Alden D'Amico Was Active In Stonington Civic Affairs

Alden R. D’Amico, 77, of Cove Road, Stonington, husband of Mary (Curran) D’Amico, died Thursday, June 14, 1990 at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Stonington September 25, 1912, son of John and Jessie (Merritt) D’Amico. He lived in Stonington all his life and was very active in all things connected with his town. In the early 1930s, he and other members of his family, including his father who was company foreman, made up the entire membership of the Steamer Engine Co. of the Borough Fire Department.

A graduate of Stonington High School in 1932, he was among the school’s best top all-around athletes. He played on a semi-pro football team sponsored by Electric Boat following graduation.

He retired from Electric Boat in 1979 after 34 years where he had worked in the Design and Planning Department.

He and his wife operated Mystic Valley Realty Co., from which he retired in 1979.

For many years Mr. D’Amico was a volunteer with the American Red Cross and helped with the bloodmobile in the Mystic area.

He was a charter member of Mystic Aquarium, and a member of the Pequotsepos Nature Center, Stonington Historical Society, Stonington Free Library Association, Denison Homestead, Mystic Seaport and Mystic Flag Committee. He had also been a scoutmaster for 10 years in Stonington.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Alden R. D’Amico Jr.; a daughter, Donna Marie D’Amico, both of Stonington; a brother Eugene D’Amico of Westerly; two sisters, Rose Northup and Jessie DePerry, both of Stonington; and four grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 9:15 a.m. Monday from the Thomas L. Neilan & Sons Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic to a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick Church, Mystic. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, Stonington. Calling hours are 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., Sunday.

Memorial gifts in his memory may be made to St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen, 323 Main St., Norwich.
Bertha D'Amico
Stonington — Bertha
(Seiner) D'Amico, 96, formerly of 82 Water St., Stonington, died Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2008, at Mystic Manor Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

She was born in Stonington on Jan. 4, 1912. She was the daughter of the late Theodore and Bertha Iralle Seiner. She was a lifelong resident of Stonington. She married Edwin W. D'Amico in Stonington in 1935; he died Aug. 21, 1987. Mrs. D'Amico operated the Pleasant View Guest House on Water Street in Stonington, assuming the operation from her mother. The guest house was in business for more than 95 years.

Mrs. D'Amico was a member of the United Church in Stonington and a member of the Church Women's Guild. She had also served as Sunday School teacher. As a young girl she had made two transatlantic crossings with her mother, the first at age 2, and the second at age 16. No small feat for a young girl of that time. Mrs. D'Amico was one of the original organizers of the hot lunch program at the old Borough School and was one of the original volunteers at the Stonington Community Center Thrift Shop on Water Street in Stonington Village. She also served as a Den Mother for the Cub Scouts.

Mrs. D'Amico is survived by her two children, Thomas E. D'Amico and his wife, Anne, and Rita Gladych and her husband, Stanley, all of Pawcatuck. In addition she is survived by her three grandchildren, Thomas E. D'Amico II and Rebecca Gladych both of Pawcatuck, and Stanley and his wife, Paula, of Denver, Colo., and her great-grandson Anthony Joseph Gladych, also of Denver, Colo.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 8, 2008, at Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. Relatives and friends are invited to call prior to the service from 10 to 11 a.m., at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Stonington Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the United Church of Stonington to the Elevator Fund, 67 Main St., Stonington, CT 06378.

The D'Amico family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for obituary information, directions and an online guest register to leave a note of condolence.
Order of Worship

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 84:1-4

Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Opening Hymn: Morning Has Broken!

Scriptures of Promise

Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee!

Friends and Family Reflections

Pastoral Reflection

Hymn: O Tannenbaum

Poem: Written by Henry Scott Holland, the Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral sometimes between 1847 and 1918. "Nothing At All"

Closing Prayer

Benediction
Edwin W. D'Amico, 76, Former Burgess, Barber

Edwin W. D'Amico, 76, of 92 Water St., Stonington, a longtime barber and former Burgess in Stonington Borough, died Friday night at his home after a long illness.

He was born Dec. 27, 1916 in Stonington, the son of the late John and Jessie (Merritt) D'Amico. He married the former Bertha Seimer in 1936 in Stonington. She survives him.

Mr. D'Amico attended local schools and in 1930 became an apprentice with Harold Hubbard in Stonington. He moved to the Arthur T. Richards barber shop in Mystic in 1935 and eventually bought the business. The shop became known as the D'Amico barber shop on the corner of Holmes and East Main streets in Mystic.

Following the Mystic fire of December 1960, he moved his shop to the Odd Fellows building on Cotterell Street. Mr. D'Amico retired in 1971, at that time selling his barber shop to Roger Panciera, who continues to operate at the same location.

Mr. D'Amico was an Army veteran of World War II.

In addition to his barber shop, Mr. D'Amico and his wife operated the Pleasant View Guest House in Stonington Borough for many years.

He was a member of the James W. Harvey Post of the American Legion in Stonington, the Mystic Seaport Museum, the Steamer Engine Co. of the Stonington Fire Department, the Stonington Historical Society, the Stonington Village Improvement Association and the Board of Directors of the Stonington Cemetery Association.

He was a trustee and deacon of the United Methodist Church of Stonington, a member and past master of the Asylum Lodge No. 49, of the A.F. & A.M., and a member of the Norwich Consistory-Scottish Rite.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Thomas D'Amico of Pawcatuck; a daughter, Rila Gladych of Stonington; three brothers, Alden of Stonington, Eugene of Westerly and Charles D'Amico of Croton; two sisters, Rose Northup and Jessie DePerry, both of Stonington; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday at the Thomas L. Nelan & Sons Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. Interment will be in Stonington Cemetery.

Calling hours are 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Contributions may be made in his memory to the United Church of Stonington, 67 Main St., Stonington, or the Stonington Visiting Nurse Association, 227 N. Water St., Stonington 06378.
Mary D’Amico

Stonington — Mary C. D’Amico, 86, of Cove Road, died Sunday at home.

She was born on Oct. 6, 1923, in Providence, the daughter of the late Vincent and Mary Curren.


Mrs. D’Amico was a Realtor who, with her husband, operated the Mystic Valley Realty Co.

She was a member of St. Patrick Church in Mystic, the Mystic Women’s Club, and the Mary Francis Circle Daughters of Isabella.

She is survived by a son, Alden D’Amico Jr. of Mystic; a daughter, Donna D’Amico of Stonington; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a brother, Vincent Curren; and a sister Shirley Smith.

The funeral will be held at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday from the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, with a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick Church, Mystic. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, Stonington.

Calling hours are 6-8 tonight at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center Food Locker, Box 7897, Pawcatuck, CT 06378.
GROTON — William Kenneth D’Amico, 71, of Pequonnock Road, died Saturday, Jan. 17, at Backus Hospital in Norwich as a result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident in Groton on Friday.

He was born May 6, 1926, in Mystic, the son of John and Florence Smith D’Amico. He attended local schools and was a Navy veteran of World II.

A former resident of Stonington, Mr. D’Amico was a member of the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society and the James W. Harvey Post American Legion and the Harley P. Chase Post Veterans of Foreign Wars of Pawcatuck. He worked at Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics in the nuclear test division, retiring in 1988.

Mr. D’Amico is survived by three sons, William D’Amico of Prospect, Clifford D’Amico of Westbrook, and Steven D’Amico of Bolton; three daughters, Marie D’Amico of Rock Hill, S.C., Susan Stillman and Denise Gencarelis, both of Westerly, R.I.; two sisters, Rose and Jessie D’Amico; and six grandchildren.

The funeral was held Tuesday, Jan. 20. Burial was private. Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, was in charge of arrangements.
Margaret D'Avanzo

Saratoga, Fla. — Margaret (Vargas) D'Avanzo, formerly of Stonington and Newington, died on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011, in Sarasota, Fla.

The widow of Paul D'Avanzo, she was born on Sept. 15, 1922, the daughter of Joseph A. and Mary (Young) Vargas of Stonington. She graduated from Stonington High School in 1941, attended the University of Connecticut and graduated from the Lawrence & Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in 1945. Margaret then entered the Army Cadet Nurse Corps, and after that had a staff nursing post at The Western Hospital. She was the office nurse for Dr. Roger Fowler in Mystic. She was later the industrial nurse at the Monsanto Plant in Stonington for many years. After her marriage, she did geriatric nursing in the Newington area. She was an accomplished knitter and homemaker.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Elia and Marilyn D'Avanzo of Newington; her sister, Ruth E. Vargas of Stonington; her sister-in-law, Mary D. Maletta of New Britain; and her grand-niece, Pam Constantino of Sarasota, Fla., who was especially helpful to Margaret and her husband for many years. In addition, she is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her brothers, Joseph, Richard, and Austin Vargas; and her sister, Vera V. Cragan.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at Holy Spirit Church, Newington.

Donations in her memory may be made to St. Mary Church, 65 Main St., Stonington CT 06378.
Evelyn Daboll
Old Mystic — Evelyn Louise Kenyon Daboll passed away after a long illness on Oct. 30, 2005 at the Mary Elizabeth Nursing Center in Mystic.

She was born on Feb. 22, 1927 to the late Anson Surber Kenyon and Maude Tinker Kenyon of Old Mystic.

She married her good friend, Frederick Austin Daboll, also of Old Mystic, on Feb. 9, 1962. Fred Daboll died Jan. 6, 1994.

Eve is survived by her two daughters, Diantha Lyn Tinagaro, of Camp Verde, Ariz., and Deirdre Ayn Daboll, of Gales Ferry; and two grandsons, Seth Austin Gushurst and Lesley Anson Gushurst.

A memorial service will be held at the Old Mystic Baptist Church on Thursday, Nov. 3, 2005 at 6 p.m.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Mary Elizabeth Nursing Center Resident Council Fund at 22 Broadway Ave., Mystic, CT 06355 so that others may smell the flowers.

To send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Gilda DaCosta

Pawtucket — Gilda Maria (Pimentel) DaCosta, 82, of Pawtucket, wife of Antonio J. DaCosta for 58 years, died peacefully, Monday, Jan. 14, 2019, at home surrounded by her family.

Born on Sao Miguel Island, Azores, she was the daughter of the late Antonio Pimentel and Maria dos Santos (Saeta) Pimentel. She lived in Pawtucket since 1960. Gilda was a homemaker to her 10 children. Among her many commendable qualities, she will always be remembered for her selflessness and unconditional love for her family.

In addition to her passion for singing and dancing to traditional Portuguese music, she looked forward to family gatherings every weekend.

Gilda leaves behind her husband, her nine children, Maria Medelina Martins (Emanuel) of Pawtucket, Jose Costa (Leonor) of the Azores, Antonio Costa (Sandra), Gilda Ruela (Ocao) and Maria Costa (Nelia) all of Pawtucket; Duarte Costa (Maria) of the Azores, Ruth DaCosta of Pawtucket, Analia Krzyzaniak (Joseph) of Pawtucket and Marco Costa (Heather) of Waterford; three sisters and a brother; 21 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and three brothers-in-law and a sister-in-law. She was preceded in death by her infant son, Rui Alexandre DaCosta.

Calling hours will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at the Mystic Funeral Home located on Route 1, Mystic. A funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday, at 10 a.m. at St. Mary’s Church Stonington. Following the Mass, she will be buried at St. Michael Cemetery in Pawtucket. Reception to follow. Per request of deceased please wear color in lieu of black.

Memorial donations in her memory may be made to the St. Michael’s Capital Campaign Fund 60 Liberty St., Pawtucket, CT 06379 or to American Diabetes Association P.O. Box 15829 Arlington, VA 22215.
Linda Daddi


Linda is survived by her husband, Anthony; her brother, Samuel; sister Diane; and her two sons, Bruce and Richard. The light of Linda’s life were her three grandchildren, Melinda, Laurel and Gina.

A longtime resident of South Philadelphia and New Ringgold, Pa., Linda and Anthony moved to Pawcatuck five years ago to be closer to their son, Richard.

A memorial service will be held in New Ringgold, Pa., at a later date.
Michael Daggett Sr.
Mashantucket — Michael James Daggett Sr., 33, 14 Elizabeth George Drive, Mashantucket, passed away Tuesday morning, April 10, 2007, at The William W. Backus Hospital from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident. He was the husband of Raphella V. (Schulz) Daggett.

He was born Sept. 4, 1973, in New London, the son of Donald Elsworth and Sandra Jean (Hayward) Daggett of Mashantucket. Michael was a dedicated, hard-working employee and loved his job and employees at the Mashantucket Pequot Utilities Department. He worked there for more than 15 years, recently earning a well-deserved promotion to executive director, of which he was very proud.

Michael enjoyed hunting, fishing, football, karaoke, billiards, golfing, archery, Nascar racing, and going to the Daytona 500 every year. He was a member of the APA Pool League for many years with great friends and family. He supported the Ledyard Football League and cherished football coach William Migneault and his wife, Patricia Migneault, who supported him through life.

Michael loved his wife, children, family, friends, and life itself. He was full of life, love, and happiness. He will be sadly missed by all who had the great opportunity to share life with him. We love you always, Michael James.

He was married to Raphella Villanova (Schulz) Daggett at the Old Mystic Baptist Church on July 5, 1997.

In addition to his wife and parents, Michael is survived by his three children, Michael James Daggett Jr., Taylor Yvonne Daggett, and Teagan James Daggett. He is also survived by his sisters, Sherrie Lynn (Daggett) Allen and her husband, Roger, of Ledyard, Lisa Marie Daggett Garner and her husband, Matthew, of Mashantucket, and brother, Steven Duane Daggett and his wife, Kitsu, of Ledyard. Michael is survived by his paternal grandmother, Agnes Daggett of Canterbury and maternal grandfather, Richard Hayward of Griswold, as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends Mike loved dearly.

He was predeceased by his grandmother, Theresa Victoria Hayward, and his best friends, Steven Margulies, Winfred “Scott” Robbins, and Steven Waltz.

His family will greet relatives and friends from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 5 to 8 p.m. today at The Dinno Funerals Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic. A memorial service will be held on at 11 A.M. Friday at the Old Mystic Baptist Church, Shewville Rd., Mystic. Burial will follow in Avery-Stoddard Cemetery, Ledyard.

Donations in his memory may be made to Ledyard Youth League, PO Box 424, Ledyard CT 06339 or Victory Junction Gang Camp (www.victoryjunction.org), 4500 Adams Way, Randleman, NC 27317.

For obituary information, directions, or to send Mike’s family a note of remembrance/condoledence, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Marion Dahlgren

Mystic — Marion V. (Doucette) Dahlgren, 93, died Friday, Aug. 31, 2018. She is predeceased by her husband, Arvid I. Dahlgren who died in 2006.

All funeral services will be private for the family. The DiNoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is assisting the family.
Pauline A. (Coobic) Daigneau

Pauline “Stella” A. (Coobic) Daigneau, 97, of Mystic, beloved wife of the late Thomas Daigneau, passed away on Thursday, June 30 after a brief illness at Avalon Healthcare in Mystic with her family by her side.

Born in Templeton, Mass., she was the daughter of the late George and Mary (Rasmowicz) Coobic.

Pauline's greatest joy in life was her family, especially her three great-grandchildren. She enjoyed cooking and was famous for her Polish galumpkis and kapusta. Before coming to Mystic in the 1950s, she worked as a cook for the Coolidge family and others in Sandwich, N.H., as well as catering for the local school in Center Harbor, N.H. She also worked in furniture, thread and garter factories in Massachusetts and Connecticut before becoming a full-time homemaker.

Stella will be remembered for her incredible generosity, toughness and her never give up attitude. She lived mostly independently with her daughter the last 20 years of her life in spite of being legally blind from macular degeneration. At age 97 she overcame a broken hip and a stroke, learning to walk again. She was a communicant of St. Patrick Church and a lifelong member of the Daughters of Isabella in Mystic.

Pauline is survived by a daughter, Patricia Lord of Mystic; a grandson, Steven Lord and his wife, Kathleen, of Westerly; and three great-grandchildren, Doreen (Dori), Thomas, and Brianna Lord, all of Westerly, along with many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sisters, Stephina Coobic, Sophie Kasper, Helen Czajkowski and Mildred Rousseau, and her brothers, Anthony Coobic and Joseph Coobic.

Her family will receive friends on Monday, July 4 from 4 to 6 p.m. at The Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. A service will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday, July 5 at 10 a.m., followed by a graveside service at Elm Grove Cemetery, Route 27, Mystic.

In lieu of flowers, please make an “honor gift” in Pauline’s name to Macular Degeneration Research at www.abaf.org/macular. For more information, contact Diana Campbell, development officer, at 1-800-437-2423.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave an online expression of sympathy.
Martin Daly

Stonington — Martin V. Daly, 67, passed away Monday, July 13, 2009, at his home in Stonington, surrounded by his loving family after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Norwich, the son of John and Frances (Dorcas) Daly, Marty graduated from Norwich Free Academy and Becker College in Worcester, Mass. He served in the Army National Guard for several years as a senior aircraft repairman. He retired from Incase in Hopkinton, Mass., in 2002 as the company's comptroller. He was a lifetime member of the Jacques Cruiler Club, serving as treasurer and financial officer and a member of Pequot Country Club. He also was instrumental in establishing the Norwich Slow-Pitch Softball League.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Angela (Sehena); his son, Martin Paul and his wife, Judith; their two children, Conor and Cara, from South Orange, N.J.; and his daughter, Mackenzie Daly and her husband, Taylor Heal of Mystic. He is also survived by his brother, John Daly of Long Boat Key, Fla., and Stonington. His family and numerous friends, who loved him dearly, will miss his good nature and laughing Irish eyes.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, July 17, at St. Mary's Church in Jewett City.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in memory may be made to Hospice of Southeastern CT, 237 Dunham St., Norwich, CT 06360.

The family would like to thank the Oncology Department of Both Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Hospice of Southeastern CT for their kindness and support.

Go Sox!!!
Aileen Danahey

Stonington — Aileen (An- 
na) Danahey, a longtime 
resident of Stonington, passed 
away unexpectedly Monday, 
March 30, 2015, while visiting 
family in Maryland. She was 
just four days shy of her 91st 
birthday.

She was born in Stonington 
on April 3, 1924, to the late 
Manuel and Ellen (McDonnell) 
Amaral. She attended Ston-
ington schools. In February of 
1942, she was one of the first 
wartime senior-eligible gradu-
ates from Stonington High 
School. She spent the next five 
years working as a secretary 
for the Stonington Publishing 
Co.

Aileen married John 
Danahey of Stonington on 
Thanksgiving Day in 1947. 
They enjoyed a long and happy 
marrige of 69 years. Together 
they raised three children. 
John and Aileen spent many 
years living away from their 
beloved Stonington, happy to 
return there in 1970 to live out 
the remainder of their lives.

Aileen is survived by her 
son, Timothy Danahey and 
wife, Suzanne; Susan Schiener, of 
Las Vegas, Nev., two daughters, 
Diane McCulloch and husband, 
George, of Nantucket, Mass., 
and Nancy White and hus-
bond, Blunt, of Stonington; 
a sister, Elizabeth Coles of 
Pompano, Fla.; a brother, 
Eugene Amaral of Sarasota, 
Fla.; and five grandchildren, 
two great-grandchildren, and 
many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, 
she was predeceased by a 
sister, Dorothy Carreras; and a 
brother, Jack Amaral.

Aileen was a cherished 
grandmother who always 
showed a genuine interest in 
their lives. She was an avid gardener, reader, 
knitter, and baker. Her family 
loved her homemade pies and 
spaghetti sauce.

Aileen touched the lives of 
many people and will be sadly 
missed.

Family and friends are 
invited to gather at 10 a.m. on 
Monday, May 4, at St. Mary 
Church in Stonington, for a 
Funeral Mass.

In lieu of flowers, donations 
may be made to the Center for 
Hospice Care, 227 Dunham St., 
Norwich, CT 06360.
Edward A. "Moe" Danahey

Edward A. "Moe" Danahey, of Groton (and formerly of Stonington), passed away on Nov. 15, 2007 after a short illness. Edward was born in Stonington on May 29, 1925.

He was one of three children born to the late John and Helen (Crean) Danahey. Edward married Lois Southworth of Groton in 1975.

Edward was employed at Davis-Standard Corp. for many years, and was also a volunteer fireman with the Neptune Engine Co. for 32 years.

Edward was a dedicated fireman working his way up to assistant chief. After his retirement from Davis-Standard Corp., he enjoyed gardening for many people in the village.

He took great pride in his town yard, growing dillahs the size of dinner plates.

Edward lived in the village for 72 years right under the town clock. He said he didn't know what all the fuss about the noise the clock made because it never bothered him.

He loved jazz music and had a collection of 1500 records.

Edward had many friends in the village, especially his lifelong friend, Charles Higgins. They were both brought up in the village, and enjoyed talking about their boyhood days.

Besides his wife, he leaves four stepchildren, Carl Lloyd and his wife Wendy, Kathleen Macdonald, Nancy Lloyd and Patricia Startz; six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends on Monday, Nov. 19, 2007 from 9 to 10:30 a.m., followed by a service at 10:30 a.m. at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic.

Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Stonington.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 538 Preston Ave., Meriden, CT. 06450. The family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com and sign an online guest book.
John Danahey
Stonington — John J. Danahey of Stonington passed away peacefully Monday, Oct. 29, 2007 after battling cancer for many years.

John was born in Stonington on March 13, 1918. He was one of three children born to the late John and Helen Cream Danahey and is survived by a brother, Edward, of Groton. A sister, Helen Danahey, predeceased John.

John married Aileen Amaral of Stonington in 1947 and is survived by his wife and three children, Timothy, of Washington, D.C., Diane Metcalfe of Nantucket and her husband, George, and Nancy White and her husband, Blunt, of Stonington.

John graduated from the Stonington Borough School in the class of 1937 and began his working career as a machine trade apprentice in 1937 at the Atwood Machine Company in Stonington. John retired in 1987 from Davis Standard in Pawcatuck as the chief manufacturing engineer.

Mr. Danahey served his county by joining the Navy in 1943 serving in World War II and was recalled to active duty in 1951 to serve during the Korean conflict.

John was a local hero in the Borough during the 1938 hurricane, helping people to safety during the height of the storm. He had many friends and was a member of the "Stonington Point Gang" who for many years met at Stonington Point in the Borough to socialize on Sunday mornings. He was also a member of the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society, the American Legion in Stonington and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Mystic. He loved spending time with his five grandchildren, Katie and Billy White, Kirsten Congleton and her husband, Lindsay, and Erik and Emily Metcalfe and his great-grandchild, Ethan Congleton.

John was a familiar and friendly face at Skipper's Dock in Stonington where he enjoyed listening to jazz and would pique people's interest with his knowledge and history of the Borough. He will be truly missed.

Funeral arrangements are private.

In lieu of flowers, donations in John's memory may be made to Hospice of Southeastern CT Inc., 170 Gallivan Lane, Uncasville, CT 06382.

The Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic has charge of arrangements. Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for an online message of condolence.
Lois Danahey

Mystic — Lois R. Danahey, 83, of 28 Broadway, Mystic, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 8, 2012, at the Apple Rehab at Mary Elizabeth in Mystic.

Lois was born the daughter of the late Lewis and Bernice (Barber) Southworth. She had been married to the late Edward Danahey of Stonington Borough.

An accomplished artist and gardener, she was very well known in the area for the miniature dollhouses that she built and gave away.

Byles-Groton Memorial Home, 310 Thames St., is assisting her family with the arrangements which are to be private.
Dorothy Danforth

Stonington—Dorothy Putnam Danforth, 87, of Stonington, died on Friday, Aug. 12, 2005, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Danvers, Mass., on March 3, 1918, the daughter of Nathaniel and Laura Gibbs Putnam.

She grew up in Danvers and met George L. Danforth, marrying him there on June 3, 1940. Sadly, he predeceased her in 1981.

Her interests throughout life included reading, gardening, and quilting, and she will always be remembered by her family and friends as a great cook. She was a member of the Mystic Women's Club and a member of a few local bridge clubs and was a volunteer at the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center where she developed a wildflower garden. She was also a member of the Mystic Congregational Church and a lifelong Red Sox fan.

She is survived by her two children, Philip George Danforth of North Stonington and Jean Danforth Aiello of Pawcatuck, five grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by two brothers, Oliver and James Putnam and a grandson: Jared Aiello.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16, at the Mystic Congregational Church, East Main St., Mystic. There will be no procession from the funeral home. Burial will follow in Elm Grove Cemetery. Relatives and friends are invited to call at the funeral home from 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 15.

The Mystic Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the Danforth family would like to suggest memorial contributions may be made to the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, 109 Pequotsepos Road, PO Box 122, Mystic CT 06355.
Lowell Daniels

Mystic — Lowell Preston Daniels, Captain USN Ret., of Stoneridge, Mystic, died peacefully March 8 at Avalon Health Center.

Born 1918 in Milwaukee, Wis., Mr. Daniels was raised and educated in Minneapolis, Minn. Graduating from the University of Minnesota in 1941, he was commissioned a Naval Officer, and was stationed in the New York shipbuilding industry on engineering duty. Mr. Daniels then graduated from MIT as a Naval architect and marine engineer in 1950, serving in the U.S. Navy for 27 years, attaining the rank of captain.

Retiring to Mystic in 1968, he enjoyed gardening, sailing, woodworking, and traveling. Mr. Daniels served on the board of Child and Family Agencies, and was elected volunteer of the year. Mr. and Mrs. Daniels traveled in retirement to Africa, Tibet, China, Egypt, Australia, Alaska, Galapagos, Europe and Russian and enjoyed winters in Hawaii for 25 years.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Ruth H. Daniels, of Mystic; and three sons and their wives, David and Kathleen Daniels, of Red Wing, Minn., John and Marcia Daniels, of The Plains, Va., and Christopher Daniels and Laurel Butler, of Mystic; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 11, at 11 a.m. at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 15 Pearl Street, Mystic. Burial will follow in St. Mark’s Memorial Garden. There are no visiting hours.

Donations may be made to Child and Family Agencies of SE CT, 255 Hempstead Street, New London CT 06320 and St. Mark’s Episcopal Church.

For obituary information or to send the family an online condolence, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Ruth Daniels

**Mystic** — Ruth (Hosmer) Daniels, 93, of Mystic died at Avalon Health Care Center on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2013.

She was born Feb. 20, 1920, in Minneapolis, Minn., to Frank Hosmer and Eunice Storer. She attended local schools and graduated from The University of Minnesota. She married retired Capt. Lowell Preston Daniels USN, on Dec. 22, 1941. He predeceased her.

She was a longtime member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, a 20 year Mystic Seaport volunteer, member of The Mystic Woman's Club, and a founder of the Woman's Club Thrift Shop. She was an avid reader, bridge player, and enjoyed many world travels and winters in Hawaii.

Ruth is survived by her three sons and their wives, Christopher Daniels and Laurel Butler of Mystic, David and Kathy Daniels of Red Wing, Minn., and John and Marcia Hasie-Daniels of The Plains, Va. and Hoffman, N.C. She is also survived by six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Aug. 22, 2013, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Pearl Street, Mystic, with a reception following.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St Mark's Altar Guild or the Mystic & Noank Library.

