C. Michael Crowley of Stonington, and William Crowley of Pawcatuck. As a loving aunt, she will be missed by her 47 nieces and nephews and 89 grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Luddy was predeceased by Thomas L. Crowley, Margaret C. Crofts and Raymond Crowley.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 24, 2005, at Saint Michael the Archangel Church, Pawcatuck. There will be no procession from the funeral home.

Calling hours will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Luddy’s memory may be made to Saint Michael the Archangel Church, 6 Liberty St., Pawcatuck CT 06379 or to the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center, 27 Chase St., Pawcatuck CT 06379.
Mary M. (Mazzarella) Crowley

WESTERLY — Mary M. (Mazzarella) Crowley, 85, beloved wife of James H. "Jake" Crowley, passed away at her home in Westerly on Friday, March 14, 2014. Born in Pawcatuck, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Angelina Mazzarella.

She was a member of the Ladies Guild at St. Michael Church and the Winnapauk Country Club. Mary was also the captain of her golf team and very active with the Girl Scouts.

In addition to her husband, she leaves a daughter, Deidre Crowley of Westerly and two sisters, Jean Newbury of Westerly and Joan Sorrento of Pawcatuck. She will also be missed by three grandchildren and many devoted nieces and nephews. Mary was predeceased by brothers, Carl and Michael, and sisters, Frances, Ida, Eleanor and Josephine.

Visiting hours will be held, on Monday from 4-7 p.m., at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Relatives and friends are also invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday, at 10 a.m., in St. Clare Church, Crandall Ave., Westerly. There is no procession to the church from the funeral home. Burial will follow in St. Sebastian Cemetery, Westerly. For online condolences, please visit www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com.
She was a communicant of St. Michael Church, Pawcatuck. She had been formerly employed in the workshop at the Olean Center, Westerly.

In addition to her mother in Pawcatuck, she is survived by four brothers, Robert Crowley of Ronoseen, Vt., Peter Crowley of Westerly, Daniel Crowley of Stonington and Christopher Crowley of Pawcatuck; a sister, Linda Jones of Moosup, Conn.; six nephews and one niece.

Calling hours will be held Sunday from 2-4 p.m. in the Guffey-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, R.I.

Friends and relatives are invited to a Mass of Christian Burial Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, Conn. There will be no procession from the funeral home.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, contributions in Noreen’s memory may be made to St. Michael Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379.

Noreen E. Crowley

Noreen E. Crowley, 49, beloved daughter of Marilyn (O'Neil) Crowley and the late Francis J. Crowley of Pawcatuck, Conn., died January 22, 2004, in the Pendleton Nursing Home, Mystic, Conn.

Noreen was born in Westerly, R.I., October 21, 1955. She was a graduate of St. Michael School and Stonington High School, where she was in the Class of 1981.
Sarah Leahy Crowley, 95, taught at Stonington school in 1907

STONINGTON — A Stonington native and former teacher in the Borough School died recently at the Westerly Nursing Home where she had been a patient for the last three years.

Sarah Leahy Crowley, 95, of Mystic Road was the daughter of Joseph and Ellen Connor Leahy.

She was married to Dr. James M. Crowley, who died in 1918.

Mrs. Crowley was graduated from Stonington High School in 1901 and appointed an assistant to the first grade teacher the following year. She became the first grade teacher in 1907 and taught until her marriage in 1916.

After the death of her husband, she became a post office clerk in Stonington, serving for six years. She then returned to teaching until her retirement in 1953.

She was a member of St. Mary's Church and a former Sunday School teacher there. She was a charter member of the Nina Circle, Daughters of Isabella and its first regent.

There are no immediate survivors.

The funeral was from the Thomas L. Neillan and Sons, Mystic Funeral Home to a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Donations may be made in her memory to the Stonington Visiting Nurses Association or St. Mary's Church.
Sarah Crowley

Sarah Constance (Leahy) Crowley, of Route 1, Stonington, a retired school teacher, died at the Westerly Nursing Home Thursday evening at the age of 83. She was the wife of Dr. James M. Crowley who died in 1918.

Mrs. Crowley was a first-grade teacher in the Borough Grammar School for 34 years, retiring in 1953.

Following the death of her husband she took a civil service examination to become Post Office Clerk, a position she held for six years before returning to teaching. Following her retirement she substitute in the Stonington and Groton schools for four years.

Mrs. Crowley was a communicant of St. Mary's Church where she was a Sunday School teacher for 10 years. She was the first regent and a charter member of the Nina Circle No. 146 Daughters of Isabella, organized in 1921.

Born April 5, 1888 in Stonington, she was a daughter of the late Joseph F. and Ellen (Connor) Leahy.

Surviving are several cousins including James H. Leahy of Stonington and Nellie Connor of New London.

The funeral will be held Monday at 9:30 a.m. from the Thomas L. Nelan & Sons Mystic Funeral home, Route 1, Mystic, with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Mary's Church at 10 a.m. Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Stonington.

Visiting hours will be held Sunday from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.
Thomas L. Crowley

Thomas L. Crowley, 81, of 3 Pawcatuck Road, Wequetequock, died Friday at his home. He was born in New Jersey on Jan. 16, 1924, son of the late James Leo and Catherine Emmett Crowley. He married the former Florence Schweitzer on Jan. 20, 1951 in Yonkers, N.Y. She survives.

A resident of Wequetequock for many years, he operated the Crowley Farm and delivered cordwood to many homes in the area. Mr. Crowley was also employed as a rigger at the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics. He had been an active member of the Wequetequock Fire Department and had served as Chief of the department.

He was a communicant of St. Michael the Archangel Church where he served as a collector and usher. He was a member of the Nina Council #43 Knights of Columbus in Stonington. He was an avid coin, stamp and clock collector.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Thomas F. Crowley of Pawcatuck, and Raymond J. Crowley of Great Barrington, Mass.; three brothers, James R. Crowley and William Crowley of Pawcatuck, and Charles Michael Crowley of Stonington; seven sisters, Catherine Matthews of Westerly, Lucy Crowley of Wequetequock, Madeline Banker, Connie Knetz, Elizabeth Holly, Patricia Crowley all of Pawcatuck, and Charlotte Kennedy of West Hartford; and five grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a brother, Raymond Joseph Crowley and a sister, Margaret Cross. The funeral will be held from the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic on Monday May 2 at 9:15 a.m., with a Funeral Mass at St. Michael the Archangel Church at 10 a.m. Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home on Sunday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Contributions may be made in his memory to St. Michael the Archangel Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379, or to The Visiting Nurse Association of S.E. Connecticut, 403 North Frontage Road, Waterford, CT 06385.
William Crowley

Stonington — William E. "Bill" Crowley, 66, beloved husband for 42 years of Catherine (Provoit) Crowley of Palmer Street, Pawcatuck, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2011, at his home.

Born in Wequetequock, he was a son of the late James and Catherine Crowley. Bill worked as a shipfitter for General Dynamics Electric Boat for 45 years until his retirement.

A communicant of St. Michael Church, he was also a coach and volunteer for many years with the Pawcatuck Little League. Bill was drafted by the New York Mets in 1962. He was an avid New York Yankees fan and New York Giants fan who enjoyed gardening.