The family extends our deep appreciation to the staff at Avalon for making Ruth's last years enjoyable. We also extend our gratitude to her friends at StoneRidge for welcoming and supporting her since 2004, and to Lyn Gates for her dependable love and thrice weekly visits.

For obituary information, or to share a note of remembrance with her family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Miguel DaPonte

Stonington — Miguel DaPonte, 66, of 18 Hancox St., died Wednesday at home after a long illness.

Mr. DaPonte was born on May 10, 1906, in Vila Franca Do Campo, Sao Miguel, the Azores, the son of Manuel and Maria Do Rosario Dos Santos Ponte. He moved to the United States in 1966 and was employed as a commercial fisherman. He retired from the American Velvet Co. in 1973. He was a communicant of St. Mary’s Church.

Mr. DaPonte is survived by his wife, Virginia Costa DaPonte; two daughters, Maria Ana Couto of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and Teresa Tavares of Cambridge, Ontario, Canada; four sons, Evaristo, Norberto, Jose and Carlos Ponte, all of Pawcatuck; a sister, Berta Lopes of Pawcatuck; a brother, Jose Santos Ponte of Pawcatuck; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by three sisters, Georgiana and Lurdas Madeira, and Gloria Michiedo; and a brother, Manuel Santos Ponte.

The funeral will assemble at 8:45 a.m. Friday at Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, and will proceed to a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Church, Stonington. Burial will be in St. Mary’s Cemetery. Calling hours are 2-4 and 7-9 tonight at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Stonington Visiting Nurse Association, 20 S. Anguilla Road, Pawcatuck, 06379; or to Stonington Ambulance Corps, P.O. Box 424, Stonington.
Virginía DaPonte

Stonington — Virginia (Costa) DaPonte, 103, of Pawcatuck, beloved wife of the late Miguel DaPonte, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2012, at home surrounded by her loving family.

Born in São Miguel, Azores, she was the daughter of the late Francisco and Carlota (Chaves) DaPonte and lived in Pawcatuck for over 45 years.

Virginia was known for her baked goods, especially for her Portuguese sweet bread.

She was a longtime communicant of St. Mary’s Church, Stonington, and a member of Our Lady of Fatima Society, and the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society.

She will be deeply missed by her loving family and her grandchildren who will cherish all the times they spent together.

She is survived by her six children, Maria Aiko Conte and her husband, Gilberto, Terezinha Tavares and her husband, Antonio, all of Canada, Evaristo Ponte and his wife, Maria, Norberto Ponte and his wife, Cidalia, Jose Ponte and his wife, Blenda, and Carico Ponte and his wife, Mary, all of Pawcatuck; 18 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded by her siblings, Maria Henry, Filipina Pont, Francisca Joseph, Mary C. Sylvia, Mary R. Sylvia, and Jose and Antonio DeCosta, and a great-granddaughter, Madison Ponte.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, at St. Mary’s Church, 93 Main St., Stonington. Burial will follow at St. Mary’s Cemetery, Stonington. Her family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Dec. 28, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic.

Contributions may be made to Our Lady of Fatima Society and St. Mary’s Church.

The family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave an online expression of sympathy.
Mystic River Press

Sheran Darmoo

STONINGTON — Sheran Darmoo, 79, of Linton's Lane, died Monday, June 28, at Yale-New Haven Hospital, where she was admitted on Sunday.

She was born Sept. 8, 1920, in New Britain, the daughter of Nicholas and Susan Isaac. She graduated from New Britain High School in 1942; she graduated from the Hartford Hospital School of Nursing.

She worked as a head nurse in the obstetrics department at Hartford Hospital for several years. She then worked for Dr. Martin Gould and Dr. Thomas Graf in West Hartford, retiring in 1985. She was a life member of the National Association of Physician Nurses.

Ms. Darmoo retired to her family's home in Stonington, where she spent her time helping friends and family. She was a member of the St. Thomas Parish of the Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East in New Britain, and the United Church in Stonington.

Ms. Darmoo is survived by her brother, Fred Peters of Chicago, Ill., and two nephews. She was predeceased by a sister, Rose Careh.

A memorial service will be held at a later time. Mystic Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Gifts in Ms. Darmoo's memory may be made to the United Church of Stonington, 47 Main St., Stonington, CT 06378.
OBITUARIES

Ashley Darrell


Ash was born in Newton, Mass., on May 5, 1978, to Philip F. and Elizabeth V. Darrell. He attended Beacon High School in Newton and graduated from School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. After finishing his education, he moved to New York to pursue a career in art, which included photography, painting, and finally sculpture.

He worked as a personal assistant to painter Brice Marden for several years before his most recent job as a gallery assistant at Cove Landing, an antiques gallery of 19th-century English antiques and artifacts on Lexington Avenue.

He grew up spending his summers and holidays in Stonington where he loved to ride his bicycle up the hills of North Stonington, go boating with friends, and spend summer days at Napatree and Sandy Point, playing guitar and making music.

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Philip F. and Alison Z. Darrell; his mother, Elizabeth V. Darrell; his sister, Leigh M. Darrell; his beloved partner, Susanva Delamare and her three children, Guilhem, Penelope, and Elinor.

A celebration of his life in words and song will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday at Calvary Church, 27 Church St., Stonington. Burial will be private.

Donations may be made in Ash's memory to Beacon High School, 917 Belmont St., Watertown MA 02172 and School of the Museum of Fine Arts, 230 The Fenway, Boston MA 02115.
EDWARD F. DARRELL

Commodore Edward Fairbairn Darrell died at St. Luke's hospital in New York city on Wednesday. He had been ill since October of last year.

Mr. Darrell, and his wife, Mrs. Sarah Stone Darrell, had been summer residents of Stonington since they were married, June 11, 1895, coming here after a wedding trip to Europe.

Mr. Darrell was founder of the exporting firm of E. F. Darrell & Co. of New York city, and former president of the British Empire Chamber of Commerce in America.

A native of Hamilton, Bermuda, Mr. Darrell was the son of Richard Darrell, former Chief Justice of Bermuda. He was a director of the Bermuda Electric Light, Power & Traction Company. He formed his exporting concern in 1902 and was a member of the New York Produce Exchange.

Mr. Darrell also was a former president of the Calumet Club, St. George's Society of New York and the British Schools and Universities Club. He was a governor of St. Luke's hospital and was on the executive committees of the Chamber of Commerce of New York.

He was a member of the Pilgrim's Society, the British War Relief Society, the New York Yacht Club, Downtown Association, Metropolitan Club, Union Club, British Lunch Club, Church Club, and the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club.

Mr. Darrell was commodore of the Wadawanuck Yacht Club of Stonington and was the first to institute the racing of one-design boats in these waters. He was also president of the Wadawanuck Country Club, and was greatly interested in Stonington and its welfare.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Elden Harvey and Mrs. Darrell Atwood; three sons, Richard D., Edward F. Jr., and George H. Darrell; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services are to be held this morning in New York, at St. James' Church, Madison avenue and Seventy-first street, at 10 o'clock, and the remains will be brought to Stonington on the train arriving here about 3 o'clock. Committal will be made in Stonington cemetery, at which service the Rev. Mark C. Paulsen, rector of Calvary Episcopal Church, will officiate.

In Remembrance Of Commodore Edward F. Darrell

I do not suppose that, with the exception of his immediate family, anyone will more deeply feel the passing of Commodore Darrell than those who have been associated with him around salt water.

We have seen him in fair weather and foul as a true friend, kind neighbor, and above all a good shipmate. We have admired his good seaman ship at the helm and his good sportsmanship at all times.

He taught many of us to sail quite a few of us to race, and all of us a love for the water, a good boat, and a healthy sport. He taught all of us a sense of fair play and consideration for others. He taught us to have an open mind and to always be open to new ideas. We learned of him the value of giving ear to the ideas of others, even though radically opposed to our own ideas, and to consider the merits of these ideas without prejudice.

We well remember his trials and troubles with the old engine of the Vida and we well remember his happiness and cheerful smile when finally the engine would run at its smoothest degree. And we well forget the familiar sight of the Commodore, at the helm of Ace sailing up the harbor before a good southerly, sou'wester, generally well ahead of the rest of the fleet. Yes, and then there was the rapid wave of his hand to passing craft which he always had time for no matter how busy he was with the affairs of his own boat.

Then we saw the Commodore, when the great hurricane of September 21, 1938 took his beloved and beautiful Helene, fastest sloop in these waters; yes and she was like a member of his family to the Commodore. We saw the look in his eyes when he found her a twisted, broken wreck, high and dry across the harbor, and when he only found a side of his Muja II which had given him so much pleasure. Yes, and we rejoiced that the great storm had spared the little Ace, felt thankful that he had at least that material strand with the many happy years gone by.

We admired his courage, at his advanced age, in rebuilding his boat house and his fleet and we were glad that he seemed to enjoy his new Muja III and his new Helene II, for while they could not replace the loss in his heart that he felt for the old boats, still they have been good boats and healed the wound left by the hurricane considerably.

Yes, after that tragic hurricane we learned from the Commodore more than ever before what a good Britisher means when he loves the sea. He was a splendid example of a great seaman of sailors. His and Bert are rigging the old Helene in Valhalla now.
E. F. Darrell, 78, Exporting Firm Founder, Dead

Edward Fairbairn Darrell, founder of the exporting firm of E. F. Darrell & Co., 11 Broadway, and former president of the British Empire Chamber of Commerce in America, died yesterday in St. Luke's Hospital, Amsterdam Avenue, and 113th Street. He was seventy-eight years old. Mr. Darrell lived at 131 East Sixty-fourth Street and maintained a summer home at Stonington, Conn.

A native of Hamilton, Bermuda, Mr. Darrell was the son of Richard Darrell, former Chief Justice of Bermuda. He was a director of the Bermuda Electric Light, Power & Trunk Line Company. He formed his exporting concern here in 1902 and was a member of the New York Produce Exchange.

Mr. Darrell also was a former president of the Calumet Club, St. George's Society of New York and the British Schools and Universities Club. He was a governor of St. Luke's Hospital and was on the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce of New York.

He was commodore of the Wadsworth Country Club, Stonington, and a member of the Pilgrim's Society, the British War Relief Society, the New York Yacht Club, Downtown Association, Metropolitan Club Union Club, British Lunch Club, Church Club and the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Sarah Stone Darrell, two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Harvey and Mrs. S. Emily Atwood, and three sons, Richard D., Edward F., Jr., and George H. Darrell. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. tomorrow at St. James Church, 101 Avenue and Seventy-first Street.
OBITU

Marjorie Darrell
She was born Jan. 21, 1911, in Medford, Ore., to Philip and Marjorie Hamill. Her parents had migrated to Medford from Chicago with like-minded urbanites in a communal, back-to-the-country movement.

Marjorie grew up on her family's pear farm, attending school, first in Medford then at the Polytechnic School in Pasadena, Calif., and the Branson School in Ross, Calif. She also attended Pine Manor College in Wellesley, Mass.

After her father died in 1931, she moved to New York City with her mother and worked as a design assistant at McMullen, Inc. She traveled extensively throughout Europe in the 1930s working as private secretary to Mrs. August Belmont.

In 1942 she married George Henry Darrell of New York City and Stonington. They began their life together in Stonington, then in 1949 moved to Dedham, Mass., where they lived for nearly 30 years while spending summers in Stonington.

Marjorie, known as "Peggy", volunteered for many of those years at the Visiting Nurse Association in Dedham.

They retired to Stonington in 1978, and Peggy spent her last years at Fox Hill Village in Westwood, Mass.

She is survived by her three children, Suzanne Darrell Tyler of Stonington, George Henry Darrell, Jr. of Medfield, Mass., and Philip Fairbairn Darrell of Stonington; seven grandchildren, Alix Hoyt Ward, Schuyler Hoyt Wustman, Jessica Hoyt, Nicholas Darrell, Meghan Darrell, Ashley Darrell, and Leigh Darrell; and a great-grandchild, Hadley Hamill Ward.

A funeral service will be held at Calvary Church in Stonington at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2004. Donations may be made to High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, Inc., PO Box 234, Old Lyme CT 06371, and the VNA of Southeastern Connecticut, 409 North Frontage Road, Waterford.
The Second Lesson: Mark 10:13-16

Psalm 23: (KJV)

The First Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9

Hymn #42 Now the day is over

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June Darrow
Storington—June Elizabeth
(Shafer) Darrow, 81, of 133 South
Broad Street, Storington Arms.
Pawcatuck, died Monday at The
Westerly Hospital.

Mrs. Darrow was
born in Ledyard on June 15, 1922 the
daughter of
Frank and Edie
(Whipple)
Shafer. She attended local
schools and was a 1940 graduate of
Fitch St. High School.
She was married to Leroy John
Darrow Sr. at St. James Episcopal
Church on June 15, 1941. They were
celebrating their 63rd year of
marriage.

Mrs. Darrow was employed as
manager of the former Kresscoos
Store in New London for 15 years
before retiring in 1983.

Remembered for her artistic abilities, her
crocheting skills were
well known as she had crocheted
over 1,000 afghans over the course of
her life, among other items. She also
enjoyed drawing, playing weekly
Bingo at Storington Arms, and was an
accomplished organist.

In addition to her husband, June,
leaves a daughter and son in law:
Sharon D. and Richard Morang of
Preston; two sons and daughters in
law, Leroy John Darrow Jr. and
Joanne Darrow of Oakdale; and Kim
Alan Darrow and his wife Celia of
Norwich; and a son, Franklin W.
Darrow of Niantic; eight grandchildren;
16 great-grandchildren; a great-great-
grandchild; and two brothers,
Vernard Shafer and Ronald Shafer.

She was predeceased by two sis-
ters, Mildred Shafer Darrow and
Katherine Shafer Merritt.

The family will greet relatives
and friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thurs-
day at the Dinoto Funeral Home, 17
Pearl Street, Historic downtown
Mystic. Her funeral service will be
conducted at 11 a.m. Friday at the
funeral home with burial following
in Poquetunuck Cemetery.

For complete obituary informa-
tion, directions, or to send an online
condolence to the family, please visit
**Lawrence Dart**


He was the son of Clifford and Eva (Geyer) Dart.

At his request, funeral services will be private for the family.

The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is assisting the family.
Antonia DaSilva, 61
Communicant of St. Michael Church

PAWCATUCK — Antonia Rebello DaSilva, 61, of Greenhaven Road, died Sunday, May 11, at Lahey Clinic, Burlington, Mass. She was born Oct. 10, 1935, in Santos, Brazil, the daughter of Albino and Tereza Santala Rebello. She was a broider and assembler at Kellers Division of Hubbell Inc., Stonington. She was a communicant of St. Michael Church. Mrs. DaSilva is survived by her husband, John DaSilva; a daughter, Elizabeth Reynolds of Pawcatuck; four sisters, Albina Romano of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Carolina Rebello, Guilhermina Barbosa and Clelia Nunes, all of Santos; and two granddaughters.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held this morning at St. Michael Church in Pawcatuck. Burial is in St. Michael New Cemetery. The Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, was in charge of arrangements.
Antonio DaSilva

STONEINGTON — Antonio Maria DaSilva, 67, of 36 Elm St., a retired commercial fisherman, died Saturday at Westerly Hospital. He was the husband of Gloria DaSilva.

A native of Murtosa, Portugal, he was born Jan. 30, 1909, the son of Alexander and Anna Maria DaCunha DaSilva.

He came to this country as a youth, settling in Philadelphia. He moved to Stonington in 1947.

Mr. DaSilva was with the Stonington Fishing Fleet as captain of his own boat, the "Harold." More recently, he worked at the American Velvet Co., Stonington.

He was a communicant of St. Mary Church, a member of the Portuguese Holy Ghost Association, Stonington, and the Uniaco-Continental Portuguese Association of Philadelphia.

In addition to his widow, survivors are two sons, Alexander of Stonington and John DaSilva of Chicopee, Mass.; two daughters, Mrs. Maria Reverendo of Hartford and Mrs. Anna Rendeiro of Wethersfield; two brothers, Manuel of Philadelphia and Alexander DaSilva of Brazil; a sister, Miss Anna DaSilva of Murtosa, and eight grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 8 a.m. Tuesday from the Shea-Williams Funeral Home.
Always busy, John never failed to make time for family. Whether he was working with his brother on a project, or having his morning coffee with his daughter and grandchildren, he would spend his day helping the people he loved.

He was a loyal follower of soccer and rooted for the Portuguese team 'Sporting' from Lisbon. He was a communicant of St. Michael's Church.

He will be dearly missed by his daughter, Elizabeth Reynolds (Kevin) and their daughters, Patricia, Theresa and Antonio; his sister Gloria Julio and brother Jack DaSilva (Eva), his sisters-in-law Darcelina DaSilva and Ilda DaSilva, his nephews: Joe Julio, Jack P. DaSilva (Melody), nieces: Rosalie Labonte (Ron), Maria Jose DaSilva and Julie Dozler (Austin) and several grandnieces and grandnephews. He was predeceased by two brothers, Manuel and Alfredo DaSilva, and a brother-in-law, Jose Julio.

Visiting hours will be held on Sunday, from 1-3 p.m., in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Relatives and friends are also invited to attend a Funeral Liturgy on Monday, at 10 a.m., in St. Mary's Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. There is no procession to the church from the funeral home. Burial will follow in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck. In Lieu of flowers the family respectfully suggests making a donation to the St. Michael's Church Building Fund, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379, in John's memory. For on-line condolences, please visit www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com.
Manuel DaSilva

Stonington — Manuel M. DaSilva, 70, of 6 Marlin Drive, died Tuesday at The Westerly Hospital, where he had been a patient for the past week.

He was born on Nov. 6, 1923, in Muriosa, Portugal, the son of the late Alfredo and Maria Pataca DaSilva.

Mr. DaSilva married the former Hilda Carrada on May 31, 1948, in Portugal.

He came to the United States in 1967, settling in Stonington.

Mr. DaSilva had worked at the Kellems Co., a division of Harvey Hubbel, in Stonington, as a heavy braider until his retirement in 1995.

He was a communicant of St. Mary Church in Stonington and a member of the Our Lady of Fatima Society of Stonington.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two brothers, John DaSilva of Pawcatuck and Joaquim DaSilva of Mystic; and a sister, Gloria Juleo of Chillico, Mass.

He was predeceased by a brother, Alfred DaSilva.

The funeral will be at 10:45 a.m. Friday at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, with an 11:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary Church in Stonington. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery.

Calling hours will be 6-8 tonight at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington, CT, 06378, or to Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, P.O. Box 902, Uncasville, CT, 06382.
Palmira DaSilva

Palmira (Oliveira) DaSilva, 74, of Elm Street, Stonington, died Saturday, Dec. 7, 2002, at her home.

She was born in Murtoa, Portugal, Jan. 27, 1928, daughter of the late Pantaleho and Amaria Barbosa Oliveira.

She married Joao Carlos Silva on Feb 17, 1952, in Murtoa, Portugal. He died in October 1996.

Mrs. DaSilva came to the United States in 1967 and had been employed as a braider with the Kelleys Co. in Stonington prior to her retirement in 1990.

Mrs. DaSilva was a communicant of St. Mary Church in Stonington.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Joaquim and Temple DaSilva of Westerly; two granddaughters, Sara and Kathryn DaSilva; three sisters, Maria Cunha, Caroline Farinhas, and Albertina DaSilva, all of Newark, N.J.; four brothers, Jose Oliveira of Newark, Joao Oliveira of Eaton Township, N.J., Alvaro Oliveira of Palm Coast, Fla., and Joaquim Oliveira of Torreira, Portugal.

The funeral will be held from the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, on Tuesday 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 Monday from 7 to 9 p.m.

Contributions may be made in her memory to the Stonington Ambulance Corps, P.O. Box 424, Stonington, CT 06378.
Palmira DaSilva
Stonington — Palmira Oliveira DaSilva, 94, of Elm Street, Stonington, died Saturday at her home.

She was born in Murtosa, Portugal, Jan. 27, 1928, daughter of the late Panca Silva and Amaria Barbosa Oliveira.


Mrs. DaSilva came to the United States in 1967 and had been employed as a braider with the Kellers Co. in Stonington prior to her retirement in 1990.

Mrs. DaSilva was a communicant of St. Mary Church in Stonington.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Joaquim and Temple DaSilva of Westerly, two granddaughters, Sara and Kathryn DaSilva, three sisters, Maria Cunha of Newark, N.J., Caroline Alves of Newark, N.J., and Albertina DaSilva of Newark, N.J.; four brothers, Jose Oliveira of Newark, N.J., Joao Oliveira of Eaton Township, N.J., Alvaro Oliveira Palm Coast, Fla., and Joaquim Oliveira of Torreira, Portugal.

The funeral will assemble at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday at the Mystic Funeral Home, 101-1, Mystic, with a 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary Church in Stonington. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery.

Relatives and friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Contributions may be made in her memory to the Stonington Ambulance Corps. P.O. Box 424, Stonington, CT 06378.

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Tammy is survived by her husband of 11 years, Gregory Chevalier; her mother, Blanche Chaffee; her eldest daughter, Sara DaSilva; her youngest daughter, Kathryn Burke, and husband, Michael Burke; her brother, Scott Gardiner and wife Susan Gardiner; her Uncles Forrest “Pop” Gardiner and George Riffenburgh; her stepson, Andrew Chevalier and fiancé Danielle Harootian; her dear friend, Judy Soltz; and many cherished family and friends. Tammy also leaves behind her favorite child: King Charles Cavalier, Jake.

She was predeceased by her father, Raymond Gardiner, and her stepfather, John Chaffee.

We are grateful to those who have supported us and who cared for Tammy during her courageous battle with leiomysarcoma. We especially thank the Center for Hospice Care, Yale New Haven Hospital, and Drs. Legare and Christian for their excellent care.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Smilow Cancer Hospital, Closer to Free to fund cancer research at Yale New Haven Hospital.
http://www.closerofree.com/

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2, at St. Mary’s Church in the Stonington Borough on 95 Main St., Stonington, CT.
William Daugherty Jr.


He was born in Springfield, Ill., on April 14, 1946, the son of Doctor Jean Daugherty of Chippewa Falls, Wis. and the late William A. Daugherty Sr. William was married to Linda Martin on Dec. 17, 1977. He was a Navy veteran of the Vietnam war and worked as a technician at A&T Technology, now GDM Technology.

Besides his wife and mother, he is survived by four sisters, Marylou Daugherty and Roxanne Henkin, both of San Antonio, Texas. Megan Thornton of Chippewa Falls, Wisc., and Joanne Broz of Prior Lake, Minn.

The information was incomplete in Tuesday’s edition of The Day.

Byles-Groton Memorial Home is in charge of arrangements.
Lora Dauk

Stonington — Lora L. Dauk, beloved wife of Paul P. Dauk, passed away unexpectedly, surrounded by her family on Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010.

She was born on May 28, 1941, the youngest of two daughters to the late Samuel and Rita (O'Brien) Leigh.

Lora graduated from New Canaan High School, and from there she continued her education with a home economics degree from Marymount College.

Lora married Paul, her high school sweetheart, settling in Rowayton, where she devoted her life raising a family. She enjoyed the past 11 years residing in Stonington.

Besides her husband, she leaves four children, Paul Dauk Jr. and his wife, Karen, of Monroe, Denise Pitasi and her husband, Thomas, of Waterford, David Dauk of Houston, and Emily Dauk of Darien; five grandchildren, Molly, Brendan, and Shane Dauk, and Olivia and Thomas Pitasi; a sister, Lynda Scott of Cleveland, Ohio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of her life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010, at the Mystic Funeral Home, 51 Williams Ave., Route 1, Mystic. Burial will be private, and there are no calling hours.

The Dauk family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to share an online message of condolence and directions to the funeral home.
Paul Dauk Sr.

Stonington — Paul P. Dauk Sr., 75, of Stonington, husband of the late Lora (Leigh) Dauk, passed away recently at home.

Born in New Canaan, he was the youngest son of Peter and Adele (Stepenovich) Dauk.

He attended local schools and was an all-star athlete at New Canaan High School. Following high school, Paul continued his education graduating from C.W. Post, a campus of Long Island University. Paul married his high school sweetheart, Lora, and raised his family in Rowayton. During his working years in Fairfield County, Paul owned and operated a successful real estate company. He and Lora then moved to Stonington in 1995.

Paul was an avid fisherman and outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing from rivers, lakes and the ocean. His passion was saltwater fishing, and he had a keen and unique understanding of the ocean that few possess. He holds an International Game Fish Association world angling record, an accolade he was proud of. He was a lifelong member of Ducks Unlimited, the CT Waterfowl Association, the Trout Unlimited National Organization, the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers and many other organizations. He enjoyed traveling, being with nature, along with his numerous hunting and fishing trips with his brother, Peter. Paul was also known for the fabulous, eye-catching gardens he would plant each and every year and was a devoted NY Giants and Yankees fan.

He is survived by four children, Paul P. Dauk Jr., of Houston, Texas, Denise Pitas and her husband, Thomas, of Waterford, David Dauk of Darien, and Emily Dauk of Darley; five grandchildren, Molly, Brendan and Shane Dauk and Olivia and Thomas Pitas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services and burial will be private.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave a note of condolence.
Mae Burdick Davidson
Pawcatuck — Mae (Richmond)

Burdick Davidson, 94, of 133 S. Broad Street, Pawcatuck, formerly of Hewitt Road, Mystic, died Tuesday evening at the Westerly Hospital where she had been a patient for the past week.

She was born in North Stonington on Oct. 19, 1912, daughter of the late William and Gertrude Perry Richmond.

She married J. Ben Burdick in 1935. She later married Leroy Davidson who died in 1998.

Mrs. Davidson had been employed at the former Sirtex Mill in Old Mystic as a young girl, and also at the Rossie Velvet Mill in Mystic. She also farmed the 98 acre family farm on Hewitt Road where she maintained 35 cows, riding horses and chickens. She drove dump trucks for her brothers William and Buster, and operated a bulldozer. Mrs. Davidson drove school buses for 33 years in the area. She also worked as a waitress at the Seahorse Restaurant in Noank.

She had been a member of the Mystic Fife and Drum Corps, and was a member of the Harley P. Chase Post V.F.W. of Pawcatuck, and a member of the Pawcatuck Senior Citizens.

She is survived by three daughters, Eleanor Muller of Waretown, Carolyn Edwards of Voluntown and Dorothy Lueneburg of Pawcatuck; two sisters, Frances Madiera of Pawcatuck and Helen Belcher of Nevada; 14 grandchildren, more than 30 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

She was predeceased by her son, Vernon Burdick; two sisters, Dorothy Jutson and Gertrude Bowden; and two brothers, James “Buster” Richmond and William Richmond.

 Relatives and friends may call at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic on Friday from 11 a.m. until noon. A graveside service will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery at 12:30 p.m.