In addition to his wife, he leaves his son, William E. Crowley; and two daughters, Suzanne LoPresto and her husband, Mark, and Linda Crowley, all of Pawcatuck; a brother, Michael Crowley of Stonington; and six sisters, Tess Matthews of Westerly, Mem Barker of Stonington, Connie Knetz of Pawcatuck, Charlotte Kennedy of W. Hartford, Libby Holly of Pawcatuck and Pidge Crowley of Wequetequock. He also leaves three grandchildren, Tori, Carli and Aaron LoPresto; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded by five siblings, Thomas, James and Barney Crowley, Peggy Crofts and Luddy Crowley.

Visiting hours will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 50 Spruce St., Westerly. A funeral liturgy will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in St. Michael the Archangel Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. There is no procession from the funeral home to the church. Burial will take place in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.

For online condolences please go to www.gaffney-dolanfuneralhome.com.

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Barbara Crum

Stonington — Barbara Ann Crum, 90, passed away Monday, Jan. 11, 2016, at Lawrence Memorial Hospital with her family by her side.

Barbara was born April 4, 1925, in Altoona, Pa., the daughter of the late James Vernon and Gertrude (Patton) Geist. She married James N. Crum on March 20, 1948, in Hollidaysburg, Pa. He passed away July 9, 1999.

Barbara is survived by her daughters, Linda Ann Wassum and husband, Wayne, Sherry Crum and Nancy Parry and her husband, David; her grandchildren, Kelly Wassum, Kevin Wassum and wife, Corrie, Brian Parry and wife, Heather, Kristine Sprague and husband, Jon; and her great-grandchildren, Maximus Wassum, Andrew, Hannah and Katherine Parry, and Alex and Noah Sprague.

Barbara and her late husband loved to travel, traveling to hundreds of countries. She continued her travels even after the passing of her husband. She was very involved in the Mystic Women’s Club, volunteered at the Mystic Noank Library and was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Funeral services will be private for Barbara’s family.

Memorial donations in Barbara Crum’s memory may be made to the Mystic Noank Library, 40 Library St., Mystic, CT 06355 or to Center for Hospice Care Southeastern Connecticut, 227 Danum St., Norwich, CT 06360.

To leave a message for Barbara’s family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.

The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is assisting the family with arrangements.
James Norman Crum

Stonington — James Norman Crum, 76, retired founding partner and vice president of former H.E.S. Co. of Stonington, and holder of numerous patents in the field of electrical engineering, of 100 Cove Road, died on Friday.

He was born on April 6, 1923, in Lakewood, Ohio, the son of Daniel O. and Mary G. Feighner Crum.

Mr. Crum married Barbara A. Geist in Holidaysburg, Penn.

He received a degree in electrical engineering from Illinois Institute of Technology and a master of science degree in science and engineering at Case Western University. He entered the Civil Engineer Corps of the U.S. Naval Reserve and served with the Navy Seabees during World War II in the Pacific as well as in post-war Japan.

He joined the Cottrell Division of Harris Corp. in Fawcett in 1960 as chief electrical engineer and later became a founding partner of the H.E.S. Engineering Co. of Stonington. He also served as a consultant for several electrical engineering companies.

Mr. Crum held numerous patents in the electrical engineering field, including one for digital systems for controlling color register on printing presses.

He was an avid ham radio operator and a member of the American Radio Relay League and the Quarter Century Wireless Association. He was also a member of the National Society of Sons of the American Revolution and the Ohio Professional Engineers Society.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Sherry L. Crum of Stonington, Linda A. Was- sum of Sylvania, Ohio, and Nancy J. Parry of Pittsgrove, N.J.; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic.

There are no calling hours.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, New London 06320.
Obituaries

Arthur Emerson Crumb

Arthur Emerson Crumb, 79, of Pawcatuck, passed away peacefully at the home of his daughter, Pamela and son-in-law Dale Tourville on July 14, 2007, after a long and courageous battle with lung cancer.

He was born in Pawcatuck on Jan. 11, 1928, son of the late Joseph and Marguerite Crumb.

Arthur attended St. Michael School in Pawcatuck, and completed his education while in the United States Air Force which he joined in 1947 and retired from in 1964.

As a young boy, he spent many enjoyable summers with his family at the Davis Farm on Greenhaven Road in Pawcatuck.

As an avid historian of all the local history of Pawcatuck, especially Lower Pawcatuck (also known as Clarksville and The Highlands) where he was raised, everyone that he came in contact with was told a story about the family that lived in each house and the history of the Pawcatuck River.

He worked at Cottrell's, Seaport Marine and Electric Boat. Arthur loved his many memorable nights spent playing pool as a member of the 9-ball team "The Sharksome's" of the A.P.A. Pool League. He was also awarded a plaque for the Top Performing Player, which he was very proud of. Arthur and his wife Elizabeth for many years traveled in their Winnebago motorhome, spending the winter months in Lake Worth, Fla., and the summer months in Pawcatuck.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Elizabeth (Allen) Crumb; his three daughters and their spouses, Pamela and Dale Tourville of Pawcatuck, Patricia and Samuel Payte of Gainesboro, Tenn., and Lynn and Tracy Jackson of Storington; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother and his wife, Geoffrey and Donna Crumb of Hollywood, Fla.; his sister, Joyce Chatfield of Keystone Heights, Fla., and another brother, Gary Crumb of West Palm Beach, Fla.

He was predeceased by his brother, Richard Crumb of Ocala, Fla.

His family will greet relatives and friends at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic on Friday from 6 to 7:15 p.m., immediately followed by a service at 7:30 p.m. Burial is private.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may made to Hospice of SECT, 179 Gallivan Lane, P.O. Box 902, Uncasville CT 06382-0902. The family would like to thank their wonderful caregivers from Hospice of SECT and Arthur's very special volunteer Dan Potter.

For obituary information, directions, or to send his family a note of remembrance/condolence, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Gerard Cruthers
Groton — Gerald Milton Cruthers, 79, of Land's End, 10 Weston Road, Groton Long Point, husband of Marilyn Crowell Cruthers, died Saturday, July 2 after a long, courageous battle with cancer.

Gerry was born in Norwich on Jan. 7, 1926, the son of C. Fred and Astrid (Svanson) Cruthers of Norwich. He attended Norwich Public Schools and graduated from the Norwich Free Academy in 1943. After graduating from NFA, he enrolled in the Navy V-12 Program, attending Tufts and Harvard Universities. He then was called to serve his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II as radioman 3rd class on board the USS Champlin, which saw action in the Pacific Theater. His ship was the first to land in Hiroshima after the detonation of the atomic bomb.

Gerry returned to Connecticut and graduated with a bachelor of science degree from the University of Connecticut in 1946, from which he later received his M.A. On Sept. 23, 1960, he was united in marriage with Marilyn (Williams) Crowell at Park Congregational Church, Norwich, by the Rev. Malcolm Garland. He began his 29-year career as a teacher at Norwich Free Academy in 1962, teaching mathematics. He earned a 6th year certificate from the University of Hartford and an Academic Year from the National Science Foundation to study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In 1969, Gerry was named one of the first four house masters at NFA. He retired to teaching in 1978, and retired from NFA in 1980.

After his retirement, Gerry sold real estate with A. Robert Schnip and Associates. He also received an A.A. degree as a library assistant from Mohegan Community College. The degree assisted him in pursuing a career as a professional genealogist. Gerry researched the family lines of many people as a certified genealogical record specialist.

He was a member of Park Congregational Church, Norwich, where he taught Sunday School, and was director of religious education. He also served Park as a member of the Executive Board, the Board of Religious Education and the Board of Deacons.

Gerry was also a member of the Nathan Hale Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution; Society of the Founders of Norwich (Gerry was a direct descendent of Deacon Thomas Adgate, one of the Founders of Norwich); Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council; Connecticut Society of Genealogists; Rhode Island Genealogical Society; Indian and Colonial Research Center; Descendants of Roger Williams; Friends of the Slater Memorial Museum; Society of Descendants of Colonial Clergy; and the Stonington Historical Society.

Besides his beloved wife of 54 years, Gerry is survived by his son, David Crowell Cruthers and daughter-in-law, Josephine A. Cruthers, of Groton Long Point; and his two grandchildren, William MacMillan Cruthers and Elizabeth Cassidy Cruthers.

He was preceded by his brother, Charles F. Cruthers.

There will be no calling hours, at the request of the family.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, July 6, at 2 p.m. at Park Congregational Church, 283 Broadway, Norwich. Interment in Maplewood Cemetery, Norwich, will be at the convenience of the family.

The D'Inoto Funeral Home, 27 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic, is in charge of arrangements. For obituary information or to send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Society of the Founders of Norwich, P.O. Box 13, Norwich CT 06360 or Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, P.O. Box 902, Uncasville CT 06382.
name, etc., to a number of public authorities and private companies which instead retrieve this information from the CRS. In this way the citizens experience a better service when approaching the public authorities.

Since its establishment the utilization of the CRS has grown steadily, which to a large extent can be ascribed to the rationalization potential inherent in the use of a personal identification number system to sort personal data and obtain up-to-date personal information from the CRS instead of having to collect it from the citizens. In Denmark, the CRS is used by the entire public administration, all the leading banks and insurance companies, as well as in connection with research and statistics projects.

Since 1968, public and private users’ utilization of the CRS has progressed considerably and today the CRS supplies about 100 million personal data via data transmission and between 10-15 million terminal searches are made in the CRS annually.

Against this background, the utility value of the Danish CRS is estimated to run into several hundred million kroner annually.

As a result of technological and administrative changes, it is necessary for an ongoing adaptation of the CRS. If this does not take place, the public and private administration units will develop parallel systems to collect personal data at a great expense.

The further development of the CRS thus depends on technical development and greater quality, such that the CRS is abreast of the technological development and moreover, that a data base which supports the need for personal information in the public as well as the private sector.

The CRS, which is administrated by the CRS Office of Ministry of the Interior, contains personal data covering about 7.3 million persons, of whom about 5.3 million are current/living inhabitants of Denmark and Greenland. The aggregate data contents currently amount to about 25 gigabyte, corresponding to about 25 billion characters.

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**ANNEX**

**Data Contents in the CRS**

- Personal Identification Number
- Address
- Name
- Civil status
- Citizenship
- Kinship
- Civil affairs
- Road registration data
- Authority data
- Registration of birth
- (date and place)
- Membership of the Lutheran Church of Denmark
- Declaration of incapacity
- Municipal affairs
- National registration data
- Profession
- Voting rights
- Status data

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Gerald M. Cruthers, Longtime Godfrey Library Member, Passes Away

GROTON LONG POINT, CT — Gerald Milton Cruthers, 79, of 10 Weston Road, Groton Long Point, husband of Marilyn Crowell Cruthers, died after a long, courageous battle with cancer.

Gerry was born in Norwich on January 7, 1926, the son of C. Fred and Astrid (Swanson) Cruthers of Norwich. He attended Norwich Public Schools and graduated from the Norwich Free Academy in 1943. After graduating from NFA, he enrolled in the Navy V-12 program, attending Tufts and Harvard universities. He then was called to serve his country in the US Navy during World War II as a Radarman 3/C on board the USS Champlain, which saw action in the Pacific Theater.

Gerry returned to Connecticut and graduated with a B.S from the University of Connecticut in 1950, from which he later received his M.A. On September 23, 1950, he was united in marriage with Marilyn (Williams) Crowell at Park Congregational Church, Norwich, by the Rev. Malcolm Garland. He began his 28-year career as a teacher at Norwich Free Academy in 1952, teaching mathematics. In 1969, Gerry was named one of the first four Housemasters at NFA. He returned to teaching in 1978, and retired from NFA in 1980.

After his retirement, Gerry sold real estate with A. Robert Schnip and Associates. He also received an A.A. as a Library Assistant from Mohegan Community College. The degree assisted him in pursuing a career as a professional genealogist.

Gerry researched the family lines of many people as a Certified Genealogical Record Specialist.

He was a member of Park Congregational Church, Norwich, where he taught Sunday School, and was Director of Religious Education. He also served Park as a member of the Executive Board, the Board of Religious Education, and the Board of Deacons. Gerry was also a member of the Nathan Hale Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution; Society of the Founders of Norwich (Gerry was a direct descendent of Deacon Thomas Adgate, one of the Founders of Norwich); Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council; Connecticut Society of Genealogists; Rhode Island Genealogical Society; Indian and Colonial Research Center; Descendants of Roger Williams; Friends of the Slater Memorial Museum; Society of Descendants of Colonial Clergy; and the Storington Historical Society.

Besides his beloved wife of 54 years, Gerry is survived by his son, David Crowell Cruthers and daughter-in-law, Josephine A. Cruthers of Groton Long Point, and his two grandchildren, William MacMillan Cruthers and Elizabeth Cassidy Cruthers. He was preceded by his brother, Charles F. Cruthers.
Marilyn Cruthers

Mystic — Marilyn Crowell Cruthers, 81, of StoneRidge Mystic, and Lands End, Groton Long Point, formerly of Norwich, died on Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008, at Avalon Health Care Center in Mystic after a bout of peritoneal cancer.

She was born on Dec. 31, 1926, in Norwich, the only child of Frank Lane Crowell and Marion Williams Crowell. She was married on Sept. 23, 1950, to Gerald M. Cruthers, a long-time teacher and administrator at the Norwich Free Academy. He predeceased her on July 2, 2005.

Marilyn attended the Norwich public schools, Norwich Free Academy, Walnut Hill School, Enfield Junior College, and the Katherine Gibbs School. She was a member of the Faith Trumbull Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution; the Society of Mayflower Descendants; the John Howland Society; the Huguenot Society; and the Society of the Descendants of Colonial Clergy, among many other organizations. She was also a member of Park Congregational Church, Norwich.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, David C. Cruthers and Josephine A. Cruthers; and her grandchildren, William M. Cruthers and Elizabeth C. Cruthers.

Marilyn loved her family. She was also blessed to have countless friends for whom she cared deeply.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 27, 2008, at Park Congregational Church, 283 Broadway, Norwich. A reception will follow at StoneRidge, 186 Jerry Browns Rd., Mystic. The Dinoto Funeral Home, Historic downtown Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to the ECHO Cancer Foundation, c/o Laura Stevenson Plon, 330 Washington St., Norwich, CT 06360; or Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, 227 Danham St., Norwich, CT 06360.