Contributions may be made in her memory to Hospice of S.E. CT, P.O. Box 902, Uncasville, CT 06382.
Garland Davies, 76, died peacefully on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2005, at The Westerly Hospital after a brief illness. The only daughter of Wills and Elizabeth (Miller) Hunter, she was born in New York City on April 20, 1929, and raised in Rock Hill, S.C. She attended The Warrenton Country Day School in Warrenton, Va., and graduated from National Cathedral School in Washington, D.C., and Sweet Briar College in Sweet Briar, Va.

She married Nicholas Edward Davies, a physician, in 1950. They made their home in Atlanta, where she was active in the Junior League of Atlanta and the Peachtree Garden Club. She was a privileged widow of the Piedmont Driving Club following the death of her husband in an airplane crash in 1991. That same year, Mrs. Davies first came to Watch Hill, a place she quickly grew to love and where she lived year-round since 1990.

After volunteering as a teacher of English as a Second Language for several years, Mrs. Davies earned her master's degree in linguistics at Georgia State University. She taught English as a Second Language at Georgia State University and became chair of the department. She was an active member of the National Association for Foreign Student Affairs and an avid traveler throughout the world with her husband and children, often visiting her former students.

In 1986, after visiting Kunming, China, with her husband, she was invited to return on her own to teach English to Chinese teachers of English at Kunming Medical College, which she did for an entire summer. Later, a member of the Misquamicut Club, she enjoyed playing golf and bridge with her friends in Watch Hill, as well as overseeing her beloved garden and solving crossword puzzles.

Predeceased by her husband in 1991, Garland Davies is survived by three children, Nicholas Davies and his partner, Thomas L. Crimmins, of New York City and, until recently, Stonington, Elizabeth D. Sanders and her husband, Robert and children, Katherine and Nicholas, of Wyndmoor, Pa., and Sally H. Haisley and her husband, Andrew and children, Andrew Jr., Allyn, and Sara, of Mystic.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to a local animal welfare society of your choice or to Sweet Briar College, PO Box G, Sweet Briar, VA 24595.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly.
Benajah L. Davis, 93
Engineer at Naval Underwater Sound Lab

MYSTIC — Benajah Lorain Davis, 93, formerly of Stafford Street, died Wednesday, Jan. 24, at the Westerly Hospital after an extended illness.

He lived in the Mystic area most of his life. Born in Old Mystic on Aug. 12, 1902, a son of Ellery E. and Cornelia Redding Davis, he was a graduate of Stonington High School and the Stone College of Engineering in New Haven. He was the husband of Julia Palmer Davis, who died in 1958.

Before his retirement in 1965, Mr. Davis was a mechanical engineer at the Naval Underwater Sound Lab in New London, now called the Naval Undersea Warfare Center. He began his service with the company in the closing months of World War II in 1945 and was a member of the technical team that developed breakthrough submarine surface detection systems and devices. He received commendations for his 20-year career at the Sound Lab.

He provided technical support services for research and development programs at Columbia University in New York and was recognized for his accomplishments. He held several patents in the field. Before 1945, he worked at the Atwood Machine Company.

Mr. Davis was an avid golfer and boating enthusiast.

He is survived by two daughters, Shirley A. Russ of Preston and Margaret D. Perrin of Ivoryton; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a brother, Elwood Davis, and a sister, Hazel Davis.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Jan. 26, with burial in Elm Grove Cemetery in Mystic. Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial gifts in Mr. Davis's name may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.
STONINGTON — Bernard E. Davis Sr., 77, of Oak Drive, died Thursday, Jan. 18, at his home.

He was born in Stonington on Feb. 9, 1918, son of the late Clarence and Eliza Jane (Main) Davis. He graduated from Stonington High School with the class of 1936. He then served a three-year apprenticeship with the late Wolcott Palmer, a well-known carpenter in the Stonington area. He worked at Hamilton Propeller Co. and the Cottrell Co. in Pawcatuck. He later worked for 23 years with Hazel I Main in Mystic.

Beginning in 1971 Mr. Davis worked as a marine products representative and technical adviser for Atlantic Marketing Co., from which he retired in 1992.

He enjoyed many interests and hobbies, including boat-building, which led to the construction of his favorite boat, Time Off. He also pursued other hobbies, including model boat-building, salt-water fishing, carpentry, cabinet-making, and riflery.

He is survived by Dorothy Davis of Westerly; three children, Dr. Bernard E. Davis Jr. of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Dr. Cynthia Davis Scordo of New York City, and Dr. Lynn K. Davis of Glastonbury; and three grandchildren, Sarah Jane Scordo, Peter Scordo, and Katie Davis. He was predeceased by two brothers, Raymond Davis of Preston and Clarence Davis of Wakefield, R.I.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, Jan. 20, Burial was in Elm Grove Cemetery in Mystic. Mystic Funeral Home on Route 1 was in charge of arrangements.

Contributions to Mr. Davis’s memory may be made to the Stonington Visiting Nurse Association, 20 South Anguilla Road, Pawcatuck 06379.
Cindie E. A. Davis

Cindie Elaine Ann (Prellwitz) Davis, 44, of Noyes Avenue, Pawcatuck, died unexpectedly on June 25, 2011.

Born in Westerly on April 15, 1967, she was the daughter of Charles and Victoria (Godbout) Prellwitz.

Besides her mother and father, she will be sadly missed by her three children, Melissa Prellwitz of Warwick, Christopher Davis of Hopkinton, and Stephanie Davis Amiral and her husband Antonio, of North Stonington. She also leaves her brother, Charles W. Prellwitz II of Georgia, and two grandchildren, Natalie Davis and Teyvn Davis.

She was preceded by her sister, Denise R. Nicholas.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 9, 2011, at 10 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of North Stonington, 793 Pendleton Hill Road, North Stonington, CT 06359-1115 860-599-5331. Burial will be private.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the S.R. Avery Funeral Home, Main Street, Hope Valley.
Deaths

Charlestown
Walker, Regina A.

Providence
Davis, Dorothy Moore
(formerly of Stonington
and Westerly)

San Antonio, Texas
Indyk, Anita

The Westerly Sun publishes this list free of charge as a reader service. Additional information in the obituaries and death notices provided by funeral homes allows families to include, in paid space, the material they deem appropriate.

Dorothy Moore Davis, 83, died at the Philip Hulttar Hospice Center in Providence on May 23, 2010.

Born in Westerly, Dorothy was the daughter of Harold Quentin and Dorothy West Moore.

She graduated from Miss Porter's School, Farmington, Conn., in 1944 and attended Connecticut College in New London. In 1947, she married Edward D. Davis and lived most of her married life in Stonington and Westerly. In 1995, Dorothy and her husband moved to the Laurelmead Cooperative in Providence.

Dorothy devoted her life to her husband and raising her three children. She was a dedicated volunteer at The Westerly Hospital, Meals on Wheels and a Girl Scout leader. She was a member of Calvary Church in Stonington, where she sang in the choir. At Laurelmead, she served on the dining services and the health services committees. In her later years, Dorothy enjoyed traveling with her husband and visited many parts of the world including the Antarctic, where she befriended a group of lonely penguins.

She is survived by her husband, Edward; daughters, Candace Sanford and Dorothy Singer, and son Charles Davis; a sister, Patricia M. Moore; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

There will be a memorial service for Dorothy at the Calvary Episcopal Church in Stonington on July 2, 2010, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Westerly Hospital Foundation, 25 Wells St., Westerly, R.I. 02891.

Condolences may be left at www.mcnahandrabbleserman.com.
MRS. W. H. DAVIS, DEAD.

Occurred Yesterday at Westerly Hospital.

Mrs. Emma Elizabeth Snow Davis, wife of Capt. Walter H. Davis of the Watch Hill lifesaving station, died at the Westerly hospital yesterday after an illness of nearly two weeks. She leaves her husband and a baby daughter, Elizabeth Snow Davis, who was born Aug. 8.

Mrs. Davis was born in Mansfield, Conn., Oct. 18, 1884. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Snow of Mansfield, Conn. There are four brothers, Charles H. Snow of South Coventry, Conn., Arthur and John Snow of Phoenix, Ariz., and Walter Snow of Buffalo, N. Y., and four sisters, Mrs. Clarence Savage, Mrs. E. B. Flitts of Storrs Village, Conn., Mrs. James D. Palmer, Jr., of Norwich and Miss River C. Snow of Mansfield, Conn.

Capt. and Mrs. Davis were married five years ago and in that time Mrs. Davis made many friends in Watch Hill as well as in Westerly. She was a member of the Pawcatuck Congregational church. The funeral will be held in the chapel of River Bend cemetery Monday at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. It will be private.
Florence Davis

Mystic — Florence Paige Lamphere Davis, 85, of Oral School Road, died early Saturday morning, May 1, at her home after a brief illness.

She was born Aug. 7, 1913, in Mystic, the daughter of Zerah Lamphere and Corrine Paige Lamphere Hanley. Raised on the family farm on Cow Hill Road, she attended local schools. During World War II she worked as a clerk at Electric Boat.

She married Byron George Davis on July 24, 1934 at Union Baptist Church in Mystic. He predeceased her on June 16, 1986.

Mrs. Davis is survived by a daughter, Janis D. Lynick of Uncasville; and a sister, Ruth Latham of Stonington.

A graveside funeral service will be at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday at Elm Grove Cemetery. Calling hours will be 10-11 a.m. Tuesday at the Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic.

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During World War II she worked at Electric Boat as a clerk.

She is survived by a daughter, Janis D. Lynick of Uncasville; and a sister, Ruth Latham of Stonington.

A graveside funeral service will be at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday at Elm Grove Cemetery. Calling hours will be 10-11 a.m. Tuesday at the Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, P.O. Box 802, Uncasville.
Hope A. Davis

Hope A. (DeLorenzo) Davis, 73, of Sisk Drive, Pawcatuck, died at her home Aug. 6, 2007. She was the widow of the late Clifford L. Davis.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Salvatore and Ida DeLorenzo, and was graduated from Bey Ridge High School in Brooklyn.

She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and she enjoyed traveling in her retirement.

She leaves her son Michael Fredericks and his wife Helia of Hampstead, N.H.; two sisters, Anna Moore and her husband Robert of Brooklyn, N.Y. and Sally Perkins and her husband Tom of Jamesburg, N.J.; two grandchildren, Amy Fredericks of Chicago, Ill., and Ryan Fredericks of Hampstead, N.H.; two nephews, Thomas Perkins and his wife Susan and their son Sage of Tawain and Mark Perkins and his wife Chantelle and a niece, Kelly Libro and her husband John all of New Jersey.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral service to be held Wednesday, Aug. 15 at 1 p.m. in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 69 Spruce St., Westerly. Burial will be private. Calling hours are omitted.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations in Hope's memory be made to the American Heart Association.
James Davis

Mystic — James C. Davis, 62, of Mystic, husband of Nellie Wills Davis, died Saturday morning, Nov. 25, 2005, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital, where he had been a patient for a short time.

He was born on Nov. 18, 1943, in New London, the son of Nettie Smith Davis. A lifelong resident of this area, Jim met and fell in love with Nellie Wills. They were wed on Oct. 2, 1965, at Central Baptist Church in Westerly. They made their home in North Stonington for many years, raising their son there, until moving to Mystic in 1984 when Jim accepted the position of superintendent at Elm Grove Cemetery. He went to work for Elm Grove Cemetery in 1960 at the age of 16, hardly missing a day since then until recently taken ill.

His gentle manner endeared him to all who met him. His ability to remember not only family names associated with the cemetery but also their ancestors and family trees was incredible. The history of this area was alive and well within Jim’s memory, and the mention of a historic name would bring about anecdotes as to how that person or family had contributed to the Mystic we know today.

Throughout his life, Jim was a skilled craftsman. From woodworking to masonry, sawmill, welding, gardening, and machine repair, there wasn’t much that he couldn’t do and do well. If he hadn’t tried something yet, he would read up on it and give it a go. A favorite hobby was antique cars, which he had owned and painstakingly restored through the years. For many years he and Nellie were members of the Surf Side Square Dance Club. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend.

In addition to his wife of 40 years, Jim is survived by their son, James C. Davis II and his wife, Jill, and their son, Jacob Anthony Davis, the apple of his grandfather’s eye. He also is survived by his three sisters, Betty Grucia of Bradford, R.I., Nancy Fenton of Stonington, and Margaret Gradilone of Pennsylvania.

A memorial service celebrating Jim’s life will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, his family requests memorial contributions may be made to the Providence Ronald McDonald House, 45 Gay St., Providence, R.I. 02906.

Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.
NEIGHBORS

Jim Davis cared for Elm Grove with pride

CAROL W. KIMBALL

ELM GROVE CEMETARY, established in 1853, is one of Mystic’s landmarks. A prime piece of real estate located on the east bank of the Mystic River off Route 27, beautiful landscaping and stately trees make it one of the most attractive spots around. No wonder folks in Victorian times loved to spend Sundays strolling there among the sepulchers.

Elm Grove is a model of beauty, its lawns carefully trimmed and edged and every blade of grass in place among the ornate obelisks and monuments and simpler headstones that dot the grounds. Flower beds are neatly tended in season. Drive through the elegant 1922 archway along the winding avenues that replicate a huge elm tree and you know immediately that someone cares.

Elm Grove has an impressive Board of Trustees and a fine work crew to do the doing, but behind it all was the devotion and expertise of the superintendent, Jim Davis. Sadly, Jim is no longer on the job. He died Nov. 20 after a short illness.

Jim spent most of his life at Elm Grove. He went to work there in 1960 when he was 19 and became superintendent in 1994, when he moved into the big house built there by H.R. Douglas of New London in 1905.

Through the years he learned so much about the people buried there that he was a virtual encyclopedia of Mystic history. And he had it all in his head. Last spring when a question arose about the spelling of Jeremy Browne Road, I decided to ask Jim to look up Jerry’s records to see what was on his tombstone. When I phoned him, he said immediately, “I know just where he is buried, and his name on the stone is spelled B-r-o-w-n-e. But his grandparents are buried nearby and they spelled their name without the E.”

Bill Peterson, a member of the Board of Trustees, met Jim when he got his first paying job on the crew at Elm Grove. Jim admired Jim’s knowledge. “All you had to do was mention the name and you would get the exact location of that person’s lot in the cemetery. Sometimes you would also get a bit of historical information he had tucked away in his memory about the person.” Bill Fish, another trustee, agrees. “James Davis knew more about Elm Grove than any one I know,” he says.

In spring 2004 Jim phoned me. He was disturbed because there was no stone on the grave of Miss Dorris Bindloss, his kindergarten teacher at Broadway School. He spearheaded a drive for funds from her former pupils for a beautiful stone. He designed it himself, with an appropriate sketch of a child’s book, and hosted the ceremony for its dedication. No one but Jim would have thought of this.

Many of the unusual trees in Elm Grove were planted by one of Jim’s predecessors, Henry Schroeder, who was superintendent for more than 50 years until his death in 1923. Horticultural groups often visit Elm Grove to see the rare specimens he planted. One of these was an unusual weeping copper beech; gigantic in size. A few years ago Jim noticed that this tree was ailing, and consulted experts at the University of Connecticut for treatment. When the tree eventually died, he saw that it was replaced by one of the same species.

He wanted everything at Elm Grove just right. Horace Lamb, another trustee, remembers the elaborate care Jim took of the ducks on the Lily Pond, feeding them and protecting them so that they did not stray into the river where they would be endangered.

Jim made Elm Grove a user-friendly place. Recently when some local cemeteries established rigid rules about grave decorations, a Day reporter interviewed Jim about decorations at Elm Grove. Jim said he believed that the family should place what they felt appropriate on the grave, and what would bring them comfort; he felt it was their decision. A visit to Elm Grove in the newer sections shows many interesting and novel but pleasing decorations put there in loving memory. It’s a very friendly place. To the south, dozens of small American flags wave in a section where many veterans are buried, adding a patriotic touch.

Jim was generous and big-hearted. Elm Grove is well endowed with money and crew to care for it. But Jim reached out to other less fortunate burial grounds in the area. His crew cared for the ancient and historic Whitehall Cemetery and on numerous occasions he lent his expertise to problems of another historic burial ground, Lower Mystic Cemetery, acting as consultant and supplying help when it was needed.

Jim was also a skilled craftsman. According to Bill Fish, he could start with a cherry tree, make furniture out of it and be home with the residue: “He could do almost anything and at very little cost,” he added. “And of most importance, he knew how to make Elm Grove function as a cemetery and how to keep it one of America’s most beautiful cemeteries, perpetually.”

Jim Davis, the keeper of Elm Grove, made a difference in his community. He will be missed.

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This is the opinion of Carol W. Kimball.
Obituaries

John L. Davis, 90

Longtime Stonington livestock farmer

STONINGTON — John L. Davis, 90, of Greenhaven Road, Pawcatuck, a farmer, author, and longtime Stonington fire warden, died Sunday at Nutmeg Pavilion Nursing Home in New London.

He was born on the Davis Homestead on Greenhaven Road in the Pawcatuck section of Stonington, Dec. 3, 1896, the son of Alfonso W. and Ida Palmer Davis. He lived there all his life.

Mr. Davis was a self-employed, lifelong livestock farmer and horse trainer. He was the author of the book “The Davis Homestead,” which is in many libraries across the United States and is used as a textbook locally in schools.

Friends remembered Mr. Davis Tuesday night as a farmer who was concerned with conservation, who knew local history and liked doing things in the old-fashioned way.

“I’ve known him since 1941. He was a down to earth, oldtime Yankee farmer and he knew a lot about the old fashioned way of doing things,” said Louis Bayer of South Broad Street, a retired conservation officer for the Department of Environmental Protection.

“He was honest as the day is long. He wasn’t much for new fangled stuff. He did things by the tried and true methods of his forefathers. I guess you’d say he was a swamp Yankee.”

Bayer, who started working for the former State Board of Fish and Game Department in 1938, said Mr. Davis sold some of his land to the state, giving it access to the Pawcatuck River. “He sold us quite a bit of land to tie into our Barn Island conservation area. He was very conservation conscious.”

The Davis farm originally was handed down by land grant from the King of England to the Stanion family, Bayer said. “The Davis family (which bought the land in 1772) sold hay to George Washington from what they called the Continental Marsh,” Bayer said. They named it that because Washington purchased the salt hay for his Continental Army during the Revolutionary War.

Edmund Piver of Route 1, a farmer and enforcement officer for the Stonington Inland Wetlands Commission, called Mr. Davis “a great old guy.” He recalled Mr. Davis knew a lot about the history of Stonington and was a great storyteller.

Piver said the Davis farm, which has been run in recent decades by his son John “Whit” Davis, is one of the largest and oldest in town. He owned quite a piece of land down there at Osbrook Point. The family still owns about 400 acres,” Piver said.

Mr. Davis received an award of merit from the State Parks and Forest Commission for serving as Stonington Town Forest Fire Warden from 1932 to 1961.

He was last of the individual local retail milk deliverymen in Pawcatuck and Stonington.

Mr. Davis was a member of the Stonington Historical Society and the South County Poultry Association. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Westerly.

He is survived by a son John W. Davis of Pawcatuck; a sister, Marsha D. Gabrielson of Pawcatuck; and four grandchildren.

The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Buckler-County Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly. Burial will be in Davis Cemetery, Pawcatuck. Calling hours will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.
John Davis

Stonington — John “Whit” Davis, 91, lifelong farmer and conservationist of Pawcatuck, husband of 25 years to Velora (Jaquith) Davis, died Wednesday, May 4, 2016, at the Groton Regency.

Born in Pawcatuck, he was the son of the late John and Sarah (Shaw) Davis.

In addition to his wife, he leaves his four children, Susan Thompson and her husband, William, of South Kingstown, R.I., John C. Davis of Royalton, Vt., Lawrence M. Davis and his wife, Laurie, of Pawcatuck and Carolyn Johnson of New London; five grandchildren, William Thompson, Rebecca Trebicecci, Renee Krakoff, Resjean Davis and Rebecca Voss; eight great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded by his first wife, Hazel (Thompson) Davis; and a grandson, Andrew Thompson.

Calling hours will be held from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, at the Mystic Funeral Home on Route 1 in Mystic. A service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Road Church, 903 Pequot Trail, Stonington, where John was a longtime and faithful member. Burial will follow at the Davis Farm Family Cemetery on Greenhaven Road in Pawcatuck.

Further information regarding Whit’s legacy and contributions to the community can be found in a recent article published in The Day Thursday, May 5, and in The Westerly Sun this past Friday, May 6.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in his memory may be made to the Stanton Davis Homestead Museum, 576A Greenhaven Road, Pawcatuck, CT 06370.
Surrounded by his family, Silas Milton Davis, 84, passed away Sept. 7, 2009, at the Pendleton Health & Rehabilitation Center in Mystic.

He was born in Eckley, Colo., Dec. 16, 1924, to the late Milton Forrest and Emma Rebecca (Johnston) Davis. He was the husband of the late Charlotte Marie (Scott).

Silas is survived by three daughters, Charlotte and Ronald Macdonald of Bradford, C’Ann and Charles Holland of Westerly, and Cynthia Chaplin of Charlestown. He will be sadly missed by his 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter.

Silas also leaves behind his older sister, Gwen Spomer from Broken Bow, Neb., her two daughters, their husbands, and several nieces and nephews. He will be sadly missed by all the health care professionals at Pendleton, where he resided for the last 11 months.

Silas was predeceased by his brother, Earl Davis, his sister, Gladys Glass; and his twin sister, Eunice Davis.

Silas proudly served his country as a radar man in communications for the U.S. Navy in World War II from 1943 to 1946. Upon his discharge, he remained on active reserve from 1946 to 1951 where he worked in communications for the Western Electric Telephone Company and as a broker for the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad (CB&Q) in Lincoln, Neb. He was called back into active duty as a 3rd Class Petty Officer (HM23C) on the reactivated USS Renova. During his military travels, he was stationed on Coronado Island, Japan, Germany, Italy, and the U.S. Naval Auxiliary Air Facility, Charlestown, R.I.

He received the Victory Medal for his service during WWII. He was honorably discharged in April 1952 due to hearing loss.

In 1952, Silas began a 34-year career at Electric Boat, retiring on Dec. 31, 1986. He was the past president of the National Order of Trench Rats Dugout #574 Providence, life member of the DAV, Elks Club #678, American Legion, VFW, and Bradford Citizens Club.

Silas was enthusiastic about life and had many passions, especially rebuilding his 1930 Model A Ford. Despite his ailments, in 2006, he traveled across country to reunite with family and friends.

On Friday, Sept. 11, 2009, at 11 a.m., family and friends are invited to attend a memorial service and a full military burial at the RI Veterans Cemetery, 501 South County Trail, Exeter, RI 02822.

Calling hours are respectfully omitted.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Beacon Hospice Inc., 12 Roosevelt Ave., 2nd floor, Mystic, CT 06355 or to the Disabled American Veterans, PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0801.

Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 39 Spruce St., Westerly, is in charge of the arrangements.
William Davis


The Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, has charge of arrangements.
Stonington — Benjamin D. Davol, 58, of Stonington, passed away unexpectedly, Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018, at Yale New Haven Hospital. Born in Washington, D.C., he was the son to the late Capt. Charles Dean Davol Jr. of Fall River, Mass., and Margaret (Hall) Davol Geraldton, Australia.

He attended local schools and was a graduate of Pine Point, Suffield Academy, and Drew University where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in political science.

Ben spent most of his career in political consulting, notably running campaign efforts for John McCain in Connecticut and New Hampshire in 2000. He was also an avid writer and contributor to The Day and Hartford Courant newspapers, among other periodicals.

Hiking, cycling, skiing and cooking were among his favorite hobbies, and as a proud Aussie, his favorite meal consisted of a leg of lamb, asparagus, potatoes, and horseradish paired with his favorite beer, Old Yankee Ale.

Ben’s accomplishments in life were many, but he was most proud to be Dad to his little girl, Emily Louise Davol “Emmy” of Washington, D.C., and his son, Charles Edmund Davol “the boy” of Edgartown, Martha’s Vineyard.

In addition to his two children, he is also survived by his former wife, Tricia Crowley, of Washington, D.C.; eight nieces and nephews whom he cherished; the Dawson, Ward, Shelly and Crowley families; paternal cousins, Abigail Test, Debbie Test Rempus and Charles and Sam Test; his maternal family in Australia; and his countless friends. He was predeceased by his uncle and aunt, Doctor Charles “Ned” Test and Sarah “Sally” Test of Westport Harbor, Mass., who died in 2012. He is also predeceased by his beloved dog Rocket, who was his dearest friend and confidant.

He will be deeply missed by all, and in Ben’s words, he would want us all to “carry on!”

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at Calvary Church on Church Street in Stonington. Burial will be private. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Smillow Cancer Hospital’s Closer to Free Ride, an organization Ben participated in for several years. (www.rideclosetofree.org)
Margaret Hall Davol
Owned bookstore, active in Stonington civic life

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Day Staff Writer

Stonington — Margaret Hall Davol, who was involved in business and civic activities for almost 30 years in this community, died Thursday at her home on Collins Road. She was 88.

Mrs. Davol owned and operated the Book Mart at Wadawanuck Square in the borough for 17 years. She previously owned the former Flower Pot on Water Street.

Mrs. Davol lived in the town for six years in the 1950s. She and her husband, a Navy captain, became permanent residents in 1955 after he retired. He died in 1981.

Mrs. Davol was a member and a supporter for years of the Stonington Community Center, a former chairwoman of the Stonington Fair and a member of the Stonington Players. She acted in several productions of the theater group, most notably in "The Man Who Came to Dinner."

She once made it clear that her main reason for running a small business in Stonington was not to make money, which she felt was difficult enough, anyway.

"I don't want Stonington to be a precious little place with no shops," she said.

She also observed, "One of the reasons people like open shops is so that there will be shops."

Mrs. Davol loved books and admired writers. In an interview in 1980, she called attention to the time involved in writing and then the wait for commissions, adding, "I just think writers are terrific."

She was a tall native of Australia with a hearty laugh and robust character. She looked enough like Julia Child to have been mistaken for her by passersby in the village.

Mrs. Davol was born Feb 9, 1924, in Geraldton, Australia, the daughter of Edmund H.H. and Catherine Forster Hall. She was educated in Australia. She and Capt. Davol were married in 1947 in San Diego.

Mrs. Davol attended Calvary Episcopal Church in Stonington. She was a skilled gardener and enjoyed working in the flower gardens at her residence. She was a member of the Wadawanuck Club.

She is survived by a son, Benjamin D. Davol of Alexandria, Va.; a brother, Louis Hall of Western Australia; three sisters, Mary Hewitt and Alison McCredia, both of Victoria, Australia, and Dorothy Lee of Charlestown, R.I.; and a granddaughter.

The funeral service will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at United Church in Stonington because of renovations to Calvary Church. There are no calling hours. Burial will be private. Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.
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Stonington
Davvan, Frances E.

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The Westerly Sun publishes this list free of charge as a reader service. Additional information in the obituaries and death notices provided by the funeral homes allows the families to include, in paid space, the material they deem appropriate.

Frances E. Davvan

Frances E. (Brining) Davvan, 89, of Stonington, wife of the late John J. Davvan passed away Friday, Nov 2, 2007.

Born in Beaver Creek, Md., she was the daughter of the late Hubert and Emma (Armstrong) Brining.