Marilyn’s family thanks Dr. Dinesh Kapur and the staff of Eastern Connecticut Hematology and Oncology, the nurses on A3 and PCU at Backus Hospital, and the staff of Avalon Health Care Center for their truly loving care.

For information or to share a note of remembrance or condolence with her family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
CULBERT — In Stonington,
Ct, April 26, 1961, Anna Moore Culbert of 16 Church Street, Ston-
ington at age of 88.
Funeral service will be held at
Calvary Episcopal Church, Ston-
ington, Friday, April 26, at 3 p.m.
Interment in Stonington Ceme-
tery. The family requests that in
lieu of flowers contributions be
made to the Stonington Village In-
Of Church St., Dead
Miss Anna (Moore) Culbert, 88,
died Tuesday evening following
a lingering illness at her home,
at Church Street, Stonington.
Miss Culbert, instrumental with
Miss Jean Flanner in organizing
the Village Improvement Society,
had been a year-round resident of
the Borough for the past 21 years.
She was born in Stonington.
Born September 25, 1889 in New
York City, she was a daughter of
Nathaniel and Anna (Moore) Cul-
bert.
Surviving are a niece, Mrs.
Charles A. Young of Miami-Beaches,
Fla.; a nephew, William L. Cul-
bert, of Greenwich, Conn.; one
grandniece and three grandneph-
ews.
The funeral service will be held
at Calvary Episcopal Church in
Stonington tomorrow afternoon at
3 o'clock. Interment will be in
Stonington Cemetery.
Robert Cullen

Robert H. Cullen, age 89, of Westerly, formerly of Arlington Acres, Stonington, passed away Friday at Golden Years Retirement Home in Westerly.

Mrs. Cullen was born in New London on Aug. 10, 1908, the daughter of Charles W.P. Chapman and LeMay Maude Smith Chapman.

Prior to her retirement, she was employed as a telephone operator at Newport Telephone Company.

Mrs. Cullen was married to William A. Cullen in Newport, R.I., on July 4, 1941. Mr. Cullen died in 1961.

A former resident of Stonington, she was a member of United Church of Stonington and the church’s Women’s Guild.

Mrs. Cullen is survived by a sister-in-law, Dorothy Chapman, of West Mystic and a niece.

She was predeceased by brothers, Clarence and Dudley Chapman.

A graveside funeral service will be conducted at Cedar Grove Cemetery, New London on Thursday at 1 p.m. There are no visiting hours.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to United Church of Stonington, 67 Main Street, Stonington CT 06378.

The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl Street, Mystic is assisting the family. To share a note of remembrance/condolence with her family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Mrs. Culver was a dedicated mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and teacher. Her creative talents in writing, painting, and music, just to name a few, were an inspiration to all who knew her. An active part of the community, she was a member of the Central Baptist Church of Westerly for more than 60 years as well as a member of its women's society and Circle 4. She was a member of the Westerly Historical Society, and for many years she was a docent at the Babcock-Smith House. She was also a member of the former 21 Club, and the Ruth Chapter 44 Order of the Eastern Star. In addition, she was a life member of the Association of Retired Teachers of CT and The National Education Society. Mrs. Culver also enjoyed her second home at Shady Harbor in Charlestown, R.I.

Mrs. Culver is survived by her son, Maj. (Retired) Lester A. Culver Jr. and his wife, Sharra, of Ludowici, Ga.; and two daughters, Constance J. Hayward of Waterford and Marcia L. Erskine and her husband, retired Chief David Erskine, of Pawcatuck; seven grandchildren, Laird, Dawn, Brit, Lance, Robert, Pamela, and Lora; and 11 great-grandchildren, Rachel, Sarah, Jessica, David, Amber, Ashley, Courtney, Eric, Chad, James, and Amanda.

The funeral for Mrs. Culver will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 19, 2009, from the Mystic Funeral Home, 51 Williams Ave., Route 1, Mystic, with an 11 a.m. funeral service at Central Baptist Church, 16 Elm St., Westerly. Burial will follow at River Bend Cemetery. Relatives and friends are invited to call from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mrs. Culver's memory may be made to Central Baptist Church, Memorial Fund, 16 Elm St., Westerly, RI 02891.

Mrs. Culver's family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for obituary information and to leave an online note of condolence.
MRS. MANUEL CUNHA

Mrs. Rosalina (Lawrence) Cunha died on Thursday last, after a long illness, at her home in Stonington, having spent several months in bed.

The deceased was the wife of Manuel Cunha and was born in Brazil, August 31, 1885. Mrs. Cunha came to this country when a young girl, and had resided in Stonington since, where she had made many friends. She was a member of St. Mary's Church. Her parents were the late Joseph and Mary Lawrence.

Her husband survives, and one daughter, Delinda Cunha, and she also has one brother in Stonington, Joseph Lawrence, who resides on Main street.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning from her late home, and were followed by a High Mass of Requiem at St. Mary's Church, at which the pastor, the Rev. Patrick J. Mahoney, officiated. Interment was in St. Mary's cemetery and the bearers were Manuel Cabral, Joseph Souza Miguel, Jess Sylvia, Joseph Sylvia, August Sylvia and Joseph Cunha.
Charles Cunningham


Born in Weehawken, N.J., he was the son of the late Harold and Hortense (Picot) Cunningham. Sadly, his mother passed away during childbirth, and he was raised by his uncle and aunt, William and Helen Murphy of Edgewater, N.J. He resided in Edgewater until moving to Park Ridge, N.J., to raise his family.

Chick served with the U.S. Army and was a Korean War veteran honorably discharged in 1954. Following his military service, he attended Fairleigh Dickinson University, where he earned his bachelor of science degree in business management.

Chick was president of Cunningham Associates, which he founded in 1972. The business is still in operation today under the direction of his son James.

Upon retiring in 1996, he moved to his summer residence in Stonington, where he enjoyed boating and fishing. Chick was a member of the American Legion in Stonington and the Knights of Columbus Nina Council.

Besides his wife, he leaves his three children, James Cunningham and his wife, Arlene, of Rockaway, N.J., Mary Clark and her husband, Damon, of Moonachie, N.J., and Suzanne Galante and her husband, Ernie, of Southbury; and eight grandchildren, Katie Tuzzolino, Amy and Christopher Cunningham, Bill and Virginia Galante, and Damon, William, and Matthew Clark.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, 51 Williams Ave., Mystic. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:15 a.m. Monday at St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial will be private in New Jersey.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Boy Scouts of America in Southwestern Connecticut and/or Rhode Island. (www.scouting.org)

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave an online expression of sympathy.
Gertrude Curioso


She was the wife of the late Anthony Curioso. Born in West Warwick, she was the 19th of 20 children born to the late Henry and Amanda Chartier.

Gertrude was a longtime communicant of St. Michael the Archangel Church and a former member of the Daughters of Isabella.

She will be dearly missed by her four children, Raymond J. Curioso and wife, Therese, and Robert A. Curioso, all of Pawcatuck, Elizabeth M. Thomas and husband, Wayne, of Tucson, Ariz., and Shirley Curioso of Old Lyme. She also leaves nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Gertrude was preceded by her 19 siblings.

Visiting hours will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. A funeral liturgy will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary’s Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial will follow at St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Michael Bldg. Fund, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379 in Gertrude's memory.

For online condolences please visit www.gaffney-dolanfuneralhome.com.
Joseph Curioso Jr.

Curioso Jr., 71, of Pawcatuck, passed away at Yale-New Haven Hospital on Monday, Dec. 16, 2019. Joe was the son of the late Joseph J., and Sarah A. (McCull) Curioso.

He attended local schools and graduated from Stonington High School in 1948. He served in the 37th Medical Company, 11th Armored Regiment, Army Reserve of Vietnam from 1958-59. Joe worked for 41 years at the Town of Stonington Highway Department. He enjoyed traveling, attending concerts, walking his dog for over 30 years, and helping his next door neighbor, Joe was a devoted family man especially to his grandchildren.

Joe leaves his wife, Michelle and his wife, Clauda, and his children, James, and Charlotte, Curioso, and his husband, Doug, and his husband, Barbara. Joe is also survived by his grandchildren, Joseph, and two nieces, Michelle and Rebecca. Curioso.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Joe's name to Yale New Haven Hospital at Yale New Haven or Disabled American Veterans.

For online condolences, please visit www.bucklerjohnston.com.
J. Joseph Curran, 89, passed away Jan. 28, 2012, in Mystic, Conn. He was born in Hornell, N.Y., the son of the late James and Mary Curran.

His brothers, Francis and Robert, predeceased him. He was a resident of Palm Beach, Fla., and Watch Hill, R.I., and previously, of Wellesley, Mass., and Amherst, N.Y.

He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II in the Pacific for three years. While in the U.S. Naval Officer Training program, he was educated at Canisius College, Cornell University and Penn State University, from which he graduated after the war and also received a master's degree in economics. While at Penn State, he was captain of the basketball team and a member of Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity.

Early in his career, Mr. Curran served as athletic director and varsity men's basketball coach at Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y. During that time, he was well known for three consecutive NCAA basketball teams including a record four-overtime upset victory over North Carolina State at Madison Square Garden in the NCAA Regional Quarter-Finals. Throughout his life, he was an avid athlete and fan of all sports.

He is survived by his wife, Eileen; his daughters, Dorothy and her husband, Bernard Ross; Josephine and Maureen; his son, Peter; and his grandchildren, Jean-Philippe, Eleonore and Anne-Claire.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend visiting hours on Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, R.I. A Mass of Christian Burial followed by graveside military honors will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Westerly Hospital, 25 Wells St., Westerly, RI 02891, in his memory.

For online condolences, please go to www.gaffney-dolanfuneralhome.com.
Margaret Curtin

Pawcatuck — Margaret B. (Bradshaw) Curtin of Downer St., Pawcatuck, passed away at her home on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018, a few weeks shy of her 103rd birthday.

She was the wife of the late Dr. Thomas P. Curtin. Born in Ansonia, she was the daughter of the late Edward and Margaret Bradshaw. She was a school teacher for the Stonington School System for many years until her retirement and was a communicant of St. Michael Church.

She will be dearly missed by her four children, Marilyn Jarvis of Greensboro, Vt., Patricia O’Neill of Westerly, Linda Curtin of Pawcatuck and Edward Curtin and his wife, Vera, of St. Petersburg, Fla. Margaret also leaves 14 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by two children, Brad Curtin and Margery Aradore; and two grandchildren, Sean and Allison Jarvis.

Visiting hours will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. A funeral liturgy will take place at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Church, 65 Main St., Stonington. There is no procession from the funeral home to church. Burial will follow at St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Center for Hospice Care, 237 Dunham St., Norwich, CT 06360 or VNA of SE CT, 403 N. Frontage Road, Waterford, CT 06385 in Margaret’s memory.

For online condolences, please visit www.gaffney-dolanfuneralhome.com.
Thomas P. Curtin, 83, former superintendent

Thomas P. Curtin, Ph.D., 83, of 4 Wheeler Drive, Pawcatuck, the husband of Margaret (Bradshaw) Curtin, and superintendent of schools in Stonington from 1959-71, died Friday.

Mr. Curtin began his career in the Stonington school system in 1949, when he was appointed principal of the Borough School. He remained there as principal until 1953, when he became principal of the Pawcatuck Junior High School.

Mr. Curtin held that post until 1959 when he was appointed superintendent.

During his tenure as superintendent, the West Vine Street, Deans Mill, and Mystic Junior High schools were all built.

Mr. Curtin was born in Hartford on March 1, 1916, the son of Thomas P. and Amelia (Brooks) Curtin. He was educated in the Hartford schools and graduated from Buckley High School in 1933.

He graduated from TCC (now Central Connecticut State University) in 1937. He began his teaching career in Devon,

THOMAS P. CURTIN

Rotary; he was a member of the Mystic Rotary Club, and served as president of the club. He was the first member of the Mystic club elected as a Rotary Fellow (in 1968 and '69) in honor his service to Rotary.

He was also a member of Rotary International and served as vice chairman of the Essex group as well as chairman of the
Mr. Curtin was also an enthusiastic golfer; he became interested in the game when he caddied at Goodwin Park in Hartford and picked it up by watching good players. Locally, he played at Stonington Manor and was a member of the Pequot Golf Club. Over the years, he won numerous golf trophies.

Mr. Curtin was also active in the community, serving as a Cub master. In 1941, he returned to Hartford to teach in the Hartford school system and to coach a church baseball team.

He attended the Danbury Normal School (now Western Conn. State University) to get his elementary certification, and subsequently attended both Trinity College in Hartford and Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, from which he received his master's degree in 1942.

He later enrolled at Yale University and completed work toward his doctorate. Upon cessation of the Yale program, he subsequently enrolled at the University of Connecticut. Mr. Curtin received his Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut in 1950.

He led a varied life outside of school; he was an avid woodworker, for instance, and made furniture (including grandfather clocks) and toys for his children.

He expanded that hobby into carpentry, and on weekends and during summer vacations, he did most of the construction of his home in Pawcatuck.

He was also an avid photographer.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Curtin is survived by four daughters: Linda, Patricia C. O'Neill, both of Pawcatuck; Marilyn Curtis Jarvis of Morrisville, VT; and Margery Anadore of Colchester; a sister; Genevieve Kaskey of Enfield; 15 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and two nieces.

He was preceded by a son, Thomas Bradshaw Curtin.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Michael Church, Liberty Street, Pawcatuck, at 10 a.m. Tuesday, with interment to follow at the St. Michael Cemetery.

Calling hours are 4-7 p.m. Monday at the Guiney-Dolan Funeral, 59 Spruce St., Westerly.

There will be no procession from the funeral home.

The family requests that donations be made to the Rotary Club of Mystic Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 159, Mystic, Conn. 06355.
OBITUARIES

Thomas P. Curtin
Former superintendent of Stonington schools

STONINGTON — Thomas P. Curtin, 83, of Wheeler Drive, Pawcatuck, died July 3, in Westerly, R.I.

Born in Hartford on March 1, 1915, he was the son of Thomas P. and Amelia Brooks Curtin. He married Margaret Bradshaw on April 29, 1939, in Milford. He had lived in Stonington since 1949.