Frances lived most of her life in New York, relocating to Stonington in 1973 upon retiring.

She leaves a niece, Cheryl Graboski and a nephew, Richard Bromley, both of Mystic.

Funeral services and burial are private. There are no calling hours.

The Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, has charge of arrangements.
Alice T. Dawley

Alice T. (Collette) Dawley, 78, widow of the late Robert W. Dawley, formerly of West Arch Street, Pawcatuck, died at the Pendleton in Mystic on May 2, 2002.

Born on July 9, 1924, in Fitchburg, Mass., she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Aurise (Vincent) Collette.

She was a communicant of St. Michael Church, Pawcatuck, and a loving and devoted mother and grandmother.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, David R. and Mary Dawley of Rochester, N.H., and Douglas J. and Karen Dawley of Dover, N.H.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Dianne A. and Mark Zdankiewicz of Londonderry, N.H., and Denise M. and Dane Lewis of Pawcatuck; a devoted sister-in-law, Esther Dawley of Pawcatuck; nine grandchildren, Joseph, Scott, Debra, Andrew, Matthew, Jeffrey, Kevin, Katherine, and Shawn; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by four brothers and three sisters.

Calling hours are omitted. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Tuesday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. Burial will be in River Bend Cemetery, Westerly. Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, is in charge of arrangements.
Walter Dean

Stonington — Walter H. Dean, 90, of Stonington, passed away Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009.

Born in Groton, he was the son of the late Melanthon and Bertha (Gard) Dean.

He was the owner and operator of the former Walt's Radio Shop in downtown Mystic for many years. Walter was a U.S. Air Force Veteran of World War II.

He leaves his three nephews, Robert Broga Jr. and his wife, Mary, of Niantic, Paul Broga and his wife, Shirley, of Florida, and Henry Dean and his wife, Carolyn, of Waterford; and two nieces, Gladys Jutla and her husband, James, of East Lyme and Ethel Dowden of Waterford.

Funeral services and burial are private. There are no calling hours. The Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, in Mystic, has charge of arrangements.
Angelo DeBernardo
Pawcatuck — Angelo M. DeBernardo, 94, beloved husband of Frances T. (Vetello) DeBernardo of 34 South Broad St., Pawcatuck, died April 1, 2003 in the Westerly Hospital.

Mr. DeBernardo was born Dec. 16, 1908 in Westerly and was the son of the late Pasquale and Sarafina (Rocco) DeBernardo.

He had been employed as a master carpenter and master machinist at the American Velvet Co. until his retirement in the early 1970s.

He was a former member of the Westerly Lodge of Elks, B.P.O.E. No. 678 and a former member of the Calabrese Society in Westerly and a member of the United Textile Workers Union.

In addition to his wife, he also leaves two sons and daughters-in-law, Pasquale "Pat" and Claudia (Impagliazzo) DeBernardo of Richmond, R.I., and Richard and Georgette DeBernardo of Mystic; four grandchildren, Gina M. DeBernardo of Richmond, R.I., Cynthia Raymond and her husband, Brian of Millville, Mass., Richard L. DeBernardo Jr. and his wife, Irene, of East Lyme, and Scott P. DeBernardo and his wife, Beth, also of East Lyme; and two great-grandsons, Ryan DeBernardo and Mackenzie DeBernardo both of East Lyme.

He was predeceased by a brother, Louis DeBernardo; and three sisters, Mary Castagna, Frances Colechia, and Josephine Broccoli.

Calling hours will be from 5 to tonight at the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 69 Spruce St., Westerly.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Michael Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. Interment will be in St. Sebastian Cemetery, Westerly.
Frances DeBernardo

DeBernardo, 81, of South Broad St., Pawtucket, widow of the late Angelo DeBernardo, died April 12, 2006, at The Westerly Hospital.

She and her late husband were married June 7, 1939, in the Immaculate Conception Church, Westerly, and had been married for 67 years at the time of his passing.

Born in Westerly, she was the daughter of the late Prancesco and Angelina Vetelino.

Mrs. DeBernardo retired in 1979 from the George C. Moore Company after 40 years of service. She also had worked for the law office of Lenihan, Grady & Steede, with the maintenance staff.

She loved cooking for her family and friends, and she loved to knit, especially afghans, for her family and friends.

Surviving, she leaves two sons and daughters-in-law: Pasquale and Claudia DeBernardo and Richard and Georgette DeBernardo; grandchildren, Richard DeBernardo Jr. and his wife Irene Scott DeBernardo and his wife Beth Genna DeBernardo and Cynthia Raymond and her husband Brian and five great-grandchildren, Ryann, Mackenzie, Madison, and Elise DeBernardo and Jason Raymond. She also leaves a brother, Ernest Vetelino of Westerly, as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was also preceded by three brothers, Louis Vetelino, James Vetelino, and Joseph Vetelino, as well as two sisters, Yolanda Vetelino and Rose Longuccio, a brother-in-law, Louis DeBernardo, and three sisters-in-law, Mary Castagna, Frances Colelchi, and Josephine Broccolo.

Calling hours will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Gaffney-Delam Funeral Home, 59 Spring St., Westerly. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial which will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Michael the Archangel Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawtucket. There is no procession from the funeral home to the church. Inurnment will be in St. Sebastian Cemetery, Westerly.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made in her memory to Home and Hospice Care of R.I., 169 George St., Pawtucket RI 02860 or to The Westerly Hospital, 25 Wells St., Westerly RI 02891.
Ralph DeBiasi

Stonington — Ralph Michael DeBiasi Jr., a resident of East Rockaway, NY, passed away quietly in his summer home in Stonington on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015.

Ralph was born in Brooklyn on June 30, 1946, the son of Ralph Michael DeBiasi Sr. and Ida DeBiasi.

He was near the water all of his life. His passion for sailing started at a young age with his first boat, a sunfish, where he first experienced the joy of the water.

He attended Lynbrook High School and New York University, where he studied finance and accounting.

Over the years, he developed and maintained many meaningful family and personal relationships.

In his last few years, he returned home to be closer to the family homestead in Noank.

Ralph enjoyed sitting on the front porch of his grandfather's home and would frequently say, "Who would ever leave this place?"

For all his contributions, Ralph was generous, jolly and had a great sense of humor.

Ralph enjoyed going to Block Island by boat or with his bike. Over the last few years the Stonington Harbor Yacht Club was a fun place for Ralph to laugh, eat and have good times with his friends.

He leaves his beloved wife and partner of 38 years, Mary DeBiasi; his two children, Nancy (DeBiasi) Gillen of Rockville Centre, N.Y. (Peter Gillen), Ralph DeBiasi III (Erin Murphy DeBiasi); and grandson, Connor DeBiasi.

Farewell, Dad! Fair winds and following seas!

Calling hours will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, 2015, at the Mystic Funeral Home on Route 1 in Mystic. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015, at St. Mary Mother of the Redeemer Church, 69 Groton Long Point Road, Groton.

Burial will follow at the Noank Valley Cemetery in Noank on Route 215.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in his memory to the Noank Historical Society, 17 Sylvan St., Noank, CT 06354.

The family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave an online expression of sympathy.
John F. DeBragga Sr.

Stonington — John F. DeBragga Sr., 72, of Stonington, beloved husband of 50 years to Sandra (Larkin) DeBragga, passed away on March 18, 2010, at home.

Born in Stonington, he was the son of the late Francis and Irene (Roderick) DeBragga and was a lifelong resident of Stonington.

John was a commercial fisherman for 35 years and was a lifetime member of the Southern New England Fishermen's and Lobstermen's Association of Stonington. Most recently, he was employed at Foxwoods Casino for several years before he was forced to retire because of his illness.

John served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Besides his wife Sandy, he leaves his son, John F. DeBragga Jr., and his wife, Mischelle, of Gary, Ind.; four grandchildren, John F. DeBragga III of Westerly, R.I., Brianna Weis-DeBragga, J.C. DeBragga and Share DeBragga, all of Gary, Ind.; a great-granddaughter, Brandy Caddy of Pawcatuck; and a sister, Irene Bessette. He was predeceased by two brothers, Roderick and Wayne DeBragga, and a sister, Nancy Grimshaw.

The family will receive friends on Monday, March 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. Funeral services and burial will be private.

The DeBragga family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to share an online message of condolence.

Mystic Funeral Home
Rudolph DeLage

Rudolph DeLage, better known as Pete DeLage, died suddenly Monday morning at his home on Elm St., as he prepared to go to work as custodian of the town hall. Mr. DeLage reportedly was in good health Sunday evening and spent the evening playing cards with friends. He was 87 years old.

He was born in Southbridge, Mass., Sept. 15, 1886, son of Louis and Ursula DeLage and as a young man he worked as a lens maker for the American Optical Co. in Southbridge. He came to Stonington more than 35 years ago, first as manager of a chain grocery store and later as proprietor of his own grocery. This store was located where the delicatessen store is now. For the past six years he has held the town hall post.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. DeLage, and a daughter, Mrs.


Fun!al will be held from the Williams Funeral Home, 94 Main Street, Stonington on Thursday, Aug. 16 at 8:30 a.m. A high Mass of requiem will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Church in Mystic at 9 a.m. Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Stonington. Friends may call at the funeral home on Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

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Mrs. DeBragga

Margaret (Syme) DeBragga, 92, of 15 Trumbull St., Stonington, died Saturday at the Mystic Manor Convalescent Home. Her husband, Joseph DeBragga, died in 1954.

A member of the First Baptist Church of Stonington, she was born in Dumfriesshire, North Queen Sen Ferry, Scotland, Sept. 26, 1886, a daughter of the late James and Elizabeth (MacBain) Syme.

Surviving are a son, Joseph DeBragga of Stonington; a daughter, Mrs. Gordon Wallace of Mystic; three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at Church and Allen Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, tomorrow at 1 p.m. Interment will be in Elm Grove Cemetery. There are no calling hours.

DeBragga — In Mystic, Conn., Feb. 16, 1979, Margaret S. DeBragga, aged 92, of 15 Trumbull St., Stonington.

Funeral services will be held at Church and Allen Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 1 p.m. Interment in Elm Grove Cemetery. There are no calling hours.
Maria de Brito

Stonington — Maria S. de Brito, 83, born in Camara de Lobos, Madeira Island, Portugal, died Sunday, June 12, 2016, at the Groton Regency after a long illness.

She was the daughter of the late Antonio and Georgina (Goncalves) de Brito. She came with her mother to America in 1978. She made her home with her sister, Anita, and family in Pawcatuck.

She is survived by her siblings, Anita Goncalves and her husband, Frank, of Pawcatuck; her brothers, Alfredo, Francisco, Jose de Brito and his wife, Zita, and all of their families of Caracas, Venezuela; Joao de Brito of Madeira Island, Portugal; Manuel de Brito and his wife, Saludete, of Valencia, Spain; a sister, Constancia Vieira and her husband, Filandio and family of Caracas, Venezuela; a niece, Darcie Goncalves of Brookline, N.H.; and her daughter, Vivi; a nephew, Christopher Goncalves and his wife, Marianna, of Pawcatuck; and several great-nieces and nephews throughout the world.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 2, at St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial will follow at Stonington Cemetery, 345 N. Main St., Stonington. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Beacon Hospice, 11 Founders Plaza, Ste. 1803, East Hartford, CT 06108.
Ines deCastro

Ines deCastro, 90, of Sisk Drive, Pawcatuck, died Thursday, July 29, 2004, at the Mystic Manor Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Mystic, after a brief illness.

She was born in Terceira, the Azores on April 20, 1914, daughter of the late Joso and Maria deCastro.

Ms deCastro had been employed at the American Velvet Co. in Stonington as an inspector prior to her retirement.

She was a communicant of St. Mary Church in Stonington and St. Michael Church in Pawcatuck.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held from the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, on Saturday 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 Friday from 5 to 7 p.m.
Lucas Decastro
Pawcatuck — Our baby boy is now our angel watching out for us from above. He was here for only a short time, but he will be in our hearts forever.

Lucas J. Decastro, infant son of Philip and Tracey Decastro of Pawcatuck, passed away peacefully on Dec. 17, 2007, at Yale New Haven Hospital.

Lucas was born on Nov. 26, 2007, in New London, the second son of Philip and Tracey.

In addition to his parents he is survived by his brother, Cameron; his maternal grandparents, Paul and Gayle Church, of Wayland, Mass.; Aunt Melissa Figuerca, of Framingham, Mass.; and paternal grandparents, Balbino and Clotilde Decastro, of Stonington.

A Funeral Liturgy for Lucas will be held Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007, at Saint Michael the Arch Angel Church in Pawcatuck at 11:30 a.m. Burial will follow in Saint Michael Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers and other sentiments Philip and Tracey would like to make a donation in honor of Lucas to the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit of Yale New Haven Children’s Hospital. Please send contributions to the PICU Fund, c/o The Development Office of Yale New Haven Hospital, PO Box 1845, New Haven, CT 06509 or send donations directly to Philip and Tracey.

To leave notes of condolence please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com.
Maria deCastro

Stonington — Maria C. deCastro, 93, of Pawcatuck, wife of the late Abel deCastro, died Thursday, Sept. 10, 2015, at home surrounded by her family.

Born on the island of Terceira, Azores, she was the daughter of the late Antonio and Maria Madalena Ormonde and lived in Stonington and Pawcatuck since 1968.

Maria was a longtime parishioner of St. Michael the Archangel Church in Pawcatuck and was a member of Our Lady of Fatima Society.

She is survived by two her children, Maria deCastro and Durval deCastro and his wife, Marie, all of Pawcatuck; four grandchildren, Paul deCastro and his wife, Amy, of Westerly, Mark deCastro and his wife, Andrea, of Walkill, N.Y., Steven deCastro and his wife, Elizabeth, of Pawcatuck, and Karen Balestracci and her husband, Richard, of Stonington; and eight great-grandchildren, William, Isabela, Brady, Alexander, Lauren and Nathan deCastro, and Breana and James Balestracci.

Calling hours will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 13, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, in Mystic. A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial will follow at St. Mary Cemetery, Route 1, in Stonington.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Our Lady of Fatima Society, c/o St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington, CT 06378.
Maria de Castro
Stonington

Maria de Castro, 90, of 108 Brookside Lane, Pawcatuck, died Thursday at Westerly Hospital after a brief illness.

She was born Dec. 5, 1905, in Terceira, the Azores, the daughter of the late Joao and Maria de Castro.

She moved to Pawcatuck 10 years ago to make her home with her sister, Inez de Castro.

Calling hours are 7-9 tonight at Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home, followed at 10 a.m. with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary Church, Stonington. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery.
A. Frank DeCiantis

A. Frank DeCiantis, 88, of 22 River Ave, Pawcatuck, died at the Westerly Nursing Home on Sunday, Sept. 7, 2003. He was the husband of Mary (Mirel) DeCiantis and the late Catherine (Diachen) DeCiantis and Josephine (Parkhurst) DeCiantis.

Born June 23, 1915, in West Warwick, he was the son of the late Francesco P. and Emilia (Rotondi) DeCiantis.

Mr. DeCiantis was a veteran of World War II serving in the Army Military Intelligence Service in the European Theatre achieving the rank of captain.

A graduate of West Warwick High School in 1936, he received a bachelor of philosophy degree from Providence College in 1941.

He was the former owner of the Clark Paper Company, Pappardelle and West Side Market, retiring in 1989.

Mr. DeCiantis served on the Westerly Hospital Board of Trustees from 1970 to 1982 and as past president, continuing as an honorary trustee. He played a major role in the campaign to save the hospital in 1980 when the RHCC planned to close it because it had only 144 beds instead of the required 250. Michael K. Lally, president and CEO of the Westerly Hospital, notes, “With Frank’s passing, the Westerly Hospital has lost a very dear friend. Frank and his family have always been a positive force for us reminding us how fortunate we are to have a community hospital for residents of Westerly-Pawcatuck.”

Mr. DeCiantis was president of the Westerly-Pawcatuck Community Fund, Westerly-Pawcatuck YMCA, Community Health of Westerly, and Network Associates (a national association of paper merchants), and former board member and tutor for Literacy Volunteers of America.

He was a member of American Legion Post #102, serving as adjutant, Harley P. Chase VFW Post #1865, Knights of Columbus Narragansett Council #21, Maria Assunta Society of St. Michael Church (past president), the Pawcatuck Italian-American Club, and the Westerly Curling Club and Westerly Lions Club.

Enjoying traveling to more than 35 countries, his other hobbies and interests included golf, curling, gardening, hunting and reading.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Frank C. DeCiantis of Pawcatuck and John S. DeCiantis of North Stonington; a daughter, Karthe L. Hewes of Old Mystic; seven grandchildren, Jonathan C. DeCiantis of Springfield, N.J., Matthew P. DeCiantis, Helen C. Cassada, and Frank C. DeCiantis Jr. of Pawcatuck, Alisia M. Silva of Stonington, and Julia K. DeCiantis and Seth E. DeCiantis, both of North Stonington; seven great-grandchildren, Christopher Silva, Kimberly Silva, Derek Silva, Nicholas Silva, Matthew Silva, Stephanie Spence, and Philip DeCiantis; two brothers, Ralph DeCiantis of Westerly and Romeo DeCiantis of Coventry; a sister, Lena DeCiantis of East Greenwich, and many nieces and nephews.

He was the brother of the late Antonio, James, Louis, Michele, and Assunta (DeCiantis) Petracca.

The funeral will be held from Gaffney-Dulan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St, Westerly, Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Michael Church, Liberty Street, Pawcatuck, at 10 a.m. Burial with military honors will follow in St. Michael Cemetery. Visiting hours will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Contributions in Frank’s memory may be made to either The Westerly Hospital Building Fund, 25 Wells Street, Westerly, RI 02891 or to the Maria Assunta Scholarship Fund, c/o St. Michael Church, Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06255.
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Grace DeFanti

Grace (Donohue) DeFanti, of 67 Willia m St., Pawcatuck, died at The Westerly Hospital, Friday, June 27, 2003, at the age of 75. She was the beloved wife for 50 years of John A. DeFanti.

She most recently had been employed as a lunchroom aide at West Broad Street School in Pawcatuck where she worked for many years.

A woman of great faith, she was a lifetime communicant of St. Michael Church in Pawcatuck where she was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. She was a graduate of St. Michael School and Stonington High School Class of 1945.

She was passionate about her flowers in and around her home and enjoyed gardening as well. She was a member of the Tuesday afternoon card club where she played cards with her numerous friends. She devoted her life to her family. She was a loving and dedicated wife, mother and grandmother and was always present for her grandchildren’s sporting events and extracurricular activities.

She was also active years ago supporting the Democratic Party. She was a gracious hostess, always having a pot of coffee brewing for anyone who happened by.

In addition to her husband, she leaves two sons, Dr. Thomas DeFanti of Kennebunk, Maine, and Jay DeFanti of Pawcatuck; three daughters Helen Bell of Westerly, Joan Cukotta and Karen McNeil both of Pawcatuck; one sister, Marie Morrison also of Pawcatuck; 11 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded by two brothers, former Pawcatuck Fire Chief John "Jack" Donohue and Richard Donohue.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in St. Michael Church, Liberty Street, Pawcatuck, Wednesday, 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., Tuesday, from 4 to 7 p.m. Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, family request contributions be made to St. Michael Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379 in her memory.
John A. "Dootsie" DeFanti, 81, of Pawcatuck, died July 26, 2010, in The Westerly Hospital. He was the widower of the late Grace (Donahue) DeFanti.

Born in Bradford, he was a son of the late John B. and Margaret (Gilmartin) DeFanti.

John was a U.S. Army veteran serving in Germany during the Korean War. He had been employed as a meter reader at the Narragansett Electric Company for many years before retiring.

He was a longtime communicant of St. Michael the Archangel Church, where he had also served as an usher. John was a member of the Pawcatuck Fire Dept., a member of the Westerly Lodge of Elks, E.P.O.E. #675, and a member of the Calabrese Society. He also had previously been employed at Happy Holliday's Restaurant and was employed at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, where he was a valued and respected member of the staff. He was an avid card player, and he loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

He leaves two sons, Dr. Thomas R. DeFanti of Kennebunk, Maine, and Jay DeFanti of Pawcatuck; three daughters, Helen M. Bell of Westerly and Joan M. DeFanti and Karen M. DeFanti, both of Pawcatuck; and 11 grandchildren.

He was predeceased by three brothers, Joseph, Alec, and Eddie DeFanti.

Calling hours will be held Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Liturgy to 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.

For online condolences, go to www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com.
Mary DeFrias 1923

Stonington — Mary (Rezendes) DeFrias, 90, of 8 School St. died Saturday at the Westerly Hospital after a brief illness.

She was born in Providence Oct. 12, 1902, the daughter of Manuel and Marie Goulart Rezendes.

She was married to John DeFrias on June 23, 1923 at St. Mary's Church in Stonington. He died Jan. 26, 1953.

Mrs. Rezendes was a long-time employee of the American Velvet Co. in Stonington, where she worked in the shipping room measuring velvet. She retired in 1967.

She was a communicant of St. Mary's Church.

She is survived by a brother, John Rezendes of Stonington; a sister, Annie Sanborn of Stonington; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be from the Mystic Funeral Home Inc., Route 1, Mystic, at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in St. Mary’s Church. Burial will be in St. Mary’s Cemetery.

Calling hours will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday and from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. Tuesday.
Marie Deindorfer

Stonington — Marie C. (Di Donato) Deindorfer, 86, of Coveside Lane, Stonington, passed away at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital in New London, on Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015.

Born in New York City, she was the daughter of the late Gennaro and Charina Di Donato and the wife of the late John G. Deindorfer.

For Marie, family always came first, and she was a firm believer that hard work was good for you. She never sat still, and she never complained in any of her roles— as a mother, grandmother, Girl Scout leader, volunteer on behalf of the developmentally disabled, owner and operator of E-Kay Precision Co., inc., or in her exemplary lifelong role as primary caretaker for her disabled son, John. She will be dearly missed and a hard act to follow.

She is survived by her sons, John G. Deindorfer Jr. of Stonington and Jerry Deindorfer of Whitestone, N.Y.; her daughter, Dr. Barbara Deindorfer-Young and spouse, Dr. Gregory Young, of North Stonington; and her two grandchildren, Sam Young and Hanna Young.

Visiting hours will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 50 Spruce St., Westerly. A Funeral Liturgy will take place at 11 a.m. on Friday at St. Thomas More Church, 87 Mystic Road, North Stonington. There is no procession to the church from the funeral home. Burial will be at Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic.

Donations in Marie's memory to Special Olympics of Connecticut are suggested in lieu of flowers.

For online condolences, please visit www.gaffney-dolanfuneralhome.com.
Ryan had earned the rank of Eagle Scout in Troop 76, and his first love, while in school, was music. Recently he enjoyed re-enactments with his friends at Renaissance Fairs.

Besides his parents, he leaves his sister, Nicole Burdick and her husband, Joseph Jr.; his maternal grandmother, Dorothy Stahl of St. Marys, Ohio; aunts, uncles, cousins, and a host of friends.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, 51 Williams Ave., Mystic.

Services and burial are private at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Ryan may be made to the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Body Work, 1901 South Meyers Road, Suite 240, Oakbrook Terrace IL 60181-5243, Attention: Executive Director.

The Deisher family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to share an online message of concelence and for directions to the funeral home.
George de Kay, 76, Independent Publisher, Dies

By LAWRENCE VAN GELDER

George de Kay, who fostered the early careers of best-selling novelists and issued popular nonfiction as the president of one of New York's last independent publishing houses, M. Evans & Co., died on Saturday at his home in Manhattan. Mr. de Kay, who also lived in Stonington, Conn., was 76.

The cause was cancer, said his wife, Miranda.

In an era when independent publishers were gobbled up by vast conglomerates, M. Evans evolved from a packaging company that developed properties for larger publishers into a house with an eclectic list that included the early books of popular novelists like Donald Westlake, Dean Koontz, David Morrell and Eric Van Lustbader.

In addition, Evans best sellers included "Aerobics" by Kenneth Cooper; "Body Language" by Julius Fast; "Meeting at Potsdam" by Charles L. Mee Jr.; "A Gift of Joy," the autobiography of Helen Hayes; and the house's most striking recent success, the revised "Dr. Atkins' Diet Revolution."

Mr. de Kay founded M. Evans in 1954 with Mel Evans, a colleague at Doubleday & Co., where Mr. de Kay was the editor in chief of PermaBooks, Doubleday's first paperback imprint. He worked with Herbert Katz, then his editor in chief, to expand the company over the years.

Mr. de Kay, who was born and reared in New York City, was a grandson of Charles Augustus de Kay, a literary and art critic of The New York Times who founded the National Arts Club in 1898.

Mr. de Kay was a graduate of Choate and Tufts and a member of the Century Association.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons and a daughter from his marriage to Mary Elliman de Kay, who died in 1982: Colman, of Los Angeles; Sarah, of Claverack, N.Y.; and Charles, of Chicago. He is also survived by a brother, the author James Tertius de Kay of Pawcatuck, Conn.; two stepchildren, Alexandra Booke Millner of Los Angeles and Nicholas Booke of New York; and four stepgrandchildren.
Mrs. DeBragga

Margaret (Syme) DeBragga, 92, of 15 Trumbull St., Stonington, died Saturday at the Mystic Manor Convalescent Home. Her husband, Joseph DeBragga, died in 1954.

A member of the First Baptist Church of Stonington, she was born in Dumfries, North Queens Ferry, Scotland, Sept. 25, 1886, a daughter of the late James and Elizabeth (MacBain) Syme.

Surviving are a son, Joseph DeBragga of Stonington; a daughter, Mrs. Gordon Wallace of Mystic; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at Church and Allen Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, tomorrow at 1 p.m. Interment will be in Elm Grove Cemetery.

There are no calling hours.

DeBragga — In Mystic, Conn., Feb. 10, 1975, Margaret S. DeBragga, aged 92, of 15 Trumbull St., Stonington.

Funeral services will be held at Church and Allen Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 1 p.m. Interment in Elm Grove Cemetery. There are no calling hours.


Funeral will be held from the Williams Funeral Home, 34 Main Street, Stonington on Thursday, Aug. 16, at 3:30 p.m. A high Mass of requiem will be celebrated at St. Patrick’s Church in Mystic at 9 a.m. Interment will be in St. Mary’s Cemetery, Stonington. Friends may call at the funeral home on Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.
Charles Hall Delamater

Charles Hall Delamater, of Mystic, Conn., formerly of Weekapaug, R.I., and Jupiter Island, Fla., passed away on March 10 at his home.

Born in Manhattan on Oct. 1, 1911, to Charles H. and Ethel P. Delamater, he was preceded by his beloved wife, Eleanor Ainslie Delameter. He is survived by a much-loved son, Charles R. Delamater, and stepdaughters Gay W. Squire and Susan W. Mackay, as well as grandchildren, Roger W. Squire III, William C. Squire, Ainslie M. Sugarman and Benjamin Mackay.