Dr. Curtin was educated in Hartford public schools, graduating from Buckley High School in 1933. In 1937 he received a bachelor's degree from the Teachers College of Connecticut, known today as Central Connecticut State University. He received certification in elementary teaching from the former Danbury Normal School, now Western Connecticut State University. He earned a master's degree in 1942 from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, worked for his doctorate at Yale University, then enrolled at the University of Connecticut for thesis work, receiving a doctorate in 1960.

Dr. Curtin began teaching in Devon, where he coached boys sports and was Cubmaster. From 1949-53, he was principal of the Borough School in Stonington. He became principal of Pawcatuck Junior High, and was appointed superintendent of Stonington schools in 1959. He retired in 1971. During his tenure as superintendent, West Vine Street School, Deans Mill Elementary School, and Mystic Junior High School were built.

A member of the Mystic Rotary Club, Dr. Curtin served as president; he was the first member of the club to be named a Rotary Fellow. He was chairman of the district youth exchange program for many years and hosted many exchange students.

Dr. Curtin enjoyed golf and was a member of Pequot Golf Club. An accomplished carpenter, he built furniture, grandfather clocks, toys for his children, and most of his home in Pawcatuck.

In addition to his wife, Dr. Curtin is survived by four daughters, Marilyn Curtin Jarvis of Morrisville, Vt., Margery Anadore of Colchester, Patricie C. O'Neill and Linda Curtin, both of Pawcatuck; a sister, Genevieve Kaskey of Enfield; 15 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two nieces. He was predeceased by a son, Thomas Bradshaw Curtin.

The funeral was held Tuesday, July 7, at St. Michael's Church, Pawcatuck. Burial is in St. Michael's Cemetery. Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, was in charge of arrangements.

Contributions in Dr. Curtin's memory may be made to the Rotary Club of Mystic Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 153, Mystic, 06355.
Stonington — Miriam “Mimi” Cushanick passed away Jan. 12, 2018, in Stonington, from ALS (also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease).

Born Sept. 5, 1958, to James and Margaret Underwood, she grew up in Groton, and graduated from R.E. Pitch Senior High School in 1976. She returned to college, while working full time and raising her daughter, and graduated from Florida Atlantic University in 2003, with a bachelor’s degree in education. Mimi worked for the Broward County, Fla., school system, first as a teaching and administrative assistant and then as a special education teacher for 17 years. She put her energy into teaching and was rewarded by the success of her students.

Mimi was a gifted educator, especially for children with autism. Despite the physical difficulties brought on by ALS, she continued to teach and won Teacher of the Year at Fairway Elementary School for the 2016-17 school year. Mimi volunteered as her daughter’s Girl Scout leader for many years and faithfully organized teams for the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. She loved going to yard sales, sewing and reading. She enjoyed yard work and spending time in her garden, her own tropical paradise.

In addition to her beloved daughter and best friend, Rachel Cushanick, Mimi is survived by her brothers, Steve, Jim and Mark Underwood, and her sister, Margaret Allyn, as well as several nieces and nephews. She was preceded by her parents and sisters, Karen Underwood and Judy Wiford.

Services will be private. Donations in her name can be made to the ALS Association or Autism Speaks.
Joseph Cushman

Joseph Ernest Cushman, 82, died Friday evening at his home at 11 Palmer St., Stonington, after a lengthy illness.

The husband of Georgiana (Holland) Cushman, he was born in Stafford on Aug. 19, 1890, son of the late Ernest and Elizabeth (Gilmartin) Cushman.

He had worked at the former Atwood Machine Co. and retired 15 years ago from the New London Naval Underwater Center where he was a mechanical engineer.

Mr. Cushman had been one of the organizers of the James W. Harvey Post. American Legion and had served in the 102nd Infantry Yankee Division during World War I. He had been awarded the Purple Heart after being wounded and gassed at Chateau Thierry, France.

Surviving, besides his wife, is a sister, Mrs. Andrew Pallone of Newport, R.I.

Private funeral services will be conducted tomorrow at the Shea-Williams Funeral Home in Mystic. Interment will be in Stonington Cemetery. There are no calling hours.


Private funeral services will be held at the Shea-Williams Funeral Home, 19 East Main St., Mystic, Monday. Interment in Stonington Cemetery. There are no calling hours. Kindly omit flowers.

Mary Cushman

Mrs. Mary (Cramer) Cushman, 86, of 33 Water St., Stonington died yesterday afternoon at the Watch Hill Manor Convalescent Home.

The wife of the late Charles G. Cushman who died in 1964, she was born in Pawcatuck on Jan. 23, 1897, daughter of the late John J. and Annie (Murphy) Cramer.

She had been employed several years ago as an inspector at the Universal Winding and later as a floor lady at The American Velvet Company.

Surviving are three stepsons, Clarence G. Cushman of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, Robert E. Cushman of Mystic and Fred Cushman of Niantic. Her son, Elmer L. Cushman of Westerly, died in 1966.

Also surviving are several grandchildren and great-grandchildren and a number of cousins in the Westerly area.

Funeral services will be held at 9:30 Friday morning from the Shea-Williams Funeral Home in Pawcatuck with a Mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, Stonington. Interment will be in Stonington Cemetery.

Calling hours will be at the funeral home tomorrow from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.
Loretta Cushman


Loretta was born July 25, 1940, in New London to Irving J. and Marjorie A. (Morin) Mitchell, both deceased. She spent her childhood years growing up on Masons Island, graduating from Stonington High in 1958.

She married Stephen G. Cushman of Wequetequock in 1969, and recently celebrated 50 years of marriage with family and friends renewing their love and dedication to each other.

Loretta dedicated most of her life to her family. She enjoyed cooking and baking for family gatherings, knitting and crocheting afghans, bowling and puzzles. She also found pleasure when traveling, meeting people, shopping and spending time with friends. She cared deeply for her family and always had a joke and a smile. At the time of her passing, she was employed with Stop & Shop in East Lyme where she found great enjoyment and created fond friendships.

Loretta is survived by her soulmate and husband, Steve; a brother, Robert Mitchell of Pawcatuck; three daughters, Debbie Jantzi and her husband, Thomas, of Port Orchard, Wash., Camie Joyce of Waterford and Cherie Cushman of Niantic; grandchildren Michael, Christopher, Angela and Trisha Jantzi of Washington, Stephanie and her husband, Jeremy Han, of Mystic, Meghan Joyce of Phoenix, Ariz., Truly and Taylor Cushman, both of Niantic; great-grandsons Brodie Adams and Hayden Moore, both of Washington; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Loretta is preceded in death by her parents, Irving and Marjorie; sisters, Carleen Ward and Brenda Kenyon.

Family and friends are invited to share in a celebration of life from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010, at The Shack, 324 Flanders Road, East Lyme.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Cancer Society.

To send an online condolence, please visit www.nellanfuneralhome.com. The Thomas L. Nellan & Sons East Lyme Funeral Home, 48 Grand St., Niantic is assisting the family with the arrangements.
Loretta Cushman


Loretta was born July 25, 1940, in New London to Irving J. and Marjorie A. (Moria) Mitchell.

A graduate of Stonington High School in 1958, she married Stephen G. Cushman of Wequetequock in 1959. He survives her.

Family and friends are invited to share in a “Celebration of Life” from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010, at The Shack, 324 Flanders Road, East Lyme. The Thomas L. Nelson & Sons East Lyme Funeral Home, 48 Grand St., Niantic, is assisting the family with the arrangements. A full obituary will appear in Thursday’s edition.
Stephen Cushman

East Lyme — Stephen Gaines Cushman, 73, of Niantic, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on Tuesday, June 21, 2011, after a long battle with leukemia.

Born in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, to the late Elmer Cushman and Angeline Nethercott, he moved to Stonington as a young boy.

After graduating from Stonington High School in 1956, he joined the Navy, serving our country until 1964. He married Loretta J. Mitchell in 1959; she preceded him in death.

He had worked for Mobil Oil Co., retiring after 30 years. After his retirement, he continued to work part time for Harbor Motors and Brustolon Buick GMC, delivering cars. Steve was honored to be a Mason with Coastal 57 of Stonington.

He had a love of cars and trucks. On many occasions he could be found in the garage working on cars or just tinkering. He also had a passion for trains.

His greatest love and achievement was his family. He was always available with a hug, a smile or a kind word. He was known for his kind heart and gentle soul. Whenever anyone asked him how he was, his reply was always, "peaceful."

He is survived by his daughters, Debbie (Tom) Jantzi of Port Orchard, Wash., Carrie Joyce of Waterford, and Cherrie Cushman of Niantic; grandchildren, Michael (Kristi) Jantzi of Redding, Calif., Christopher Jantzi of Bremerton, Wash., Angela Jantzi and Trisha Jantzi, both of Port Orchard, Wash., Stephanie (Jeremy) Han of Mystic, Meghan Joyce of Auburn, Wash., and Truely and Taylor Cushman, both of Niantic; and great-grandsons, Brodie Adams and Hayden Moore, both of Port Orchard, Wash., and Austin Han of Mystic. He is also survived by brothers, Leonard and Richard Cushman, and Gary Nethercoat, all of Massachusetts, and Edward Cushman of Delaware; sisters, Wessie and Carolyn, both of Massachusetts, and Rosslie Ripley of Kingston, Wash.; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation be made to the ALS Association or a charity of your choice.

A celebration of life will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. June 29, 2011, at the Mystic Hilton Maritime Room.

The family would like to express a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Yang and the amazing staff of Echo, as well as the girls from ambulatory care at The William W. Backus Hospital, for their unparalleled care and compassion.

The Thomas L. Neillan & Sons Funeral Home, 48 Gra St., Niantic, is assisting the family with the arrangements.

To send an online condolences, please visit www.neillanfuneralhome.com.
Cameron Irving Cutler
West Mystic — To acknowledge the passing of Cameron Irving Cutler, 83, is to liken him to the disappearance of a man for all seasons.

Here was a unique individual whose love of poetry and fiction, as well as tales of maritime lore, plus history of his rich heritage, told all the depth of knowledge held by such a man.

He was the son of Helen Grant Irving and Carl Custer Cutler, residing as a seventh generation, in the Packer homestead, built in the early 1700s. He attended local schools (one a two-room schoolhouse in West Mystic), Fitch High School and East Greenwich Academy in Rhode Island.

He and his wife, Helen Topalian Cutler, whom he married in 1955 at the Methodist Church in Brooklyn, N.Y., took it upon themselves to repair and renovate the homestead. It was fun at first but then became tedious and expensive. However, they were tenacious with almost everything being completed before his death.

His father, one of the three founders of the Mystic Seaport, went on to develop the site alone after the other two original forefathers died. Cameron always joked that he was a free-hand-cuff volunteer supporting the museum with his physical labor. One memorable time was when he and his father navigated the "Morgan" up the Mystic River to her new home, by themselves.

His mother and sister, Delight, also gave of themselves to support the dream that became a world-renowned reality.

Cameron served his country well and proudly. He attended Kings Point, then transferred to the Army putting his life on the line in three wars: World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He received many ribbons and medals, the last being a Bronze Star from Vietnam, achieved at the time of the Tet Offensive. His MOS was mainly intelligence, a special group called the Counter-Intelligence Corps or the acronym CIC and most of his tours of duty were in the Far East, mainly Japan, North Africa and Korea. At home he had tours in New York and Maryland.

He continued his education, through the Army at Monterey California and at Yale's post-graduate school of languages mastering Japanese and Chinese, respectively.

Never one to shirk work, he retired from the Army on a Friday and then started the next Monday at General Dynamics, Electric Boat Division, in a completely new field, as a buyer in their Procurement Division.

After retiring, he volunteered his time and served as Chairman of the Town of Groton and was a member of the Charity & Relief Lodge of Masons. He was also an integral part of the Union Baptist Church of Mystic, serving on many boards and in many positions.

As an avid reader, he liked to impart his interests and viewpoints to his minister, the Rev. Dr. C. Kenneth Carpenter. They exchanged many books and articles hoping to influence each other but holding true to their individual viewpoints. As the Reverend said recently, "This is a man you listened to."

He leaves his wife, Helen; four months shy of fifty years of marriage; his son, Brian Cameron Cutler and wife, Sherry; sister, Delight Bellini; and husband; grandchildren Ryan, Amy and Kyle Cutler; and most assuredly his feisty dogie, Charlie. He also leaves a nephew, Ned Nicholson; a sister-in-law and husband, plus nieces and their children.

A funeral service will be conducted at the Union Baptist Church, Mystic on Monday at 11 a.m. with burial following in Second Packer Cemetery. There are no visiting hours.

Donations may be made to Union Baptist Church Scholarship Fund, 18 High Street, Mystic, CT 06355.

The Dinofo Funeral Home, 17 Pearl Street, historic downtown Mystic is assisting the family. For obituary information or to send an online condolence/remembrance to the family, please visit www.dinofofuneral.com.

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Elizabeth Cutler

Mystic — Elizabeth Winslow "Winnie" Cutler of Mystic, beloved wife of the late William R. Cutler, died on Sunday, June 11, 2017.

Winnie was born on May 1, 1927, graduated from the Shipley School, and spent most of her young adult life in and around Manhattan, Darien and Southampton. She summered in Old Black Point and then, in the 1960s, Stonington, which became her permanent home later in life.

Winnie enjoyed life, friends and family. She traveled extensively, hosted many social events and lived life to the fullest. A lover of the performing arts, Winnie studied dance with Martha Graham and acted in a summer stock production with Helen Hayes in her early years. She became known for putting on creative and lively puppet shows at St. James’ Church in New York, and, later, at Calvary Church in Stonington. Winnie was an active member of Calvary Church, serving as President of ECW (Episcopal Church Women) for many years.

At ECW, Winnie believed in supporting the Wounded Warriors, whose bravery and courage she greatly admired. Winnie was a successful travel agent and a longtime member of the Wadawanuck Club.

Winnie is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth McGovern Johnstone (Philip); her son, James W. McGovern (Deborah); and her grandchildren, Elizabeth W. and Charlotte W. Johnstone. She is also survived by her stepchildren, Clarissa Y. Cutler (James Swinerton), Stuart Y. Cutler and Edith B. Cutler Hirtenstein (Scott); as well as her stepgrandchildren, Katherine and William Grayson, Anne and Grace Cutler, and Max and Jacob Hirtenstein. She was predeceased by her sister, Mary Preston Jones, and her stepson, Ralph William Cutler.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 23, at Calvary Church, 27 Church Street in Stonington. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Winnie’s name to ECW at Calvary Church, 27 Church St., Stonington, CT 06378.

The DiNoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St. in Mystic is assisting the family.
Mrs. E. H. Lamb has returned from a visit with her daughter Mrs. James Vickery and family in New London.

Those people who persist in throwing ashes and other offensive matter in the streets, should receive the attention of the proper authorities. The condition of the streets, whether they are clean or dirty, tell different stories to strangers, and our people should be known as people taking pride in the appearance of their native town.

Death of Mrs. Cutler.

Mrs. Sophronia Latham Cutler, one of Stonington's oldest and most esteemed residents, died yesterday afternoon at the home of her son Capt. B. F. Cutler, in Brooklyn, N.Y., from the results of a fall sustained over a week ago. Mrs. Cutler was born near Fort Hill in Groton, Sept. 3, 1853, and belonged to the well known Latham family of that town.

Some seventy years ago she was married to the late Capt. Benjamin S. Cutler, at one time one of our best known sea captains. Eleven children were born to them, eight of whom are dead, while three are still living. Mrs. Cutler passed almost her entire life in the borough, and was loved and respected by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her. At the time of her death she was the oldest member of the First Baptist church of this place, having joined when quite young. One son, Capt. B. F. Cutler, of Brooklyn, N.Y., two daughters, Mrs. Albert L. Gates of the borough, and Mrs. Caroline A. Kilmor of Westerly, R. I., are left to mourn the loss of a most affectionate parent.

Deceased also leaves sixteen grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren. The body will be brought to the borough Sunday morning by steamer, and the funeral will occur in the afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Atwood, on Church street. Interment will be made in the Robinson burying ground on High street.

The members of the Nyle association are rapidly getting rooms in the skating rink building. The rowing machine has been set up track, 29 laps to the mile marked out.

Miss Florence Walter b from a visit with relatives in the city.

Miss Nellie A. Bentley h from a visit with friends in St. Louis Ayers' candy store and enjoy a sample of Brandy Pickles. They are a good advertisement.

Mr. D. O. Richmond b from a business trip to New York.

Miss Nettie Burdick of visiting friends in town.

T. E. Parker & Co. has appointed agents for the Nyle Burglary Insurance company.

Mrs. G. W. Keigwin bur. severely while near a stove.

Miss Lizzie Bonner is in bed with pneumonia.

Mrs. John L. Allyn is in hospital recovering from an attack of cold.

An advertising agent is getting cards from some of the best known business men in the city. A will be hung in some of the stores so people can stop and see them.

Yesterday a merchant in the broken latch on a store door, made glad the proprietor by promising to pay a good price for it.

T. H. Newbury & Son, mail and express business at the Packer's insurance office.

Mrs. William Whaley has her home here, being taken care of by her friends.

Charles Edgecombe is seen in the meat cart.
William Cutler

Mystic — William Brainard Cutler, 91, born Dec. 12, 1924, in Hartford, died peacefully on Monday, April 25, 2016, in Mystic.

He was the loving husband of Elizabeth (Winslow) Cutler; father of the late Ralph William Cutler, Clarissa Yantis Cutler (James Swinerton), Stuart Yantis Cutler and Edith Brainard Cutler Hirtenstein (Scott), all of the Chicago area, stepfather of James McGovern (Deborah) of New York City and Elizabeth Johnstone (Philip) of Stonington; very proud grandfather of Katherine and William Grayson, Anne and Grace Cutler, Max and Jacob Hirtenstein, and Elizabeth and Charlotte Johnstone; uncle to many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, Ralph Dennis and Ruth Alberta Brainard Cutler; and his siblings, R. Dennis Cutler (Prudence), Helen Winter (John) and Ruth Chapman Ford (Frank and T. Mitchell).

Bill attended Kent School (Class of 1943) and Williams College (Class of 1947). He served in World War II as an ensign in the U.S. Navy, where he proudly defended the Panama Canal as 2nd in command of a submarine chaser. He moved to Chicago in 1948 where he embarked on his career, first in banking and later in the securities business. In 1965, Bill married Marion Yantis with whom he had their four children. In the early 1970s, he returned east to New York City, where he met and married Elizabeth "Winnie" Winslow on Dec. 13, 1975; they later moved to Stonington and Mystic, where he worked in commercial real estate and as a consultant. Bill and Winnie recently celebrated their 40th anniversary of a happy marriage.

Winnie and Bill enjoyed life, friends and family. They traveled extensively and lived life to the fullest. As a new resident to Stonington, he founded the now annual 4th of July parade. He was active in the Republican Town Committee, promoted the bicentennial celebration of the Republic of the British, and was a longtime member of the Wadawanuck Club. He loved marching band music, sailing, the Republican Party, racquet sports, cooking and the American flag. Endlessly curious, he was a true Renaissance man; his many diverse interests included viticulture, croquet (he held a patent for a croquet wicket), fractals, the Austrian School of Economics and the Haruspical Society.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 7, at Calvary Church, 27 Church St., Stonington.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to make a donation in his memory to the Yale School of Medicine, 333 Cedar St., New Haven, CT 06510.
Leonard Czuba

Stonington — Gentleman, scholar, sailor Leonard Joseph Czuba, 78, died at his home on Oct. 5, 2015, in Stonington, surrounded by family.

Len was born and raised in East Chicago, Ind., graduating from Roosevelt High School in 1955. Following undergraduate studies at Indiana University in Bloomington, he worked in the oil industry before entering the University of Minnesota, where he earned his Ph.D. in organic chemistry. He accepted a post-doctoral position at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston, which also introduced him to the Atlantic Ocean and began his lifelong love affair with sailing and the sea. He joined MIT’s famous Tech Dinghy Fleet and earned his helmsman rating sailing the Charles River. In 1968, with a growing family, he decided to abandon his original plan to teach at MIT and accepted a research scientist position at Pfizer Central Research in Groton and transferred his new sailing skills to the company’s Penguin Fleet, which sailed the Thames in New London.

That decision marked the beginning of a unique and successful 31-year career. His talents extended to many different parts of the company, including medicinal, animal health and food science. He retired as director of regulatory affairs for the Consumer Health Products Division at Pfizer Headquarters in 1999.

In 1979, through Pfizer, he met and married the love of his life, Judith Ann Murray, and their love of sailing and travel continued throughout their marriage. Len was happiest at the helm of his beloved sailboat “Grendel.” He was a founding member of the Stonington Harbor Yacht Club and spent as much time as he could cruising the waters of Long Island Sound and the Eastern seaboard.

He was a kind, brilliant soul who adored jazz and was a good cook. His repertoire included Len’s famous meatloaf, beef stew and Len’s famous sandwiches. Family and friends came to rely on his solid, unflappable nature. Even as he faced Alzheimer’s, he did so with courage and humor. Len Czuba leaves his wife, Judy; three children, Allison, Michael and Andrew; and three grandchildren, Ella, Mae and Jackson.

Calling hours will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 9, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, 51 Williams Ave., Mystic. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial will follow at the Stonington Cemetery on North Main St.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, CT Chapter, 2075 Silas Deane Highway, Rocky Hill, CT 06067.

For online condolences to the family, please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com.