Charlie attended the College School in Manhattan, the Dean School in Santa Barbara and Berkshire School, Sheffield, Mass., graduating in 1930. In the 1930s, Charlie resided in Manhattan and was a trooper in Squadron A, New York State's first mounted militia. During World War II, he served three years with the 9th and 12th Army Air Forces as a Major in the Mediterranean Theatre. His tour of duty took him through North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. Following the war, Charlie lived for several years in Manhattan where he met and married Eleanor. They moved to West Hartford, Conn., where he established his own business, Delamater Distributing Corp., which he ran until his retirement in 1978.

Very much a sportsman, Charlie enjoyed many pursuits. He was an accomplished golfer and horseman, enjoyed hunting, fishing, wildlife photography and in his younger years, tennis. Through his life, he was a member of many clubs including the Racquet Club, the Sleepy Hollow Country Club, The Hartford Golf Club, The Misquamicut Club, The Seminole Golf Club and the Tequesta Country Club. From 1977 to 1986, he served as Chairman of the Green Committee at the Misquamicut Club, Watch Hill, R.I., a task he much enjoyed.

He was, as a friend remarked, "truly a gentleman of the old school," and he will be long remembered by many for his wit and charm.

A celebration of Charlie's long and colorful life will be held on Saturday, July 16, at The Misquamicut Club, 60 Ocean View Highway, Watch Hill, at 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, gifts to the Weekapaug Foundation for Conservation or the Salt Ponds Coalition would be appreciated.
Stonington — Arthur W. “Bill” Delaney, 81, of Pawcatuck, died peacefully on July 6, 2015, at his home. He was the husband of Jane (Stewart) Delaney.

Born in Westerly on July 7, 1934, he was the son of the late Francis and Edna (Hartsell) Delaney.

Bill worked at Electric Boat as a nuclear quality control inspector for more than 30 years, retiring in 1996. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of the USS Salamonie Association, a Navy ship that he had been aboard as a former crew member.

Mr. Delaney was a life member of the Pawcatuck Volunteer Fire Department and the Harley P. Chase Post Veterans of Foreign Wars in Pawcatuck. He was an avid surfcaster and enjoyed many years on the local waters and shores.

He will be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle.

Besides his wife of 56 years, he will be sadly missed by his children, Michael Delaney and his wife, Pamela, of Pawcatuck, Christine Leard and her husband, Christopher, of Mansfield, Mass., and Karen Ladstatter and her husband, Louis, of Saugus, R.I.

He was the loving grandfather of Max, Ellie, Sam, Kate, Abby and Carrie and great-grandfather to Aiden and Lucy.

He was predeceased by two brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Jane Delaney and Lawrence and Marcia Delaney.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. today at River Bend Cemetery, Beach Street, Westerly. Calling hours are respectfully omitted.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Bill’s memory may be made to Center for Hospice Care Southeast Connecticut, 227 Dunham St., Norwich, CT 06360.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly.
Jane Delaney

Lombard, Ill. — Jane (Haupt) Delaney, native of Stonington, passed away Dec. 13, 2013, in Lombard, Ill. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Honor Haupt and infant sister, Honor; husband John F. Delaney Jr.; and brother-in-law Lonny (Marcia) Delaney of Pawcatuck.

She is survived by her four children and their spouses; seven grandchildren; a great-grandson; her brother, William (Jan) Haupt of Florida; brother-in-law, Bill (Jane) Delaney of Pawcatuck; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be held in Lombard.

In lieu of flowers, donations made in her memory to Marianjoy Rehab Hospital, 25W171 Roosevelt Road, Wheaton, IL 60187 are appreciated.

Funeral home info, (630) 932-1500 or www.knollerest.net.

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Lawrence Delaney

Stonington — Lawrence J. Delaney, 80, of Mystic Avenue, Pawcatuck, died peacefully on Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013. He was the beloved husband of Marjorie H. (Hamilton) Delaney.

Born in Westerly on Feb. 26, 1933, he was the son of the late Francis and Edna (Harrissell) Delaney.

Mr. Delaney was employed as a draftsman at Electric Boat in Groton for many years before retiring. He was a member of the Pawcatuck Volunteer Fire Department and served as the former captain of the department. He was a communicant of St. Michaels Church in Pawcatuck.

Besides his loving and devoted wife, he will be sadly missed by his children, William Delaney (Mary Ellen) of Boston, Timothy Delaney of Port St. Lucie, Fla., Janae Sylvia (Kevin) of Niantic, and Patricia Delaney of Pawcatuck. He was the loving grandfather of Matthew Kimberlin, Caitlin Kimberlin, Cristina Sylvia, Julie Sylvia and Courtney Delaney and great-grandfather of London Bailey. He also leaves his brother, William Delaney of Pawcatuck, and his son-in-law, Keith Kimberlin of Westerly.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Kathleen Kimberlin and his brother, John F. Delaney.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. There will be no procession from the funeral home. Burial will be in River Road Cemetery, Westerly. The Delaney Family will greet relatives and friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday at the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 300 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

The Delaney family wishes to thank Apple Rehab-Watch Hill for the love and care shown to them and their father during his illness.

Mary E. Delaney, 83
Taught in Rhode Island

PAWCATUCK — Mary E. Delaney, 83, of William St., died Saturday morning at her home. She was the wife of the late Joseph T. Delaney.
She was born Jan. 19, 1913, in Westerly, R.I., the daughter of John J. and Helenail Sweeney Dunn.
She was educated in the Westerly school system and graduated from Rhode Island College of Education in 1935.
She taught in the South Kingstown and Westerly schools until her marriage in 1941.
Mrs. Delaney is survived by a son, John H. Delaney of Lawrenceville, Ga.; three daughters, Mary Beth Federico of Madison, Kathleen A. McCaffrey of Deluth, Ga., and Paula F. Delaney of Weymouth, Mass.; a sister, Catherine McMannis of Westerly; a nephew, Patrick T. Maguire of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.; and seven grandchildren.
Besides her husband, Mrs. Delaney was preceded by a brother, John J. Dunn, and a grandson, John V. Federico Jr.
A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, Nov. 26, at the Church of St. Michael, Pawcatuck. Burial is in St. Michael New Cemetery. Rushlow-Iacoi Funeral Home, 64 Friendship St., Westerly, is in charge of arrangements.
Donations in Mrs. Delaney’s name may be made to the Stonington Visiting Nurse Association, 20 S. Anguilla Rd., Stonington, 06378; or to St. Michael Church.
June de la Rosa

Stonington — June Nelson de la Rosa, 84, of 567 Taugwolka Road, formerly of New Fairfield and Southbury, died Monday at The Westerly Hospital of complications from emphysema.

She was born on June 12, 1915, in San Francisco, Calif., the daughter of the late Ellart and Vera Ingersoll Nelson. She married the late Oscar de la Rosa, a Cuban orchestra leader, on May 16, 1948, in New York City.

She was a graduate of the Northfield (Mass.) Seminary.

She was the owner of Nelson Associates, a New York City real estate firm, from 1948 until her retirement to Connecticut in 1965. She lived with her daughter the past three years in Stonington.

She was active with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and was an avid gardener and follower of the stock market.

She is survived by her daughter, Vera Harsh of Stonington; a son, Peter de la Rosa of Philadelphia, Pa.; and four grandchildren.

Burial will be private. There are no calling hours.

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

Memorial donations may be made to the ASPCA, 424 E. 92nd St., New York, NY 10128-6804.
Douglas Delehanty

Stonington — Douglas E. Delehanty, 63, of Stonington, husband of 22 years to Elizabeth (Meehan) Delehanty, passed away May 30, 2013, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Lewiston, Maine, he was the son of the late Milton and Gwenolkyn (Shipp) Delehanty. Doug resided at Latimer Point in Stonington for the past 10 years.

He served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1968 to 1972, aboard the USCGC Mellon. He worked for APA Transport, based out of Meriden, for 27 years and was recently employed at Adelman Sand & Gravel in Bozrah.

Doug was a communicant of St. Edmund’s Enders Island where he served as eucharistic minister. He was also active in the youth group at St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Rocky Hill, where he formerly resided, and was a valued mentor and guide.

He loved classic cars (especially Mustangs) and was an avid runner, but spending time with his family and community neighbors at Latimer Point is what Doug enjoyed the most. He was a kind and gentle soul who could talk to anyone. His family and friends will miss his outgoing personality, gentle manner, as well as his infectious sense of humor. Doug had a quick smile and a huge heart.

In addition to his wife, he leaves behind two daughters, Shannon Roesch and her husband, Benjamin, and Maegen Curley and her husband, Jay, all of Burlington, Vt.; three grandchildren, Felix and Leo Roesch and Chet Curley; and his extended family and many friends.

His family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 7, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, 51 Williams Ave., Mystic. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Saturday at St. Patrick Church, 32 E. Main St., Mystic. Military honors will immediately follow after Mass at the church. Burial will be private.

Doug’s family requests no flowers for the services but rather donations in Doug’s memory to Diocese of Norwich — Outreach to Haiti: http://www.norwichdiocese.org/en/pdf/standingup2cancer.org/custom/2c=donate&sa2ccs=PRUTO2009-8372.

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

Pawcatuck — Philip F. Delicato, 42, a recent resident of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Pawcatuck and Westerly, R.I., died unexpectedly, Nov. 15, 2018.

He was the loving son of Gene Delicato of Westerly, R.I., and Barbara Delicato and her partner, James Faulise, of Wallace, Nova Scotia and Pawcatuck.

Phil graduated from Ledyard Vo-Ag High School in 1994. He loved animals and was an accomplished equestrian, riding and showing horses all over Connecticut for many years. He was a hard worker and made many friends wherever he went. Phil was employed with U-Haul, drove a bus for handicapped adults and had his real estate license.

In addition to his parents, he leaves his brother, Timothy Delicato (Deirdre) of Pawcatuck; two aunts, Linda Burdick (Stephen) and Patti Demars (William) all of Pawcatuck; an uncle, George Delicato (Terry) of Bradford, R.I., a nephew and niece, Dominic and Aurora Delicato, and a host of cousins and many friends.

Calling hours will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, at the Mystic Funeral Home located on Route 1 in Mystic. A service will be held Saturday, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. His burial will be private.
Stella Delicato

Stonington — Stella Vincent Delicato, 85, of 31 Palmer St., died Sunday at Mystic Manor Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, where she had been a patient for the past two years.

She was born on April 5, 1916, in Stonington, the daughter of the late John and Maria Maderia Vincent.

She married Anthony Delicato on Sept. 14, 1940, in Stonington. He died in 1969.

For many years, Mrs. Delicato was employed as a machine operator with the Plax Co. and later by the Monsanto Co. in Stonington.

She was a communicant of St. Mary Church and a member Our Lady of Fatima Society, and the former Nine Circle, Daughters of Isabella.

She is survived by a son, Bernard Delicato of Westerly; five sisters, Lena Vincent, Rose Raffo, and Lucy Minucci, all of Stonington, Gloria Ross of Belfast, Maine, and Catherine Chapman of Groton; two brothers, Roger Vincent and Arthur Vincent, both of Westerly; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by a son, William Delicato; and a brother, John Vincent.

The funeral will be held at 9:15 a.m. Thursday from the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Church in Stonington. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery. Calling hours are 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.
Thursday, January 23, 1975

BERTON DELMORST

Berton J. Delmhorst, 67, of 61 Elm Street, a retired partner of Whitehouse & Co. of New York City, died Wednesday at his home.

Born in Plainfield, N.J., Feb. 23, 1907, he was the son of Arthur E. and Amanda Pruchnow Delmhorst.

He was formerly of Brooklyn, N.Y. and had made his home in Stonington for the last seven years. He had previously summered here.

As a member of the New York Stock Exchange, he was a senior partner of the former Whitehouse & Co., retiring in 1968.

Mr. Delmhorst was a member of the Buttonwood Club and the Fire Bell Club, both of New York. He was treasurer of the Wadawanuck Club of Stonington.

He was a 1929 graduate of Columbia College and maintained an active interest in the college until his death. He served as secretary of the Alumni Association, was a member of the John Jay Associates, chairman of the King's Crown activities council and was treasurer and director of the college fund. He had been presented the Dean's Lion Award and was a member of the Delta Phi Fraternity.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Margaret McGill Delmhorst; three sons, Arthur M. of Riverside, George B. of Brooklyn, N.Y. and John R. Delmhorst of Fairfield; and four grandchildren.
Margaret Delmhorst
Stonington — Margaret McGill Delmhorst, 91, of 173 Elm St., died Thursday at home after a long illness.

Mrs. Delmhorst was born on Jan. 23, 1907, in Brooklyn, N.Y., the daughter of George W. and Margaret Wilson McGill.

She married Berton John Delmhorst in 1934. He died on Jan. 21, 1976.

Mrs. Delmhorst graduated from Packer Collegiate Institute and Russell Sage College.

She was a physical education instructor at Vassar College and in the summers ran the junior program at the Quogue Field Club on Long Island.

She was president of the Alumnae Association of Packer College and served as trustee of both the college and the junior college.

Mrs. Delmhorst also served as president and trustee of the Women's Auxiliary of Brooklyn Botanical Garden, for which she founded the auxiliary's Garden of Fragrance, a garden designed to be enjoyed by the blind.

Mrs. Delmhorst was a summer resident of Stonington since 1930 before moving there permanently in 1937. She was an avid tennis player at the Wadawanuck Club until the age of 79. At the age of 69, she took sailing lessons at Mystic Seaport and in subsequent years, cruised many times to Maine and the Caribbean.

She was a member of the United Church of Stonington.

Mrs. Delmhorst is survived by three sons, Arthur M. Delmhorst of Riverside, George B. Delmhorst of Brooklyn, N.Y. and John R. Delmhorst of Fairfield; a sister, Georgiana Hall of Bedford Village, N.Y. and six grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at United Church of Stonington. Burial will be private in Stonington Cemetery. There are no calling hours.

Memorial contributions may be made to United Church of Stonington, 57 Main St., Stonington, CT 06378; Packer Collegiate Institute, 170 Joralemon St., Brooklyn, NY 11201 or Brooklyn Botanical Garden, 1000 Washington Ave., Brooklyn.

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

Stonington — Drew G. DelMonaco, 68, formerly of Cincinnati, Ohio, and currently of Pawcatuck, passed away peacefully on Jan. 13, 2015, at The Westerly Hospital with family and friends at his side.

After high school, Drew enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he was a member of the Seabees. He fought in the Vietnam War and was briefly deployed to Antarctica for 13 months. He was assigned to Palmer Station and protected the scientists.

He then resided in Connecticut after his duty in the military. He worked at Mystic Aquarium, where he found his love for marine life. Later he worked at the Cincinnati Zoo and opened his own tropical fish store. Fish and animals were his passion.

Drew is survived by his daughter, Alisha, and son-in-law, Michael McCarty, of Cincinnati; by his son, Stephen DelMonaco, and daughter-in-law, Amy; and his grandchildren, Haley and Jacob of Stonington.

Drew was predeceased by his parents, Lauretta and Ralph Bernhardt, and by his younger brother and best friend, Rob Bernhardt. Drew and his brother shared a loving bond. Drew was loved by his family and friends and will be deeply missed.

A memorial for Drew will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 19, 2015, at the Lighthouse Community Baptist Church, 22 Pequot Trail, Pawcatuck, for family and friends.
Alexander DeMarco


Services will be private for the family.

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

Stonington — Frances E. Demars, 82, of Pawcatuck, beloved wife of the late George "Bill" Demars, passed away on Thursday, March 3, 2011, at Pendleton Health and Rehab Center.

Born in Mystic, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Georgianna (Hartley) Klemish.

Frances was a nurse's aide with the Visiting Nurses Association and also with The Westerly Hospital for 27 years, retiring in 1994.

She enjoyed knitting, sewing and playing bingo. Frances also loved spending time and having fun with her family and friends, especially her many trips to the beach. She enjoyed her life to the fullest, making friends wherever she went.

She leaves her two sons, William Demars and his wife, Patti, of Pawcatuck, and Joseph Demars and his wife, Ida, of Norwich; sister, Claire Godfrey of Bradford, R.I.; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Her family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, March 7, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org) or to the American Diabetes Association (www.diabetes.org).

The Demars family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave an online expression of sympathy.
Pawcatuck — George "Bill" William Demars, 83, of Pawcatuck, formerly of Lord's Point, passed away Saturday, Dec. 19, 2008, at Pendleton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Bill was born Dec. 6, 1925, in Stonington, the son of the late George and Sarah (Brown) Lee-Demars. Bill enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served during World War II. He married Frances Elizabeth Klemish on June 28, 1948, at Saint Michael's Church in Pawcatuck. She survives him.

Bill worked for many years for Paul's TV in Westerly as a television repairman; he also served as the deputy harbormaster. A resident of Lord's Point, he was very active in the community there. He enjoyed boating, building model boats and gardening. He was also a parishioner of Saint Michael's Church.

In addition to his wife, Frances, he is survived by his two sons, William Demars of Pawcatuck and Joseph Demars of Norwich; his sister, Charlotte Prachnik of Pawcatuck; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 19, 2008, at Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. Calling hours will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2008, held at the funeral home. Burial with Military honors will follow at Saint Michael's Cemetery in Pawcatuck. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Bill's memory may be made to The American Cancer Society, Southern New England Region, 106 Route 32, Franklin, CT 06254; or to Beacon Hospice, 12 Roosevelt Ave., Mystic, CT 06355.

The Demars Family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for obituary information, directions and an online guest register to leave a note of condolence.
Sarah Deming

Pawcatuck — Sarah Grills Deming, 77, of 232 South Anguilla Road, died Monday, at The Westerly Hospital.

Born on March 12, 1924, in Pawcatuck, she was the daughter of the late Alexander and Margaret Piscitello Grills.

She was the wife of Julius Carl Deming.

Mrs. Deming was a homemaker, and a lifelong resident of Pawcatuck, living on South Anguilla Road for the last 30 years.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by four sons, Robert C. Deming of Stonington, David A. Deming and Steven C. Deming, both of Pawcatuck, and Herbert A. Deming of Old Lyme; two daughters, Karen A. Seegers of Goshen, and Margaret A. Foster of Cheshire; three brothers, Jack Grills and Albert Grills, both of Pawcatuck, and Tony Grills of Norwich; a sister, Rose Meyers of Pawcatuck; and four grandchildren.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Peter and Joseph Grills.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at noon at the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, for Sarah (Grills) Deming, 77, of South Anguilla Road, Pawcatuck, who died Monday. She was the wife of Julius Carl Deming.

Frederick Grills of North Stonington, brother of Mrs. Deming, was omitted from the obituary printed in the Tuesday edition.
Sarah Deming

Sarah Deming, 77, of South Anguilla Road, Pawcatuck, died Monday, Jan 21, 2002, at The Westerly Hospital. She was the wife of Julius Carl Deming.

Born March 12, 1924, in Pawcatuck, she was a daughter of the late Alexander and Margaret (Piscitello) Grills.

A homemaker, Mrs. Deming had been a lifelong resident of Pawcatuck, living on South Anguilla Road for the last 30 years.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by four sons, Robert C. Deming of Stonington; David A. Deming and Steven C. Deming, both of Pawcatuck; and Herbert A. Deming of Old Lyme, Conn.; two daughters, Karen A. Seegers of Goshen, Conn., and Margaret A. Foster of Cheshire, Conn.; four grandchildren, Ian D. and Margaret A. Foster of Cheshire, Je-anine Deming of Montana and Sidney R. Seegers of Goshen; three brothers, Jack Grills and Albert Grills, both of Pawcatuck, and Tony Grills of Norwich; and a sister, Rose Meyers of Pawcatuck.

She was the sister of the late Peter and Joseph Grills.

Services will be private and at the convenience of the family. Arrangements entrusted to the Cremation Society of RI, Scituate.
Mary DeMovick

Westerly — Mary Wilcox DeMovick, wife of Harvey C. DeMovick Sr., passed away Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010.

Mary was born in Westerly on April 30, 1918, the daughter of Ruth Mackenzie Wilcox and George F. Wilcox. Educated in the Stonington school systems, she was employed at the Stonington Town Hall for many years prior to her retirement in 1976.

Mary loved spending time with her family and attending the Dunn's Corners Community Church, Presbyterian. She was an avid knitter of children's sweaters and baby blankets. She enjoyed her crossword puzzles. Her happiest moments were time spent with her three great-grandchildren at the beach in the summer and at family get togethers each Sunday.

Surviving are her son, Harvey Jr., and daughter-in-law, Jeanne (Ingham) DeMovick, of Weekapaug; her grandson, Harvey III, and his wife, Susan DeMovick; and her great-grandchildren, Harvey IV, Reagan, and Daphne.

Mary was preceded by her husband of 66 years, Harvey C. DeMovick Sr., and her sister, Constance Wilcox Link.

Internment will be private for the family in River Bend Cemetery. Calling hours are respectfully omitted. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2, at the Dunn's Corners Community Church, Presbyterian. A reception will be held following the service in the Fellowship Hall at the church, given by the congregation.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Dunn's Corners Community Church, 221 Post Road, Westerly RI 02891.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly.

For online condolences: www.buckler-johnston.com
Deloris Dempsey

Deloris (Byrd) Dempsey, 61, of Paterson Avenue, Pawtucket, died March 6, 2007, in Miriam Hospital, Providence.

Born in Hempstead, Texas, she was the daughter of the late James A. Byrd and Mrs. Velma Byrd of Texas.

She was a devoted and loving mother, and she loved gardening and country music. Her favorite artist was Loretta Lynn. She had a strong faith in God and was very proud of her Texas roots.

She is survived by her children, Debbie Cartwright of Tennessee, Sherrie Morrison and her husband Doug of Maryland, Terrie Cartwright of Texas, Robert Dempsey and his wife Michelle of Westerly, Charlene Smith and her husband John of New London, and Alexis Brainard and friend Shawn of Noank; eight siblings, all of Texas; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, and her companion of 10 years, Kenneth Velzis of Pawtucket.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral service, to be held Friday, April 13, at noon in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 69 Spruce St., Westerly. Burial will be private and held at the convenience of the family.
William Denham Jr.


He was born in Wilmington, Del., on Sept. 26, 1924, the oldest son of William Bailey Sr. and Suzanne (Speckman) Denham.

He attended Tower Hill School in Wilmington and Westminster School in Simsbury, Conn., and went on to receive bachelor's degree from Yale University. He served in the U.S. Army for four years as sergeant first class and was stationed on Tinian Island. He worked for seven years for the DuPont Company in Waynesboro, Va., and Providence R.I. Upon returning to Delaware, he worked for the Wilmington Country Store in Greenville and from there he moved to Jacksonville, Fla., where he opened his own specialty retail clothing operation, The Denham Country Store.

He married Margaret Springer in Wilmington on Aug. 24, 1953.

An enthusiastic supporter of the arts, he was instrumental in generating a number of solo exhibitions for both promising as well as recognized artists in Florida, Delaware, and Connecticut. For years he was a member of the University of Delaware's Committee on the Arts and Humanities. He was also a knowledgeable horticulturist and inveterate ornithologist, two passions which brought him on many outings. Alongside these activities, he excelled as a writer of verse. He was an ace on the golf course, the tennis court, bird hunting, fishing, or enjoying horse racing. He was also a member of the VicMead Hunt Club and the Wachaugnuck Club.

In addition to his wife of 38 years, Margaret, he is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Stewart D. and James Joseph of Stonington; a grandson, Joshua Joseph; a stepson, James MacPadden Dick Marvel of Wilmington, Del.; two brothers, James Scott Denham and Willard Allen Speakman Denham; and a sister, Susanne Denham Singer, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Graveside Service, which will take place at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2006, in Stonington Cemetery, North Main Street, Stonington. There are no calling hours. Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.

His family requests, in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to The Pilot School Inc., 110 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803-0188, a school for learning disabled children.

The Denham family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for obituary information, directions, and an online memorial register to leave a note of condolence.
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with these who mourn

 foes and enemies into the name of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy

 men and women on the 6th of the 2nd. So when we oppose that and we

 Jesus himself stood in the Gnome of his feet. So while we oppose their own we

 place for all other in Christ. This deep sorrow when we are parted by death.

 This joy however does not make human grief vanish. This very love we

 See book page

 HYMN OF PROMISE

 I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
 All the days of my life.
 My cup runneth over.
 Thou art my pasture, my God, and my Shepherd.
 Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
 I will fear no evil.
 For thou art with me.
 Yeart, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his
 name's sake.
 He restoreth my soul.
 He leadeth me beside the still waters.
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.
 The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

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 A PRAYER FOR WILLIAM DENHAM

 THE OPENING SENTENCES

 September 23, 1924 - August 2, 2006

 WILLIAM BALLEY DENHAM

 A CELEBRATION FOR THE LIFE OF
MRS. GEORGE DENISON
DIES IN NEW LONDON

A private funeral service will be held for Mrs. Angeline (Clark) Denison of the Road District, Stonington, who died yesterday afternoon at the Lawrence Memorial Hospital, New London, where she had been admitted earlier in the day.

Wife of the late George Denison, she was a member of the United Church of Stonington and the Women's Guild.

She was born July 7, 1887 in Stonington, a daughter of William and Lydia (Brown) Clark and had resided most of her life in Stonington with the exception of a few years in Norwich.

Surviving are her siepmother, Mary S. Clark of Springfield, Mass.; six daughters, Mrs. Chester Main of Pawcatuck, Mrs. Bruce Zeiser of Providence, Mrs. Orrin L. Swain of North Stonington, Mrs. Edward Cody of Niantic, Mrs. Harriet Gaskell and Miss Ann B. Denison of Mystic; a sister, Mrs. Frank L. Grover of Norwich; 18 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Intemien will be in Elm Grove Cemetery.

DENISON IN NEW LONDON
Conn., July 10, 1955, Angeline (Clark) Denison widow of George Denison of Road District, Stonington.

Funeral service will be private and interment in Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic. Those who wish may make contributions to the Heart Chapter, 231 State Street, New London. There are no calling hours. Church and funeral home, Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.
Ann B. Denison, 69
Member of United Church of Stonington

STONINGTON—Ann Borodei Denison, 69, of Flanders Road, died Sunday morning, April 7, at the Mystic Manor Convalescent Center after an extended illness.

She was born in Westerly on Sept. 17, 1926, the daughter of George and Angeline Clark Denison. A lifelong resident of Stonington, she attended local schools and was a graduate of Stonington High School. She graduated from the former Edgewood Junior College.

Miss Denison was employed as a secretary at Anderson Insurance in Mystic for more than 35 years before retiring in 1982.

She was a longtime member of the United Church of Stonington and was active with the church’s Ladies Guild. She was also a member of the Denison Society, Mystic Rebekah Lodge, North Stonington Senior Citizens and the Little People of America.

Miss Denison is survived by three sisters, Phoebe Cady of Niantic, Fayolyn Main of Pawcatuck, and Alice Zelser of West Kingston, R.I. She was predeceased by two sisters, Harriet Gaskell and Georgia Swain.

A memorial service will be conducted at a later date at the United Church of Stonington. Private burial was to be held today at Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic. The Dinetto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial gifts in Miss Denison’s name may be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation of Connecticut, 925 White Plains Road, Trumbull 06611.
Debra Denison

She is survived by her husband, Jane Denison of Stonington; her children, Christopher Allen, Jessica Rowley, Brenda Rowley Perry and Jason Denison; her grandchildren; her mother, Joanne L. Gager and father, Lester J. Wilson Jr.; and her siblings, Loreen Lockwood, Diane Cioci, Louis Perrino Jr., Tina Sgandurra; and many nieces, nephews, friends and family.

A service in memory of Debra Denison will be held at a later date and will be announced in The Day when the arrangements are finalized.
Genevieve Denison


Gen leaves behind her sister, Barbara Flora and husband, Howard, of Ledyard and her sister-in-law, Nancy Denison. She was predeceased by her brother, Oliver Denison III.

Genevieve grew up in Qidambang before her family moved to their home in Mystic, where she remained for all but the final year of her long life. After completing accounting and bookkeeping courses at New London Business College, Genevieve worked in the administrative office at the Mystic Oral School for 32 years.

Genevieve was a 10th generation descendant of Capt. George Denison, who first settled Mystic in 1654.

In addition to her sister and sister-in-law, Genevieve leaves behind nine nieces and nephews, several great-nieces and nephews, and great-great-nieces and nephews. Gen was blessed to have a faithful network of friends and relatives who provided care, company and assistance over the years, especially her nieces, Deborah Miceli and Judith Flora, friend, Cindy Thibudeau, in-home caregiver, Esther, and caring neighbors, Maurice and Kathleen Clark and Michael and Kelly Longo. Her family wishes to thank the staff at Mary Elizabeth Apple Rehab in Mystic for their care during her recent stay.

Funeral services and burial will be private.

Memorial donations may be sent to The Denison Homestead at P.O. Box 42, Mystic, CT 06355 or Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center or Coo gan Farm Nature & Heritage Center at P.O. Box 122, Mystic, CT 06355.
George Denison
North Stonington — George Richmond Denison, 77, of 78 Wintechog Hill Road, who owned and operated Everbreeze Farms in Mystic and North Stonington, died Wednesday at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Mr. Denison was born on March 30, 1919, in Mystic, the son of Justin W. and Linda Richmond Denison.

He married Virginia Risley on March 28, 1942, in New London.

Raised in Mystic, he attended local schools and graduated from the University of Massachusetts Agricultural School, Stockbridge, in 1939.

He owned and operated the former Everbreeze Farm, Mystic, before a portion of the land was sold to the Town of Groton for construction of the S.B. Butler Elementary School. He then purchased a farm in North Stonington, named it Everbreeze Farm, and operated it until his recent retirement.

Besides his wife, Mr. Denison is survived by two sons, Wayne Laurence Denison of North Stonington and Jance George Denison of Stonington; a daughter, Carol Ann Denison of Upper Marlboro, Md.; and three grandchildren.

The funeral service and burial will be private. There are no calling hours. The DiNoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.
**Grace Denison**  
*Waterford*  
Grace Denison, age 90, of 11 Fullmore Drive, Waterford, went home to be with the Lord, surrounded by her loving family, on Sunday afternoon, March 9, 2008 at Avalon in Mystic, after a courageous battle against multiple myeloma.

She was born in New Haven on May 28, 1917, the daughter of James A. and Henrietta Weatherbee Young.

Grace had worked in the dietary service department at the former W & T Grant Department store and at Connecticut College.

She belonged to the Montauk Avenue Baptist Church and the Wood River Baptist Church in Kingston, R.I. She also belonged to the Salvation Army, the Old Timers and the Jennie Langford Circle. Her favorite pastime was playing Skipbo and spending time with her family. She was known for her cooking and baking. Love of family and friends and most of all her love for the Lord. She was loved by all who knew her.

She is survived by a son, George Denison Jr. and his wife, Cindy of Waterford, three daughters, Judith Schofield of New London, June and her husband, Michael Aldridge of East Lyme and Eunice and her husband, Jerry Pitto, of Honolulu, Hawaii; 26 grandchildren, 83 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren as well as nieces, nephews and her extended Connecticut College family.

She was preceded in death by four sisters, Violet Meade, Alice Rush, Marion French and Sara Burbank as well as two brothers.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at Harkness Chapel, Connecticut College, New London. Interment will be in Jordan Cemetery. Visiting hours will be on Wednesday from 2 until 9 at the Byles Memorial Home, 96 Huntington St., New London.

Please visit www byles com for online obituary, directions or to send a condolences note to the family.
Helen Denison

Mrs. Helen Louise (Wheeler) Denison, 86, of 236 North Water St., Stonington, died last night at Lawrence and Memorial Hospitals at the age of 86.

Born in Stonington Aug. 12, 1898, daughter of the late Silas Burrows and Mary Abby (Cooper) Wheeler, she was a graduate of Old Mystic High School and Wheaton College in Norton, Mass.

A charter member of the Denison Society, she served as its secretary for 19 years and was its first woman president. During her presidency she initiated the refurbishing of the Denison Homestead and served on the Society Board of Trustees as membership chairman for many years.

A past regent of the Phebe Green Ward Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, she had also served as R.I. State recording secretary for the DAR.

Long active in the New London Chapter of the American Red Cross, she had served as chairman of its regional branches and as chairman of Red Cross Youth for many years and had been a First Aid instructor during World War II.

A member of Calvary Episcopal Church in Stonington, she had been treasurer of the Church Women for many years.

She had taught in the Stonington elementary schools prior to her marriage to the late George L. Denison who died in 1938.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. William F. Kucera of New London and five nieces.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Calvary Episcopal Church. There are no calling hours. The Shea-Williams Funeral Home of Mystic is in charge of arrangements.
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Oliver Denison, Sr., 1938

Oliver Denison, Sr., 90, husband of Sarah Strickland Denison of Wilcox curve, Mystic, died at his home this afternoon after a short illness. Norwich Bulletin

He was born in Stonington on April 19, 1869, the son of Oliver and Nancy Noyes Denison.

For many years Mr. Denison ran a butcher shop in Mystic and for about four years ran a meat wagon between Stonington and Mystic. He later worked for the Standard Machinery company, retiring in 1947. He was a member of the United church of Stonington.

In addition to his wife he is survived by two sons, Oliver, Jr., of Mystic and Clifford of Waterford; a brother, George Denison of Stonington; three grandchildren; seven great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements are being completed by the Williams Funeral home, 19 East Main street, Mystic.
Oliver Denison III

Mystic — Oliver Denison III of Mystic passed away Monday, July 22, 2013, at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital in New London.

Oliver was born on June 11, 1921, to the late Oliver Jr. and Louise (Porter) Denison. He was a lifelong resident of Stonington, growing up in Quinabaug and later living in Mystic. He was a 10th generation descendent of Capt. George Denison, who first settled Mystic in 1654.

He was married to Nancy (Chasebrough) Denison, who survives him. They lived with their family in Mystic before moving to Old Mystic in later years, and most recently back to Mystic.

Oliver attended Stonington schools, graduating in 1938 from Stonington High School, the former Borough School. From 1942 to 1945, Oliver served in the U.S. Army. After that, he held several positions during his 33-year career at Mystic Seaport, spending most of those years as its secretary and assistant treasurer before retiring in 1985. Oliver was well-known for his excellent photography, and many of his photos of ships, scenes and artifacts were published in poster form, on postcards, on calendars and in books.

During his family’s younger years, they vacationed and camped throughout most of the states east of the Mississippi River. In his early retirement years, Oliver enjoyed scuba diving and snorkeling, and he and his wife took many trips to Europe. The sights, people, nature and countryside scenery during his travels always provided numerous opportunities for Oliver to take beautiful photographs. During his lifetime, he amassed a collection of thousands of slides and photographs. While many of these were developed in color, Oliver also enjoyed taking black and white photos, which he developed and printed himself in his tiny home darkroom.

When they were growing up, Oliver greatly enjoyed interacting with his grandchildren and he will be lovingly remembered for the photography and carpentry skills and the interest in outdoor machinery he has passed on to them. Oliver’s love of bird watching and reading a good book continued right to his final days and have also been passed on to his family.

Oliver was previously a member of the Western Camera Club, the Elm Grove Cemetery Association Board, and he volunteered at Mystic Seaport for many years after retiring.

In addition to his wife, Oliver will be dearly missed by his daughter, Deborah D. Miceli of Pawcatuck; and two sons, David C. Denison and his companion, Mary Pankiewicz, of Fishers Island and Florida, and William P. Denison and his wife, Shawna, of Burnt Hills, N.Y. He also leaves grandchildren Anthony and Nathan Miceli of Pawcatuck, Andrew and Amy Denison, and step-grandchildren Meghan and Alaina Murphy, all of New York. He is also survived by two sisters, Genevieve M. Denison of Mystic and Barbara D. Flora of Ledyard.

The family will receive friends from 1:30 to 2 p.m. on Friday, July 26, immediately followed by a service at 2 p.m. at Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, 5l Williams Ave., Mystic. A private burial will follow directly after the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the Mystic & Noank Library, 40 Library St., Mystic, CT 06355 or to the Denison-Pequotseashore Nature Center, PO Box 377, Mystic, CT 06355.

Please visit www.mysticseaport.org to leave an online message of condolence.
Edward J. Dennett Sr.

Edward J. Dennett Sr., 70, of 18 Clarence Ave., Pawcatuck, died Monday, Sept. 11, 2000, at The Westerly Hospital. He was the beloved husband of June (Schroder) Dennett.

Born Oct. 8, 1929, in Westerly, he was a son of the late John H. and Ella (Pendleton) Dennett.

Mr. Dennett was a millwright at Pfizer Inc., Groton, retiring in June 1989 after 35 years' service. He was employed with NAPA of Groton for the last two years.

A veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, he was past chief and life member of the Wequeterock Volunteer Fire Dept. He was a past post commander of Post 1285 V.F.W., Pawcatuck, a lifetime member of the Masons, and a member of the Pawcatuck Working Man's Club. He served on the Stonington Waterfront Commission and volunteered at the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, Edward J. Dennett Jr., Thomas G. Dennett, and Charles H. Dennett, all of Pawcatuck; four grandchildren, Erik and Sara Dennett, and their mother, Kathy, of Pawcatuck, and Stephen and Charles Dennett of Southington, Conn.; and one brother, John T. Dennett of Pawcatuck.

He was predeceased by his parents; one brother, Laurence Dennett; and one sister, Beatrice Dennett.

Calling hours will be Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Funeral services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in St. Michael's
John Dennett

Pawcatuck — John T. Dennett, 88, of Davis Avenue, Pawcatuck, died at his home Aug. 27, 2007.

He was the former husband of Jeannette (Smith) Dennett.

Born in Westerly, he was the son of the late John “Jack” Dennett and the late Ella M. (Pendleton) Dennett.

John had been employed as an administrative aide at E.B./Division of General Dynamics in Groton, and had formerly been employed at the former Seidner’s Mayonnaise Company. He was a life member of the Pawcatuck Working Mens Club, and was a former member of the Moose Club, and also a former member of the Masonic Lodge in Westerly. He loved to hunt and spend time with his grandchildren.

Mr. Dennett was a U.S. Army veteran, honorably discharged following service during the Cuban Crisis.

Surviving in addition to his former wife, he also leaves two sons, Eric Moriarty and his girlfriend, Susan Sears, of Niantic; and Wayne Dennett of Westerly; three grandchildren and three nephews.

He was preceded by a brother, Edward Dennett.

A calling hour will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Friday in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 55 Spruce St., Westerly, and will precede the funeral service to be held in the funeral home at 1 p.m. Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.

Family requests that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions in John’s memory be made to Kidney Patients of Westerly, 1 Rhody Drive, Westerly, RI 02891.

Day: 8-29-07
Mark Dennis

Stonington — Mark M. Dennis of Pawcatuck, son of Ralph and Betty Dennis, unexpectedly passed away Wednesday evening, April 10, 2013, at Rhode Island Hospital. His death was the result of complications following a sudden accident on Saturday April 6.

A long time foreman at Electric Boat in Groton, Mark was an avid lover of fishing, gardening, cooking and Busch beer.

He is survived by his sons, Jesse and Jake Dennis; and daughter, Allison Swatts; as well as son-in-law, Darriel Swatts. He also leaves behind his sister, Ann Lain; brother, Karl Dennis; and sister-in-law, Kathy Dennis; along with several nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a funeral service at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 16, 2013, in Central Baptist Church, Elm St., Westerly.

Calling hours are from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 15, 2013, in the Buckler-Johnson Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly.

Burial will be private.
Carol Jane DeNolfo

Stonington — Carol Jane DeNolfo, 69, of Stonington, passed away Friday, Nov. 1, 2019, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Oct. 29, 1950, in Hartford, the daughter of the late Harry E. and Jenny (née Ostapovich) Glock.

Her memory will be cherished the most by her four daughters, their husbands, and her beloved grandchildren: Megan and Paterno Quintas of Voluntown and their sons, Taran and Willem; Hillary and Logan Kidwell of Windermere, Fla., and their children, Tristan and Bronwyn; Bethany and Jason DeNolfo of Brooklyn, Conn., and their children, Keagan and Anastasia; and Brittany DeNolfo and Micah Schmidt of Seattle, Wash. She is also survived by her siblings and their spouses. Harry and Caryl Glock, Sharon Wildermann, Debbie and Kenny Silvestri, Janice Baker, and Darlene and Frank McDermott. She was preceded by her sister Susan Luce and brother-in-law Craig Baker.

Countless people will remember Carol as a mom-to-all with an enormous, giving heart. She loved to cook and feed everyone, even if they weren’t hungry, particularly with her favorite dish, lobster. She had a special connection with all babies and children. She also took great pride in her thriving garden. She always made an endearing impression on everyone with her silly humor, infectious smile and generous spirit.

The family will receive relatives and friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, at the Thomas L. Neilan & Sons Funeral Home, 48 Grand St., Niantic.

Flowers may be sent to Neilan & Sons or donations in Carol’s memory may be made to Smilow Cancer Center.

Online condolences may be shared with Carol’s family at www.neilanfuneralhome.com.
Katherine Denslow

Stonington — A memorial service for Katherine Denslow, who passed away on Feb. 19, 2012, will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 21, 2012, at the First Congregational Church of Stonington (The Old Road Meeting House), 903 Pequot Trail, Stonington. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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4-18-12
Obituaries

Raymond H. Densmore

Raymond H. Densmore, 83, of Key Colony Beach, Fla., and Lord's Point, Stonington, passed away Wednesday morning, April 16, 2008.

Ray was born in Sabula, Iowa, on Dec. 19, 1924, the son of Ray and Viola (Lashelle) Densmore. His children and grandchildren treasure his many stories, such as how he walked to school uphill both ways, saw 6-foot jackrabbits and walked under the frozen Mississippi River.

During World War II, while stationed in Charleston, Ray met his beloved wife, Donna A. Brown, whom he married in Westerly on Sept. 14, 1946. Mrs. Densmore died on Mother's Day, May 9, 1993. Together they traveled the world extensively and passed that love of adventure to their children.

In 1949, Ray and his late wife, Donna, founded Standard Sheet Metal Company in Mystic. In 1961, he formed Densmore Oil Company, which continues today under the direction of his son, Mark.

Ray was a member of the Baptist Meeting House Church and Kirt of the Keys. Feeling blessed and fortunate throughout his life, Ray found his greatest pleasure in giving back to others. He was a 32nd Degree Mason belonging to Charity & Relief Lodge in Mystic, and the Shriner's Sphinx Temple in Hartford and Maxi Temple in Miami. A member of the Mystic Lions Club since 1950, Ray was a past president and was awarded the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellow Award. In addition, Ray served as president of the Mystic Chamber of Commerce, was co-founder of the Mystic Outdoor Arts Festival and served on the board of directors of the Westerly YMCA. Ray was a member of the Order of Odd Fellows, Toastmasters, the Moose and the Elks. His hobbies included fishing, skiing, traveling and collecting antique cars. Ray proudly took up golf at age 66, and the day he made a hole-in-one was a highlight in his life.

Ray is survived by his wife of three years, Elaine Stannus, and brother, Harold, of Clinton, Iowa. He is also survived by his son, Charles Densmore and wife, Annie of Pomfret Center, Conn., and Mark Densmore and wife, Cheryl, of Mystic; his daughters, Carol Marsac and husband Jim of Sidney, Maine, Heather Densmore and husband Matt Sanders of Durham, Conn., and Elizabeth Mockler and husband Brian of Matthews, N.C.; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

His family will greet relatives and friends at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, on Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. A memorial service will be conducted at the Road Meeting House, First Congregational Church, Pequot Trail, Stonington, on Tuesday at 11 a.m. Private burial will precede at River Bend Cemetery, Westerly.

The family wishes to thank the dedicated staff of Avalon Health Care Center, as well as the 9th-floor team at L & M Hospital.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Densmore Scholarship Fund, Attn: Pam Howitt, The Rhode Island Foundation, One Union Station, Providence, RI 02903. The fund has benefited, thus far, 11 graduating seniors at Stonington High School.

For information, directions or to share a note of remembrance or condolences with his family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Anita den Tex

Mystic — Anita "Ann" Trippett (Cummings) den Tex died peacefully on July 18, 2015, at home with her family. She was born in Baltimore, Md., Oct. 28, 1929, the daughter of Carl Elmore Cummings O.B.E. and Anita (Trippett) Cummings. She grew up in Beacon, N.Y., graduated from Mary A. Burnham School, Northampton, Mass., and earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Hood College in Frederick, Md. She did additional graduate work at Columbia University, the University of Kentucky and the University of Minnesota in urban planning and industrial sociology.

She met her husband, Karel den Tex, while working at IBM Corp. in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and was married at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Beacon. Karel's job required them to relocate several times including Germany, Lexington, Ky., and Rochester, Minn. In Lexington, she served on the board of the League of Women Voters as well as the board of Lexington Family Services. In Rochester, she was employed by Planned Parenthood of Minnesota, became chairperson of the Olmsted County Board of Adjustment, was a member of the County Environmental Quality Committee and eventually worked in Human Services Planning for Olmsted County, Minn.

In 1963 the den Texes moved to Mystic. Ann subsequently served four years as president of the Visiting Nurse Association of Stonington, then assistant treasurer of the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Connecticut. For three years she was board chairman of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut and served for many years on the Investment Committee of the Foundation. She also served as a corporator and was on several committees of Lawrence + Memorial Hospital. She enjoyed membership in the Ram Island Yacht Club, The Mystic Garden Club and for over 20 years and countless hours was a Mystic Seaport Pilot and active volunteer at the Mystic Seaport Library.

Her greatest pleasures in life were her family, watercolor painting, travel and music, as well as her continuous community involvement.

Ann is survived by her daughter, Adrienne Louise den Tex of Mystic; son, Charles Williams den Tex and grandson, Nicholas, both of Seattle, Wash.

She was recently preceded in death by her husband, Karel, and brother, David.

A local memorial service will be held this fall.

Contributions to her memory may be made to the Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut or the G.W. Blunt Library at the Mystic Seaport.

Sandra Jaworski
Karel den Tex

He joined IBM Corp., where he spent his career and was awarded a number of patents in the electro-mechanical field. He and Anita "Ann" Trapert Cummings were married in 1933 in St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Benson, N.Y. They were transferred from New York to Stuttgart, Germany, Lexington, Ky., Augusta, Germany, Rochester, Minn., and decided to retire in Mystic in 1983. Karel was the ultimate "fixer" of anything and was notably sparing with materials, having a grand collection of parts and hardware for most anything in the house. He was very active all his life. He laid out the 10-kilometer cross country ski trail in Rochester for the Sierra Club, continued Alpine skiing and distance ice skating and participated in several 100-mile bike tours. Karel, with his wife and children, wilderness camped from Maine to the West Coast and particularly relished the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. In Mystic, he spent a number of years as a volunteer, keeping the Stonington Lighthouse in repair as well as the Mystic Art Center. He was a member for many years of the Mystic Seaport, a Squid, a Seaport Pilot, and a member of the Ram Island Yacht Club. He had a great affinity for sailing and it provided him with many adventures. He and his wife developed an interest in tribal art and culture and made a number of visits to New Guinea and West Africa, to witness life as it was.

Karel is survived by his wife, their daughter, Adrienne Louise den Tex of Mystic; their son, Charles Williams den Tex of Shelton, Wash.; and a grandson, Nicolas Randall Eagle of Seattle, Wash.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Karel's memory to the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut, 50 Federal St., New London, CT 06320 or the W.R. Boutt White Library at Mystic Seaport, Greenmanville Ave., Mystic, CT 06355.
Pawcatuck man hailed as 'inspiration'

Jerry DePerry remembered for brave battle against Scleroderma

By Gloria Russell
The Sun Staff

PAWCATUCK — Jerry DePerry was an inspiration to his family and friends as he demonstrated supreme courage in the face of a degenerative disease that took most of his fingers, both of his legs — and, on Christmas Eve, his life.

Standing by as she has done since her husband was stricken with Scleroderma more than a quarter-century ago was his wife, Julie, who maintained that, during his struggle, her husband never complained and inspired even his physicians. He died at the age of 48.

At 22, DePerry was a man with two young sons and a job at Electric Boat after working with his father and brother in the carpet and tile business. Not long after he took a job as a rigger, the plant went on strike.

It was then Jerry began having pain in his fingers and thought maybe he had gotten some metal in them. He was wrong. He was afflicted with a chronic autoimmune disease of the connective tissue generally classified as one of the rheumatic diseases; also known as systemic sclerosis. A highly individualized disease, the symptoms may either be visible when the skin is affected or invisible when internal organs are involved.

The exact causes of Scleroderma are not known but may include a number of symp-tems. Jerry could no longer work because of the effects the illness was having on his body and so he helped with the small children, 3-year-old Jason and 2-week-old Joshua when Julie began to work outside the home.

The young couple then faced another crisis.

Jason was diagnosed with leukemia and underwent treatment at Rhode Island Hospital for almost five years. DePerry said what he saw at the hospital — children with leukemia — gave him courage and took his mind off himself.

Until a year ago, he was able to drive his car, but the most recent amputation in October took his right leg. And it was difficult for him to manage the task with the partial loss of so

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many of his fingers.

It looked as though another ulcerated finger would require more surgery at some point.

"But," Julie said at the time, "Jerry just keeps going and going and going. He has a wonderful attitude. Everybody turns to Jerry. He doesn't let anything get him down—it's inspirational."

Jerry looked always to the one very special person in his life—Julie—who had known him since she was 12 years old and had been with him every step of the way through the 26-year struggle.

She recently recounted their life in Greenhaven before traveling to Arizona, where they believed the weather would be beneficial to Jerry. They returned home after the disease accelerated about 10 years ago because he wanted Julie to be near friends and relatives.

Doctors provided medication but there is no treatment for Scleroderma and Jerry would return to the hospital when he became dehydrated.

Friends and relatives staged benefits every so often and up until a few years ago Julie worked part time at the Renal Institute in Westerly.

Confined to a wheelchair and battling insurmountable odds, Jerry DePerry was nonetheless a fighter. The ramp beside the front door at his home on West Enterprise Avenue provided him with the means to get to the family van for cuttings.

Just a few short days ago, Jerry still looked on his painfully long illness with a positive attitude.

"I've been blessed with wonderful people in my life," he said, "and had uplifting experiences."
Jerald DePerry

Pawcatuck — Jerald “Jerry” G. DePerry, 48, of 18 West Enterprise Ave., died Monday at home of scleroderma.

Born on Aug. 6, 1953, in Westerly, he was the son of Joseph DePerry of Pawcatuck and the late Rose Musio DePerry.

He was the husband of Julie A. Knight DePerry.

Mr. DePerry was employed in his family’s business, Pawcatuck Tile and Carpet, before his illness.

Besides his wife and father, he is survived by two sons, Jason A. DePerry and Joshua A. DePerry, both of Pawcatuck; a brother, Joseph DePerry of Pawcatuck; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Jan. 5 at the Noank Baptist Church, 18 Cathedral Heights, Noank. Burial will be private.

There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to the Scleroderma Foundation, Tri-State Chapter, Inc., 1182 Teaneck Road, Teaneck NJ 07666.

The Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly, is in charge of arrangements.
Jessie DePerry
Stoneington — Jessie (D’Amico) DePerry of Old Stonington Road, Stonington, died Wednesday morning at the Westerly Nursing Home. She was 100 years old.

Mrs. DePerry was born in Groton on Aug. 13, 1904, one of eight children, to John and Jessie (Merritt) D’Amico. Rained in Stonington, she attended local schools. She was employed as an inspector at the George C. Moore Co. in Westerly until her retirement in 1966.

A longtime resident of Stonington, Mrs. DePerry was a member of the United Church of Stonington.

She is survived by two sons, Peter M. DePerry of Westerly and John DePerry of Raymond, N.H.; two daughters, Jessie LoPresti of Westerly and Viola Kimball of Pawcatuck; 11 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

She was predeceased by her seven siblings, brothers Eugene C., Alden R., Clifford E., John S., Charles M., and Edward D’Amico, and a sister, Rose Northrup.

Her family will greet relatives and friends at The Difonzo Funeral Home, 17 Pearl Street, historic downtown Mystic, on Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. with a prayer service following at 7 p.m. A graveside funeral service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday at Colonel Leabard Cemetery, Mitchell Street, Groton.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Westerly Nursing Home Patient Recreation Fund, 79 Beach Street, Westerly RI 02891.

For obituary information, directions or to send an online condolences to the family, please visit www.difonzo.com.

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In addition to his wife, June, of Pawcatuck, he is survived by his son, Robert DePerry Jr. and his fiancée, Donnajean Nadeau of Stonington; his brother, Edward DePerry and his wife, Madeline of Westerly; his sister, Marge Champlin of Oklahoma; four grandchildren, Raina J. DePerry Shiffer and her husband, Michael of Chapel Hill, N.C., Robert M. DePerry III of Pawcatuck, John Mallette Jr. of Norwich, and Maryann Bermudez of Stonington; a great-grandson, Leonard L. Bermudez III, and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He is also survived by his special dog, Sassy, grand-dogter Niki and special friends, Jim and Nancy Beames, Norma, Brian and Lynn Whewell and Milton and Doris Frink.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, Oct. 17, 2008, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008, at Mystic Funeral Home. Burial with military honors will follow at Stonington Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Bob's memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 306 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT 06457; or to the American Heart Association, 5 Brookside Drive, Wallingford, CT 06492.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for obituary information and to leave a note of condolence.
Stonington — Allen M. DePersia, 83, of Stonington Borough, passed away peacefully on Monday, Aug. 14, 2017, at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital in New London. He is survived by his beloved wife, Helen DePersia.

He was born in Hartford on Nov. 24, 1933, the son of Michael and Lucy (Taylor) DePersia. He grew up in Glastonbury and attended the University of Connecticut School of Agriculture. He joined the U.S. Army during the Korean War in 1954, and was stationed in Germany serving for two years in the Corp of Engineers. His business career spanned 43 years, being self-employed as a mason contractor in Glastonbury. He founded DePersia Mason Contractors, Inc., and his work can be seen on many brick buildings throughout Connecticut.

Allen was a former member of the Glastonbury Lions Club, and past president and member of the Mason Contractors Association of Connecticut. He was an early member and past president of the Glastonbury Auxiliary Police Ambulance Association, and a 26-year member, past president, and Paul Harris Fellow of the Glastonbury Rotary Club.

In addition to his wife, Allen is survived by his daughter, Karen DePersia and her husband, Tom Brown, of Ashford and her children, Hannah and Brian Rouillard; three sons, David DePersia of West Hartford, Jeffrey DePersia and his wife, Kathy, of Hebron and their children, Cody and Jason, and James DePersia and his wife, Sherri, of Hebron and their children, Evan, Alexa, and Dylan. He is also survived by his stepchildren, Krisanne Trainor of Stonington and Matthew and his wife, Anna, Tscheulin of Newport. He is also survived by his sister, Elaine Grant of Willington.

Allen is predeceased by his first wife of 57 years, Geraldine DePersia.

A Funeral Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 21, at the Calvary Episcopal Church, 33 Church St., Stonington. Burial will be private for the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org).

The Dzanto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic is assisting the family.

He is survived by his wife, Helen DePersia.

Funeral services are being planned and will be announced in a complete obituary in a later edition of The Day.

Donations in his memory may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org).

The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is assisting the family.
Catherine Derby

Mystic — Catherine Drewry Derby, 94, of 2 Allyn’s Alley, Masons Island, formerly of North Hero, Vt., died Wednesday at Fairview Odd Fellows Home in Groton.

She was born on Dec. 6, 1907, in New York City, the daughter of Henry B. and Mable C. Dwyer Drewry.

She married James Joel Hart on Nov. 23, 1931, in Hudson Falls, N.Y. He died on May 21, 1955. She then married Allen D. Derby. He died in 1962.

Mrs. Derby graduated from Hudson Falls High School in 1926. She received a bachelor's degree in 1930 from Vassar College, and later a master of social work degree from Smith College.

She was employed in the Clinton County New York Welfare Department until she moved to Burlington, Vt., where she worked as the director of the Elizabeth Lund Home from 1956 to 1963. She also worked for Catholic Charities in Burlington until 1972, when she retired to North Hero, Vt. Mrs. Derby served as librarian of North Hero until 1990, and lived there until moving to this area in 2000.

An avid cellist player, she was a member of the Plattsburg Symphony Orchestra. She also enjoyed collecting old books and artifacts.

She is survived by a son, Dr. James H. Derby of Mystic; a daughter, Virginia D. Hahn of Golden Valley, Ariz.; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in North Hero, Vt., at a date to be announced. Burial will be private in Union Cemetery in Hudson Falls, N.Y.

There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to the North Hero Public Library, North Hero VT 05474.

The Byles Memorial Home, 99 Huntington St., New London, is in charge of arrangements.
John Derby

Storington — John H. Derby, 71, of Storington, passed away Monday, Nov. 17, 2008, at Yale New Haven Hospital, where he had been a patient for a short time.

John was born April 20, 1937, in Brooklyn, N.Y., the son of the late Henry and Katharine (O’Neill) Derby. John attended local schools and then graduated from Saint Francis College in Brooklyn, N.Y., with a bachelor’s degree in science. He married Dorothy McGee on Sept. 19, 1970, in Brooklyn, N.Y. They had been married 38 years; she survives.

A United States Army Veteran, John worked for many years for the County of Westchester, N.Y. as a systems analyst, as well as Westchester Community College, where he taught computer courses.

In addition to his wife, Dorothy, of Storington, he is survived by his sons, Michael McGee Derby of Fairfield, Liam McGee Derby of Storington; his daughter, Eileen Siobhan Derby of Washington, D.C.; brothers, Brendan, Kenneth, Jerry and Frank Derby; sister, Rita Volpe; as well as three grandchildren, Mairead, Aidan and Emmett Derby; and his dog, Rocky.

Funeral services will begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2008, from the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, followed by a Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Storington. Burial will be private. There are no calling hours.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for obituary information and to leave an online note of condolence.
William and Evelyn Desautel


Bill was born in Westbury on Aug. 3, 1948. He was the son of Robert and Rita Desautel. He graduated from Stonington High School with the Class of 1966 and Thames Valley Technical College.

Lyn was born in New London on Oct. 23, 1948. She was a daughter of Calvin and Esther Bogue. She graduated from Stonington High School with the Class of 1966.

Bill and Lyn were married on Aug. 23, 1969, in Pawcatuck.

They are survived by two sons, James and Matthew Desautel; James’ wife, Debra; and their sons, Latham and James.

They are also survived by Lyn’s sister, Janis Bogue, and her husband, William Keller, and their daughters, Zoe and Matzy Keller.

After marrying, Bill and Lyn lived in Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Colorado before finally settling in Tallahassee.

Bill worked for the City of Tallahassee as assistant planning manager at the Pardome Generating Station. He retired in August of 2010. Lyn worked in real estate for many years.

Bill was a member of the Sports Car Club of America and had a passion for all things automotive. In recent years, he was involved in the world of electric vehicle conversion.

Bill was a cinephile with a DVD collection of over 2,000 titles. He especially loved the James Bond and Star Wars movies.

Lyn loved nature and spent as much time as possible outdoors. She was passionate about gardening, hiking and birding. She spent many days working as a volunteer at Birdsong Nature Center and many hours walking its trails. She was also an avid quilter, gifting many members of her family with beautiful keepsakes.

Bill and Lyn supported each other’s passions and shared a passion for motorcycle riding and ocean cruises. They took part in various motorcycle festivals in Florida, enjoyed several cruises, with Alaska being their favorite.

They will be greatly missed by their family and many wonderful friends.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be sent to Big Bend Hospice of Tallahassee or Birdsong Nature Center.
Carolyn DeSouza

Carolyn Ann Lawrence DeSouza, 74, of Pawcatuck, died Dec. 4, 2002, at the Philip Hulitar Hospice Center, Providence, where she had been a patient for the past week.

She was born Oct. 13, 1928, in Falmouth, Mass., the daughter of Antone and Brista Gonsalves Lawrence.

She was employed for several years by the Laidlaw Bus Company, driving for the Stonington School System. She was a member of the Daughters of Isabella.

She was an avid bowler and an active member of leagues in both Mystic and Groton for many years. She loved gardening and music, was also an avid fan of all major sports. Her family recalls she never missed a sporting event in which any of her grandchildren were participating. “May her loving spirit soar above us all.”

She is survived by one son, Frank Russell DeSouza of Pawcatuck; two daughters, Phyllis Barr of North Kingstown and Cynthia DeSouza of Jewett City; two brothers, Antone Lawrence and Alfred Gonsalves, both of Prospect, Conn.; four grandchildren, David and Gregory Barr of North Kingstown, Heidi Myers of Bradford, and Mark DeSouza of Pawcatuck; three great-grandchildren, Isaiah, Elijah and Tovah Myers of Bradford, RI.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Manuel Lawrence and Edward Lawrence.

The funeral will be held from Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 11:30 a.m. with a Funeral Mass at St. Patrick Church, Mystic, at noon. Burial will follow in Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home from 10:30 to 11:30 that morning.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Daughters of Isabella, c/o St. Patrick Church, 32 East Main St., Mystic, CT 06355.
Frank DeSouza


He leaves behind his beloved wife of 40 years, Bonnie Maynard DeSouza. Frank and Bonnie were married on July 24, 1976. They had two children, Heidi Myers of Norwich and Mark DeSouza of North Stonington.

Frank is dearly missed, not only by his wife and children, but by his three surviving grandchildren, Isaiah Brown of Westerly, Elijah (Louie) Myers and Tavah Myers of Norwich.

Frank excelled in his dutiful, hard work at Electric Boat in a career that spanned 40 years, decorated with achievements and specialized trainings. He was due to receive a reward this coming October commemorating his excellence in work.

Frank will be remembered and missed deeply by his numerous co-workers, copious friends and large extended family who thought so highly of him for his sharp wit and sense of humor, his extremely generous and compassionate nature, his love of family and festivity, and his wide-ranging natural talents including playing the drums (and guitar) from the young age of 9 years old, one of many of his lifelong passions.

Frank’s other interests and hobbies, included over the years, were his love for nature and the outdoors. Frank once climbed Mount Washington in New Hampshire and canoed the Allagash River in Maine with good friends and co-workers. Photography, particularly of nature and family and friends, was another of Frank’s loves, and he would often take solo motorcycle rides to various local places of natural beauty to take photos. Fortunately he leaves us with his cherished photo collection. No mention of Frank’s passions and interests would be complete without acknowledging his die-hard fanaticism for the New England Patriots, where he would often shout at the TV during bad plays or remain despondent and down for days if they lost a game.

In addition to his wife, children and grandchildren, Frank is survived by his two sisters, Phyllis DeSouza Barr of North Kingstown, R.I., and Cindy DeSouza of Voluntown; two sisters-in-law, Carrie Mickon of Voluntown and Darlene Maynard Olds of Texas City, Texas; three brothers-in-law, Steven Barr of North Kingstown, R.I., Gary Olds of Texas City, Texas and Rande Erickson of Baxter, Minn.

Frank maintained a close and constant communication over the phone with his many other extended family members including cousins, aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces, all of whom he loved and cared for deeply.

Frank was predeceased by his mother, Caroline Lawrence DeSouza and his father, Frank DeSouza, both of Mystic.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, with a reception to follow at the Mystic Hilton.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the American Heart Association.
Clement Despard

Stonington — Clement Lyndon Despard, 84, of Stonington and New York, N.Y., died Aug. 5, 2013. He possessed a mischievous sense of humor and a kind and creative spirit. He will be missed.

Mr. Despard grew up in Rumson, N.J., and New York, and was a graduate of Harvard College. He was an officer in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and pursued a career in business before becoming an artist. His whimsical, inventive work was represented by Gallery Henoch in New York, and exhibited throughout the New London area.

Mr. Despard was predeceased by his wife, Lucy Edwards. He leaves two daughters, Alice and Jessie; by his first wife, Caroline Scott; and three grandchildren, Dillon, Gwendolyn, and Matthew.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 31, at Calvary Church, 26 Church St., Stonington.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Stonington Community Center.
Lucy Despard

Stonington — Lucy Brooke Edwards Despard, 73, of 1150 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y., and 3 Main St., Stonington, died Thursday at her Connecticut residence.

She was born on Dec. 29, 1927, in Chestnut Hill, Pa., the daughter of Edward M. and Delia Brown Edwards.

She married Clement Lyndon Despard on Sept. 1, 1974, in New York City.

Mrs. Despard was a book editor for 17 years for Foreign Affairs Magazine, published by the Council on Foreign Relations, in New York City. She retired in 1993.

She was a member of the Wadawanuck Club in Stonington and a board member of the Arthur Penn Foundation Book Awards.

Mrs. Despard had an avid interest in literature, poetry and gardening.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a brother, Timothy Edwards.

The funeral service and burial will be private.

There are no calling hours.

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

Elise Dessaules, 91, of 6 South Broad St., Pawcatuck, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002, peacefully at her home surrounded by her family. She was the wife of the late Gustav Dessaules Sr., who passed away in 1990. Her late husband had founded Pawcatuck Auto Body which is now operated by their two sons. They had been married for 57 years.

Born May 30, 1910, in Laubanesbach, Germany, she was a daughter of the late Wilhelm and Katharina (Gais) Reuter.

A member of the United Congregational Church, Mrs. Dessaules was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Erwin and Alice Dessaules and Gustav Jr. and Patricia Dessaules, all of Pawcatuck; a daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and John Walker of Westerly, nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, and also by several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded by six siblings.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in the United Congregational Church, Castle Hill, Pawcatuck. There is no procession from the funeral home. Interment will be in River Bend Cemetery, 137 Beach St., Westerly. Calling hours in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 50 Spruce St., Westerly, are Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m.
Erwin H Dessaules, 85, of Pawcatuck, entered eternal rest at The Westerly Hospital January 15, 2020 after a lengthy illness. He was the devoted husband of Alice Whitehead Dessaules for over 50 years.

Erwin was born in Bronx, NY to the late Gustav and Anna Dessaules who immigrated from Germany in the 1920’s. The family moved to Stonington when Erwin was 8. Following high school, he graduated from the U.S. Army and served with the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg, NC.

Returning to his roots, he opened up Pawcatuck Auto Body with his brother, ran his legacy of service to customers with the family business for more than 60 years. He made friends far and wide with the reputation of being able to fix anything as a master in the trade and a great teacher. He lived side by side with his brother-in-law, James Whitehead, and they developed a bond with the community.

Erwin was an avid outdoorsman. In his early years he enjoyed many happy times hiking and camping with his wife and son. He was a member of the Appalachian Mountain Club, climbing and hiking many high peaks throughout the US and Europe. He had a love of white water kayaking in remote areas and built his own kayaks. Some of his greatest adventures were sailing the Caribbean and the Eastern Seaboard. On land, Erwin enjoyed competitive cycling with his brother Gus. Together they pedaled 100+ mile races throughout New England. He also had a love of photography that captured the beauty surrounding his many outdoor adventures.

Erwin was a long-time member of the Groton Sportsman Club, a member of the Masonic Lodge AF & AM formerly #89 and now the Coastal Masonic Lodge where he was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Scottish Rite, a member of the Pawcatuck Workingman’s Club and a member of the United Congregational Church in Pawcatuck.

Erwin could do it all and will be sadly missed.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son Mark (Liz) of Groton, CT, cherished granddaughters, Emily (Raul) Apodaca of Washington and Amanda Dessaules. Erwin’s most recent joy was meeting his first great-grandson Carson. Erwin is also survived by his brother Gus (Patricia) Dessaules of Pawcatuck, his sister Elizabeth Walker of Westerly and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his son Erwin Jr.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the United Congregational Church, 9 Castle Hill Rd, Pawcatuck on Saturday January 25 at 1pm. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Erwin’s name to the Masonic Lodge, Masonicare or United Congregational Church.
Alice A. Devaney

Alice A. (Hurtado) Devaney, 86, passed away Dec. 30, 2007, surrounded by her loving family. She was the loving wife of Charles E. Devaney of Pawcatuck for 63 years.

Born in Westerly, she was the daughter of the late Ralph and Ethel Hurtado.

Alice was employed at Douglas Randall, Inc. and Connecticut Investment Casting until her retirement. Alice loved gardening, enjoyed bowling and was a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a member of Central Baptist Church.

Besides her loving and devoted husband, she is survived by her daughter, Sharon L. Arruda and her husband Peter; grandson, Brett C. Arruda and his wife Rebecca; and great-grandchildren, Erin and Grant. She is also survived by her sister, Dorothy Blanda and her husband Anthony, sister-in-law, Elizabeth Hurtado; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by brothers, Ralph Hurtado and William Hurtado; and sisters, Florence “Bea” Ruth and Virginia “GiGi” Park.

Calling hours will be held Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral service to be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home. Interment will be in River Bend Cemetery.

Family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations in Alice’s memory be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, Rhode Island Chapter, 245 Waterman St., Suite 306, Providence, RI 02906.
Lucille Devaney
Pawcatuck — Lucille A. (Avery) Devaney, 90, of 133 South Broad St., Pawcatuck, widow of the late William H. Devaney, died at her home Nov. 8, 2007.

Born in Ledyard, she was the daughter of the late Edwin Avery and Bertha (Lewis) Avery Sylvia.

Mrs. Devaney had been employed as a teacher's aide at the Mystic Oral School before retiring. She had helped her late husband build his business, "Intra-State Tree Service," following the war. She was past president of the North Stonington Garden Club. She loved flowers.

Surviving are her son, Peter A. Devaney and her daughter, Patricia D. Sherren, both of North Stonington, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by three brothers.

A calling hour from 10 to 11 a.m. will be held Tuesday in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 69 Spruce St., Westerly preceding the funeral service in the funeral home at 11 a.m.
Burial will be in Stonington Cemetery, Stonington.
OBITUARIES

Maud A. Devaney

Maud A. (Willett) Devaney, 95, of Mystic Avenue, Pawcatuck, died this morning, Oct. 23, 1990, at The Westerly Hospital. She was the wife of the late Charles Devaney.

She was born in Griswold, Conn., Nov. 28, 1894, she was a daughter of the late William and Amanda (Chinard) Willett.

For many years she was employed as a weaver at the George C. Moore Co. in Westerly. Mrs. Devaney was a communicant of St. Michael Church in Pawcatuck.

She was a member of the auxiliary of the Harley P. Chase Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Pawcatuck, a member of the Golden Agers of Stonington, and a member of the Pawcatuck and Westerly senior citizens groups.

She is survived by two sons, William Devaney of North Stonington, and Charles E. Devaney of Pawcatuck; one daughter, Mary Grant of Watch Hill; one brother, Joseph Willett of Norwich; one sister, Yvonne Hindle of Pawcatuck; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held from the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, Thursday at 9:15 a.m. A Mass of Christian burial will be offered in St. Michael Church, Pawcatuck, at 10 a.m. Burial will be in St. Michael New Cemetery, Pawcatuck. Visiting hours are Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m.
Timothy Devine

Groton — Timothy Patrick Devine, 30, of Groton, beloved son of Michael Ricker Devine and Chantal (Charbin) Devine, went home to be with his Heavenly Father on July 24, 2012.

Tim was born at Yale-New Haven Hospital on July 4, 1982. He was a graduate of the University of Connecticut and the Connecticut Fire Academy. He was a dedicated firefighter with the Poquonnock Bridge Fire Department and the owner of CrossFit Groton.

His quest and commitment to serving and helping others and his love and devotion to his family were the hallmarks of his life. There was rarely a time when Tim was not involved in fundraising activities to benefit such organizations as the Wounded Warriors Project, St. Jude Hospital, Autism Speaks, Relay for Life, and many others. He was unassuming and selfless in all that he did for others, and his love extended to anyone in need. His life exemplified the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Christian principles he lived by were the bedrock of his life. He cherished the verses his mom would write in his birthday cards every year, one of the first being, "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path," Psalms 119:105. There is no doubt in the minds and hearts of those who dearly loved him that this path took him on his final journey into eternity to his heavenly home prepared for him by his loving Savior. Tim lived life to the fullest with energy, courage, faith, humility, integrity, and a unique sense of humor. A fellow Crosslifter recently said, "Tim, someday, you're going to come around a corner and run into yourself."

Tim was proud of his heritage and was an avid student of all that history and the founding fathers of the United States have taught us. He was a direct descendant of many early colonial families including the Stanfords, Averys, Palmers, Burticks, Denisons, Miners, and Chesebroughs.

Tim was also a 32nd Degree Mason following in the footsteps of his great-grandfather, Carlos Ricker, a 33rd Degree Mason. He was honored to share this experience with his father and brother, also Masons. Tim was a member and officer of Coastal Lodge 57 and the Norwich Valley of the Scottish Rite. He loved the Masonic Institution, all that it stands for, and lived by the teachings of the fraternity in all his dealings with mankind. He loved and respected his brothers and always appreciated the support, guidance, and mentoring he received over the years.

Tim was predeceased by his grandparents, Joseph D. Devine II, Joyce Ricker Lyons, and Roger and Simone Charbin.

He also leaves his sister, Erin, and his brother, Michael Shane, whom he loved with all his heart, and their spouses, David Cronin and Noel Devine; nephews and niece Jaden, Jonah, Jesse, and Jude; his great-aunt, Elizabeth Colson; his aunts and uncles, Joseph D. Devine III and Kathleen Palm, Susan Bailey, Duncan Bailey, Carianne and John Dodson, Genevieve Cerf, Colette and Jean-Maximilien d'Aubarede, Sylvie Charbin and Alan Cappe Jacques and Donna Charbin, Laurence Charbin; and many cousins and their children.

The wake will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday, July 30, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, 51 Williams Ave., Mystic. The burial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 31, at Stonington Cemetery, 945 N. Main St., Stonington. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Aug. 11, at North Stonington Bible Church, 100 Jeremy Hill Road, North Stonington. It will be followed by a reception in the church hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Wounded Warriors Project (www.woundedwarriorsproject.org) or the North Stonington Bible Church Building Fund.

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Henry Clark Dewey

Henry Dewey, age 60, of Deans Mill Road, Stonington, was found dead in the kitchen of his house yesterday, a victim of the recent extreme cold.

Dr. Boris Pukay, called in to examine Mr. Dewey, said that he had died of hypothermia, or heat loss. Mr. Dewey, who lived alone, had heated his house with a wood cook stove, Pukay said, adding that he had been dead for about a day when he was found.

A neighbor phoned police yesterday shortly after noon, asking them to check on Mr. Dewey since he had not been seen lately. Police walked in through the unlocked front door and found him on the kitchen floor.

Over the years Mr. Dewey had been a familiar sight to many area residents, riding his bicycle to and from Stonington village.

He built his house the year he retired from the American Velvet Mill in the village, 1949, and it still eléctricity. He had no telephone, central heating, refrigerator or hot water, and a one-speed bicycle was his transportation.

He earned many admirers and some media attention for his self-sufficient ways and spartan lifestyle.

He obtained his wood for heating and cooking from a 30-acre woodlot nearby his home.

He was born in July 22, 1900, a son of the late Nelson and Anne (Wheeler) Dewey. The family moved to Stonington when he was eight years old.

He worked for 30 years as a shearer at American Velvet until his retirement.

He was a member of the United Church of Stonington.

He is survived by his sister, Miss Mildred Dewey of Rockport, Mass., and a nephew.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. There are no calling hours. Shea-Williams Funeral Home, 19 East Main St., Mystic, in charge of arrangements.

DEWEY — in Stonington, Conn. Jan. 12, Henry Clark Dewey, age 80, of Deans Mill Road, Stonington, A memorial service will be held at a later date. There are no calling hours. Contributions may be made in his home, two of Stonington. Shea-Williams and Diane Murphy, 19 East Main St., Mystic, in charge of arrangements.

Alexandra Meryl Corin, of Groton and Alaxoff, of London, England, were by his side. The late Milka.
Obituaries

Henry C. Dewey, 80; Dies of Hypothermia

STONINGTON — Henry Clark Dewey survived the last 31 winters in his small home without electricity, central heating or hot water. The winter of 1981, however, proved too severe. Stonington police found the body of the 80-year-old man this week. Mr. Dewey had died of hypothermia — he had frozen to death.

Mr. Dewey, his old-fashioned bicycle and home on Dean's Mill Road were well-known to townspeople. He was a loner who lived a simple life, living without the amenities most people take for granted. In the end, that refusal to make accommodations for what people called "progress" apparently have cost him his life.

Medical Examiner Dr. Boris Pukay, of Stonington, said Mr. Dewey died from the cold. His home was heated this winter, as in winters past, by wood burned in a small coal stove. This winter, with the deep Arctic cold, the stove could not provide the heat Mr. Dewey needed to stay alive.

Mr. Dewey came to Stonington in 1908 with his parents, when he was eight years old. He worked in the American Velvet Mill for 30 years before retiring in 1948. The year after he retired he built the Dean's Mill Road home, "all but the windows, the doors and the chimney," Mr. Dewey recalled in an interview 14 months ago.

He built his house without utilities, he said, so "nothing would get out of order, no electricity to go off, no phone to break. One person living alone doesn't need all that."

His transportation was his bicycle, which he would ride to the market for his weekly groceries, which consisted of candles, canned foods, cold cereal, milk, margarine and bananas. He cooked johnnie cakes, potatoes, onions and baked beans on his wood-burning coal stove.

Mr. Dewey suffered from arthritis and in recent years he found it more and more difficult to gather the wood he needed for cooking and heat. He would gather the wood from a neighbor's wood lot, from which he had permission to remove all the dead wood.

His woodshed was usually stocked floor-to-ceiling with neatly cut logs and kindling. His arthritis prevented him from handling an ax as he once did, so he cut his winter fuel with a bucksaw.

That was how Mr. Dewey lived, up to sometime in the past few days. A neighbor, alarmed that Dewey had not been seen in several days, notified the police.

Tuesday afternoon the police found Mr. Dewey's body, on the floor in front of the stove which had warmed him during 31 winters.

Henry Dewey

STONINGTON — A memorial service will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the First Congregational Church (Road Church) for Henry Clark Dewey, 80, of Dean's Mill Road.

Mr. Dewey died last Jan. 12 at his home.

Interment will be in Hillard Cemetery. The Shea-Williams Funeral Home, Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.

Donations may be made in his memory to Road Church Reconstruction Fund, Pequot Trail, Stonington, 06378.

DEWEY — in Stonington, Conn. Jan. 12, Henry Clark Dewey, age 80, of Dean's Mill Road, Stonington.

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Memorial services will be held at the First Congregational Church, Road Church Stonington on Sunday, June 7 at 2:30 p.m. Internment will be made in Hillard Cemetery, Stonington. Kindly omit flowers. Contributions may be made in his memory to the Road Church Reconstruction Fund, Pequot Trail, Stonington, 06378.
Mary Dewire

Pawcatuck — Mary Jean (Williams) Dewire, 61, of Pawcatuck, beloved wife of Robert C. Dewire, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2008, at home after a courageous battle with ALS.

Born on Feb. 11, 1947, in Montague, Mass., she was the daughter of Lyle F. and Mary G. (Aumand) Williams of Greenfield, Mass., and lived in Pawcatuck since 1976.

She was employed with the former Quimper Palence Co. in Stonington for 20 years as a wholesale manager.

Mary Jean was a parishioner of St. Mary Church Stonington.

She loved gardening and hiking, but most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family, especially with her four grandchildren. She will be deeply missed.

Besides her husband and parents, she leaves her four children, Kristen Merritt and her husband, Scott, of Hope Valley, R.I., Michael Dewire of Waterford, Susan Chester and her husband, David, of Ashaway, R.I., and Maureen Dewire of Wilmington, N.C.; a sister, Kathy Wallace and her husband, Jeff, of Greenfield, Mass.; two brothers, James Williams and his wife, Bette Anne, of Vernon and John Williams and his wife, Caroline, of Phillipston, Mass.; four beloved grandchildren, Joshua and Kyle Merritt, and Kristopher and Katrina Chester; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2008, at St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial will be private.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The ALS Foundation, 4 Oxford Rd., Unit D, Milford, CT 06460, www.alsact.org or 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 and directions.
Obituaries

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She was employed with the former Quimper Sanitarium in Stonington for 20 years as a registered nurse.

Mary Jean was a parishioner of St. Mary Church, Stonington. She loved gardening and hiking, but most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family, especially with her four grandchildren.

She will be deeply missed. Besides her husband and parents, she leaves her four children, Kristen Merritt and her husband, Scott, of Hope Valley, Michael Dewire of Waterford, Susan Chester and her husband, David, of Ashaway, and Maureen Dewire of Wilmington, N.C.; a sister, Kathy Wallace and her husband, Jeff, of Greenfield, Mass.; two brothers, James Williams and his wife, Bette Anne, of Vernon, Conn., and John Williams and his wife, Caroline, of Phillipston, Mass.; four beloved grandchildren, Joshua and Kyle Merritt, and Kristopher and Katrina Chester; and several nieces and nephews.

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In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The ALS Foundation, 4 Oxford Road, Unit D1, Milford, CT 06460 (www.alsact.org) or to Hospice of SECT, 227 Dumah St., Norwich, CT 06360. The family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for the online guest book and directions.
Edmond Diamantini

Mystic — Edmond Diamantini, 93, of Jerry Browne Road, died Monday, Dec. 10, 2018, at home with his family at his side.

Born in 1925, in New London, the son of Edmond and Venus (Patarga) Diamantini, he grew up and lived most of his working life in New London. He attended Chapman Technical High School and earned an associate’s degree in liberal arts at Mitchell College. He served in the Navy during World War II as an electrician’s mate 3rd class aboard the submarine USS Tigrone, participating in the patrol that rescued a record number of 29 downed flyers. He was a member of the U.S. Navy force which occupied the Japanese base in Yokosuka, Japan, and was in Tokyo Bay during the Japanese surrender ceremony September 1945. He returned home to work as a carpenter with Union Local 24/30. He moved to Niantic in 2002 and Mystic in 2014. He was a lifelong member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America Local 326 and its Retirees Club 96, the Elks New London Lodge 360, the Veterans of Foreign War, the American Legion Post 126 and was an Honored Holland Club member of the Submarine Veterans commemorating his 50 years as a SUBVET.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 52 years, Avis (Hutchings) Diamantini; and his brother, Richard.

Surviving are his son, Thomas Diamantini and wife, Celeste, of Portsmouth, R.I.; two grandchildren, Mark Diamantini of North Dighton, Mass., and Stacy Begin and husband, Jeffrey, of Hollis, N.H.; his beloved great-granddaughter, Molly; his dear friend, Mrs. Eleanor Richardson; several cousins, and many, many friends.

The family will receive relatives and friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at the Thomas L. Neillan & Sons Funeral Home, 12 Ocean Ave., New London. A Mass of Christian faith will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 14, at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, 10 Huntington St., New London, with burial at St. Mary’s Cemetery, 600 Jefferson Ave., New London.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Ed’s favorite charity, the U.S. Navy Memorial, 701 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20004-2603, www.navymemorial.org.

Arrangements are by Thomas L. Neillan & Sons Funeral Home.

For directions or to send an online condolence, please visit www.neillanfuneralhome.com.
Dominic Diangi Sr.

Stonington — Dominic A. Diangi Sr., 93, of Stillman Avenue, Pawcatuck, husband of the late Josephine (Brevacqua) Diangi, passed away on Tuesday, July 22, 2014, at his home surrounded by his family.

A lifelong resident of Pawcatuck, he was a son of the late Nicola and Nicoletta Diangi. Dominic was a supervisor at the George C. Moore Co. for 49 years until his retirement in June of 1989. He was formerly employed at Hamilton Standard Propeller and Trinacria Specialty Textile Co.

A communicant of St. Michael Church, Dominic was also a member of both the Maria Assunta Society and the Pawcatuck Italo American Club.

Surviving are his two children, Dominic Diangi and his wife, Donna Maynard, of Norwich and Donna Allyn and her husband, David, of Jensen Beach, Fla. In addition, he will be dearly missed by his grandchildren, Lauren Jo and Irv Allyn and Brittany and Jordan Maynard; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Dominic was predeceased by four siblings, Paul DiAngi, Rose Sauls, Josephine Panciera and Katherine Gulino.

Visiting hours will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Relatives and friends are also invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Mary's Church, 35 Main St., Stonington. There will be no procession to the church from the funeral home. Interment will follow at St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to either Center for Hospice Care Southeastern Connecticut or St. Michael's Building Fund in Dominic's memory.

For online condolences please visit www.gaffney-dolanfuneralhome.com.
Howard Dibble Jr.

Stonington — Howard A. Dibble Jr., 80, of Largo, Fla., formerly of Stonington, died Aug. 2 at his home in Largo.

A native of West Hartford, Mr. Dibble was a mechanical designer and held several patents throughout his career.

He moved to Stonington in 1957 and worked at Electric Boat. He remained in the area until his retirement in 1962.

Mr. Dibble served in the Army during World War II and later as a captain in the Connecticut National Guard.

He is survived by two daughters, Elizabeth A. Gabere of Brocksville, Fla., and Pamela M. Baron of Charleston, S.C.; two sons, Howard A. Dibble III of Spring Hill, Fla., and Peter N. Dibble of Mystic; a brother, Richard S. Dibble of Coventry; a sister, Amy Cooke of Rocky Hill; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Burial was in the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Fla. Rhodes Funeral Directors in Clearwater, Fla., was in charge of arrangements.

Donations in his memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 5 Brookside Drive, Wallingford.
Claire B. (Papineau) DiCesare

Claire B. (Papineau) DiCesare, 77, of Mistuxet Avenue, Mystic, died July 3, 2009 in the Lawrence and Memorial Hospital, New London, CT.

Born in Providence, R.I., she was a daughter of the late George L. and Martha (Hutchison) Papineau.

Claire enjoyed painting, especially with oils. She liked to garden and loved to host family gatherings.

Surviving, she leaves a son, Louis DiCesare II and his wife Cindy of Stonington, and their children, Patrick, Kelsey, Rachel and Sean; and three daughters, Michelle DiCesare of Mystic, Celeste DiCesare of Stonington, and her children Nathaniel and Emily, and Jennifer Barrett and her husband Tim of Newfield, Maine, and their children Melissa and Megan. She also leaves a sister, Joanne Carpenter of Foster, R.I.

She was predeceased by one brother, Donald Papineau.

Calling hours are omitted. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral service which will be held Tuesday at noon in the Geffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, R.I. Burial will be private.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations in her memory be made to Memorial and Honor Program, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942.
Stonington — Louis DiCesare, 88, of Stonington, passed away peacefully in his sleep Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017, at Pendleton, where he had been a recent resident.

Born in Pawcatuck, he attended local schools and was the son of the late John and Rocca (Nocita) DiCesare and was a lifelong resident of Stonington.

Louis was a civil engineer and land surveyor owning and operating DiCesare-Bentley Engineers in Groton, up until his retirement in 1986.

He was an Army veteran, having been part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during the Korean War.

Louis is survived by his four children, Michelle DiCesare of Mystic, Louis DiCesare II and his wife, Cynthia, of Stonington, Celeste DiCesare of Pawcatuck and Jennifer Barrett and her husband, Timothy, of Kennebunkport, Maine; two sisters, Anita Terranova of Port Orange, Fla., and Lydia Webb and her husband, Thomas, of Rochester, N.H.; two brothers, Edward DiCesare and his wife, Barbara, of Pawcatuck and John DiCesare of Port Orange, Fla.; eight grandchildren, Melissa Ely, Megan Barrett, Nathaniel and Emily Pinko and Patrick, Kelsey, Rachel and Sean DiCesare; and a great-grandson, Ethan Pinko. He was predeceased by two sisters, Anna Maria Ryskiwich and Dora Hill.

Services and burial will be private.
Rocca DiCesare

Pawcatuck — Rocca Norcia DiCesare, 92, of 4 Johnson St., died Thursday at The Westerly Hospi-
tal.

She was born on June 7, 1906, in Naples, Italy, the daughter of Si-
mona and Antoinette Mambro Nor-
cia.

Mrs. DiCesare was a member of
the Westerly Bible Student Ec-
elsia.

She is survived by three sons:
Louis DiCesare of Stonington, Ed-
ward DiCesare of Pawcatuck and
John DiCesare Jr. of Port Orange,
Fla.; four daughters, Annamaria
Ryskiewich and Dora Hill, both of
Pawcatuck, Anita Terranova of Mia-
mi, Fla., and Lydia Webb of Brent-
wood, Tenn.; three brothers, Henry,
Michael and Albert Norcia; two sis-
ters, Hilda Ballestracci and Lillian
Fiorello, both of Pawcatuck; 11
grandchildren; and eight great-
grandchildren.

She was preceded by a brother,
Ernest Norcia.

The funeral service will be 10 a.m.
Saturday in the Gaffney-Dolan Fu-
neral Home, 69 Spruce St., Westerly.
Burial will be in River Bend Ceme-
tery.

There are no calling hours.
Mystic — Charles Herbert Dick, 92, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017, at Avalon Health Center in Mystic.

Born in Washington, D.C., on June 3, 1925, he was the son of Ella Frances (Botzon) and John Herbert Dick, becoming a third generation Washingtonian.

He graduated from McKinley High School in Washington, D.C., and immediately enlisted in the Army Air Corps, where he served during World War II as a bombardier-navigator. After his discharge, he earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Maryland and a master’s degree in education from George Washington University.

Charles then embarked on a distinguished 38-year career in federal government service, beginning with the Department of the Army. He was selected for service with the National Security Agency and then the Department of the Navy where he became an expert on personnel management.

In his boyhood, he was an active member of his neighborhood Boy Scout troop, spending many vacations with the troop at Graves Mountain Lodge in Syria, Va. Charles was an active member of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Arlington, Va., for many years. During summers, he was active with the St. George Episcopal Chapel in Tenants Harbor, Maine, where he served as the chapel treasurer for 18 years.

Charles, also known as Buddy, grew up near the railroad lines in NE Washington, D.C., and developed a lifelong love of trains, maps and travel. He spent much of his leisure time reading, a passion he passed on to his children and grandchildren, whose activities he followed with great interest.

Charles was devoted to his beloved wife of 69 years, Jean Frances Root, his family and many friends.

He is survived by his wife and children, John of Arlington, Va. and Annapolis, Md. and Jennifer and her husband, James O’Donnell, of Noank, and seven grandchildren, Mhari, Jemma, Shane, Connor and Aine O’Donnell, and Gregory and Evan Dick.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, at Noank Baptist Church in Noank, and later at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Arlington, Va. in January 2018.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6201 Washington Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22205 or to a charity of your choice.
Anne Dickinson

Mystic — Anne (Ellsworth) Dickinson of Mystic died Friday, Dec. 13, 2013, at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital in New London, after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, Monroe Miller Dickinson.

A Service of Celebration for Anne will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014, in the auditorium at StoneRidge, 186 Jerry Browne Road, Mystic. A memorial reception will immediately follow. Burial will be private for the family in St. Mark’s Episcopal Church Memorial Garden.

A memorial service will also be scheduled for a later date at St. Ann’s-By-The-Sea Church on Block Island.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations in Anne’s memory for the upkeep and enhancement of St. Mark’s Memorial Garden, where Anne will be laid to rest.

The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is assisting the family.
Roger Dickinson

Stonington — Roger Henry
Dickinson passed away Satur-
day, Nov. 22, 2008.

Skip was born in Hartford
on June 7, 1925, to Mary
Honiss and Roger Henry
Dickinson. He attended King-
swood School in West Har-
ford and graduated from Taft
School and Dartmouth Col-
lege, where he was a member
of the varsity lacrosse team.

After college he spent a
season in Aspen, Colo., ski-
bumming before returning to
Hartford to begin a career in
advertising. He started out
as a copywriter at Baker Ad-
vertising. During his years in
Hartford he was a member of
the University Glee Club.

In 1969 he moved to Suff-
field to work at Remington
Advertising in Springfield,
Mass., eventually retiring
as president of the firm. He
then spent several more
years as a free-lance copy-
writer from his home in Suff-
field before retiring com-
pletely and moving to Stonington
in 1980.

Growing up, he spent
summers at the Connecticut
shore, sailing and racing a
Zip and later a Loders 16 in
Niantic Bay. He continued
his love of sailing and racing
with friends on larger boats,
including 40 years of Off
Soundings races, two Ber-
muda Races, and a trip from
Iceland to Jamestown, R.I.
He also sailed extensively in
the Caribbean.

His love of boating led him
to Mystic Seaport, where for
many years he was a member
of the Pilots, a special mem-
ers' group that performs
work projects for the muse-
um. He also volunteered with
the museum's collections
specialists and spent many
hours at the museum's boat-
house, helping visitors to use
the rowboats and sailboats
there.

He leaves his wife, Cornelia
Wilde Dickinson, three chil-
ren and their spouses, Amy
and Andy German, Sam and
Sally Dickinson, Roger and
Laurie Dickinson, and their
children, Caroline, Martha,
Mary and Kemy as well as
several nieces and nephews.
He also leaves his sister,
Marilyn Granity of Hatchets
Point, East Lyme, and her
children.

Skip had a great love for
his family, Dartmouth, skiing,
sailboats and dogs.

Memorial contributions to
the Connecticut State Library
for the Blind, 198 West St.,
Rocky Hill, CT 06067 would
be appreciated.
Ernest Dickson, 91, of Westerly, died Tues., Aug. 31, 2010, in The Westerly Hospital. He was the widower of the late Marian K. (Kepley) Dickson.
He was born April 13, 1919, on Mason's Island in Mystic, son of the late Arthur and Rosetta (Brooks) Dickson.
He graduated from Stonington High School in 1938. He received his B.S. in education from Willimantic State Teachers College in 1948; his master's degree from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1950; and a degree in administration from UConn in 1967.
Mr. Dickson taught for two years in Tolland, Conn. He became principal of Lincoln School in Burlington, Iowa, for two years; and then took the principal position at West Broad Street School in Pawcatuck for 10 years. He then served as principal at The Broadway School in Mystic, for 15 years. He finished the last six years of his career as principal of West Vine Street School in Pawcatuck before retiring in June 1983.
Ernest was a World War II veteran. He entered the U.S. Navy in 1943, serving as a medical corpsman, in the South Pacific aboard an attack transport and participated during the invasions of Luzon, Philippines and Okinawa, Japan.
Mr. Dickson was a communicant of Christ Episcopal Church in Westerly, a member of the Elks Club; the Masonic Lodge; CEA member; and former member of the Surfside 8 Square Dance Club.
Survivors include his daughter, Deborah Tewlow Brown, her husband Adam Brown and her children Rachel Fallon and Joshua Fallon; a great-granddaughter, Arianne Fallon; his son, Ronald Dickson, his wife Jeanne and their children Heather Townsend and her husband Trey, Cameron Dickson and great-granddaughter, Adeline Townsend.
In addition to his wife, he was predeceased by sisters, Helen Risch and Almeda Dickson; and three brothers, Elvin, Wallace and Richard Dickson.
Calling hours will be held Friday, Sept. 3, 2010, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the graveside funeral service to be held Saturday, Sept. 4, 2010, at 10 a.m., in Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic. For online condolences, go to www.gaffney-dolansfuneralhome.com.
Family requests that donations in memory of Ernest Dickson be made to Apple Rehab of Watch Hill, 79 Watch Hill Road, Westerly, RI 02891.
Theresa Dickson

Pawcatuck — Theresa M. (McKone) Dickson, 80, formerly of Brookside Lane, Pawcatuck, died on Aug. 28, 2009, at Mary Elizabeth Nursing Home, Mystic. She was the widow of Wallace C. Dickson.

Born in New London, she was a daughter of the late Luke and Marguerite (Reed) McKone.

Mrs. Dickson had been employed as a certified nursing assistant at Mystic Manor until retiring in the early 1980s. She was a former communicant of St. Patrick's Church, Mystic.

She leaves a son, Daniel W. Dickson of Charlestown, R.I.; a daughter, Kathleen A. Dickson and her husband, Edward Dickson Jr., of Pawcatuck; a sister, Anne Greenman of Mystic; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a brother.

Calling hours are omitted.
A private graveside service will be held at Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic, at the convenience of the family.

Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, is in charge of the arrangements.

Obituaries are accepted from funeral directors. The Day assumes no responsibility for incorrect or inaccurate information. The Day reserves the right to revise, edit or reject information proven to be false or misleading. The Day assumes no financial responsibility for non-publication or for typographical errors, but will reprint that part of an ad in which an error occurs if it seriously alters the meaning or effect of the ad.
Guido DiColla

Guido DiColla, 68, of 53 Rhonda Drive, Mystic, died Sunday at the Submarine Base Naval Hospital.

The husband of Natalina (Bologneses) DiColla, he was born in Philadelphia, Penn., a son of Pasquale and Chiara (Zenoble) DiColla.

Mr. DiColla served in the U.S. Navy for more than 20 years before he retired in 1959. He was assigned to the submarines Blue Gill, Sero, and Greenling during World War II.

After retiring from the Navy he worked as an ordnance inspector in the weapons department at the Submarine Base, retiring in 1978.

Mr. DiColla belonged to the Branch 237, Fleet Reserve Association in Niantic. He was a life member of the Kari-Hill Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and belonged to the Submarine Veterans of World War II in Groton, the Groton Lodge of Elks, Groton Country Club and...
James Diem

Stonington — James B. Diem, 56, passed away Friday, Sept. 28, 2018, after a long brave battle with prostate cancer. Services and burial will be private. There are no calling hours.
Paul F. DiGangi

Paul F. DiGangi of Stillman Avenue, Pawcatuck, and beloved husband for 62 years of Louise (Martella) DiGangi, died Friday, March 2, 2007 at The Westerly Hospital surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Westerly, he was the son of the late Frank and Josephine DiGangi.

Paul had been employed as an inspector at George C. Moore Co. in Westerly for more than 45 years.

A communicant of St. Michael Church in Pawcatuck, he also loved sports, especially the Red Sox.

An army veteran of WWII, Mr. DiGangi was awarded several commendations including The Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, The European African Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Ribbon, The American Defense Service Medal, The Asiatic Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon, as well as The American Theater Campaign Ribbon.

In addition to his loving wife he leaves one son and his wife, Paul D. DiGangi and his wife Maret and one granddaughter, Leanne Theodore and her husband Kristian, all of Pawcatuck.

He was also predeceased by two sisters.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in St. Michael Church, Liberty Street, Pawcatuck, Monday at 10 a.m.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Burial will follow in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.

There will be no visiting hours.

Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, is in charge of the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers family requests that contributions be made to Home and Hospice Care of Rhode Island, 169 George St., Pawtucket 02860-9924 in Paul's memory.
Anna Di Garbo

Pawcatuck - Anna (Cordone) Di Garbo, 85, of Pawcatuck, beloved wife to Giuseppe Di Garbo, died on Tuesday, April 18, 2017. They would have celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on April 26.

Born in Castelbuono, a town in the province of Palermo, Sicily, she was the daughter of the late Vincenzo and Providenze (Rustici) Cordone. Throughout her childhood, Anna would spend time in the countryside (Campagna) with her parents, brothers, relatives, and friends to celebrate life events, while creating memories she shared with others. She learned unique trades and crafts that she later taught others she encountered.

As a young girl, Anna corresponded with her family living in the United States, which led her to the desire to meet her first cousins. Before moving to the United States, Anna married her lifetime companion and began raising her family. She worked at Connecticut Casting Company in Pawcatuck until her retirement in 1994. She loved embroidering, crocheting and knitting special detailed gifts. Anna often traveled home to Sicily to vacation, to enjoy her home and to spend time with family and friends. Anna welcomed everyone into her home. Anna treasured and adored her children, grandchildren, family and friends who will all miss her deeply.

In addition to her husband, she leaves three children, Anna Di Garbo of Pawcatuck, Prudence (Di Garbo) Ciardullo of Stonington and Joseph Di Garbo and his wife, Kathyn, of Ledyard; a brother, Mariano Cordone and his wife, Giovanna, of Pawcatuck; and three grandchildren, Aaron Ciardullo, Meina and Eva Di Garbo; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by a brother, Pasqualino Cordone and his wife, Anna.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 22, at St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial will immediately follow at St. Michael Cemetery in Pawcatuck. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to St. Michael Church, 80 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379.

Funeral Home
Mystic Funeral Home - Mystic
Route 1 51 Williams Ave. Mystic, CT 06355
(860) 536-2888

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Anna DiMaggio

Stonington — Anna M. DiMaggio, 86, of Sisk Drive, Pawcatuck, passed away on Tuesday morning, Aug. 26, 2014, at her home.

Anna, best known as “Sisi Annie,” was born in Pawcatuck on Jan. 7, 1928, the daughter of the late Biagio and Maria (Adamo) DiMaggio. She was an inspector at Quality Coil in Pawcatuck for 15 years and also at George C. Moore Co., in Westerly for 35 years.

She was past president of the Pawcatuck VFW Ladies Auxiliary No. 1265 as well as past president of the district and county VFW. She was past president of the Italian-American Club of Pawcatuck and a member of the Lions Club. She was a parishioner of St. Michael’s Church. Sisi Annie was a second mother to all. She was the happiest when she was with all of her nieces and nephews, being a part of their lives. She will be remembered forever.

Anna was predeceased by her brothers, Pasquale and Antonio; and her sisters, Rose Staplin and Sandi Planchon.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 29, 2014, at St. Mary’s Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial will take place at St. Michael’s Cemetery, Pawcatuck. Calling hours will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday at Rushlow-Iaco Funeral Home & Crematory, 64 Friendship St., Westerly.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, PO Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312, or the National Kidney Foundation, Finance Department, 30 East 33rd St., New York, NY 10016.

For online condolences,
Barbara DiMaggio

North Stonington — Barbara A. (Kelly) DiMaggio, 78, of North Stonington, passed away Friday, Jan. 10, 2014.

Born in New London, she was the daughter of the late Leo and Frances (McGuire) Kelly and lived in North Stonington for the past 12 years, previously residing in Pawcatuck for most of her life.

Barbara was employed with Electric Boat for 30 years. Following her retirement from EB, she worked part-time for several years with the Dr. David J. Siciliano Chiropractic office in Westerly. She enjoyed her job very much, interacting with the patients and working for Dr. Siciliano.

She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also had lots of laughs and good times when she was with her sister, Pat.

Barbara is survived by her four children, James Iviento of Groton, Donna Bonelli and her husband, Joseph, of Ledyard, Rick Iviento of North Stonington, and Julie Iviento of Stonington; siblings, Patricia Dupont of Waterford, Frances Paoloni of Wakefield, R.I., Leo Kelly Jr. of New London, and Nancy Henkle of Florida; six beloved grandchildren, Jade Bonelli, Meagan Castagna, Kyle, Bryn, Noelle, and Nolan Hickey; three great-grandchildren, Nathan and Alex Castagna and Jahlee Whyte; and her childhood best friend, Joan Boiselle of Waterford.

She was predeceased by a daughter, Carol Lynne Iviento.

The family would like to thank the staff at Groton Regency for the care and comfort given to Barbara during her short time there as a resident, especially Laura, Drew, Sue, Patti, Danela, Dan, Miriam, and Gail, along with others who contributed as well. The level of care Barbara received from these incredible people was above and beyond, with so much compassion and patience.

Her family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, 51 Williams Ave., Mystic, followed by a service at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be private for the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, (www.stjude.org).
Obituaries

John P. DiMaggio

John P. DiMaggio, 47, of Moss Street, Pawcatuck, died on Saturday morning, May 19, 2007 at his home.

He leaves his wife, Cheryl L. (Arruda) DiMaggio of Pawcatuck, his son, James Anderson of Hope Valley, his daughter and son-in-law, Jessica and George Rogers of Pawcatuck, his mother, Glennis DiMaggio of Westerly, his grandson, Zachary Rogers of Pawcatuck, two brothers, Brian and Peter DiMaggio of Westerly and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. DiMaggio was born in Westerly on December 11, 1959, the son of the late Pasquale DiMaggio and Glennis (Geyer) DiMaggio of Westerly. John worked at the transfer station for many years for the Town of Stonington. He was a member of the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society of Stonington and loved golfing and bowling.

Funeral services will take place on Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at 11 a.m. at Rushlow-Lacoi Funeral Home, 64 Friendship St., Westerly.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in John's name can be made to the Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, 175 Gallivan Lane, Uncasville, CT 06382.

John DiMaggio

Pawcatuck — John P. DiMaggio, 47, of Moss Street, Pawcatuck, died on Saturday morning, May 19, 2007, at his home.

Mr. DiMaggio was born on Dec 11, 1959, in Westerly, the son of Pasquale DiMaggio and Glennis (Geyer) DiMaggio of Westerly.

John worked at the transfer station for many years for the town of Stonington. He was a member of the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society of Stonington and loved golfing and bowling.

He leaves his wife, Cheryl L. (Arruda) DiMaggio of Pawcatuck; his son, James Anderson of Hope Valley; his daughter and son-in-law, Jessica and George Rogers of Pawcatuck; his mother, Glennis DiMaggio of Westerly; his grandson, Zachary Rogers of Pawcatuck; two brothers, Brian and Peter DiMaggio of Westerly; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at Rushlow-Lacoi Funeral Home, 64 Friendship St., Westerly.

Burial will take place at River Bend Cemetery, Westerly. Calling hours will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in John's name can be made to the Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, 175 Gallivan Lane, Uncasville, CT 06382.
Rowena DiMartino

Mystic — Rowena J. Panciera DiMartino, 95, of Mystic, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018. She was the wife of the late Marco J. DiMartino.

Rowena was born July 7, 1922, daughter of the late Santina and John B. Panciera. Rowena was a lifetime resident at 12 Ivy Road, Mystic. She was also predeceased by her brothers, Arthur, Ernest, Matthew and Raymond Panciera.

Rowena graduated from Broadway Elementary School and Stonington High School. She was also a graduate of the Joseph Lawrence School of Nursing as a registered nurse. For over 40 years, she was the office nurse for Dr. Kathryn Verle Pugh of New London. She was an active member of the Joseph Lawrence School of Nursing Alum Association.

Rowena was an avid gardener and enjoyed the pleasure of cooking from the many of recipes she accumulated through the years. Her family was most important to her and she enjoyed entertaining both family and friends at her home.

She is survived by her children, Mark and his wife, Sally DiMartino, of Somerville, Mass.; Susan and her husband, Matthew Dowling, of Noank, and Eric DiMartino and wife, Erin Eberhardt, of West Haven; and grandchildren, Austin, Michael and Haley.

She was also aunt to Eleanor Panciera Hohenthal, Sandra Panciera Jimenez, Kenneth, Raymond and John Panciera. Her nephews, Arthur Franklin Panciera, Robert Ernest Panciera and niece, Joyce Panciera Fippo, predeceased her.

In recent years she was a resident of Fairview Odd Fellows Home in Groton, where she received loving care of dedicated staff members. There will be no calling hours and a private family graveside service will be held at the Elm Grove Cemetery in Mystic. A gathering for family and friends will be planned for this spring when we can come together to celebrate Rowena's life.

The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is assisting the family.
Leverett Dimmock

Leverett Dimmock, 72, of 4 Naomi Drive, Ledyard, formerly of Stonington, died Friday at the Navy Submarine Base Medical Center in Groton.

Mr. Dimmock was a former superintendent of the Stonington Cemetery before his retirement in 1973.

He was a member of the Pioneer Hook & Ladder Co. of Stonington, the Stonington Ambulance Service, the New London County Fire Chiefs Association, the Tuckerburg Club of Ledyard and the Ledyard Senior Citizens.

Born in Waterford Oct. 4, 1910, he was the son of the late Fred and Ruth (Tubbs) Dimmock.

Surviving are a daughter, Wanda Vine of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; a brother, Charles Dimmock of Salem; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The funeral service will be held Monday afternoon in Mystic and interment will be in Stonington Cemetery.
Richard Dimock

Stonington, February 20th, 1938

Richard Sylvia Dimock, 86, formerly of Stonington, died Tuesday at the Watch Hill Manor, Westerly, after a long illness.

Mr. Dimock was born on Aug. 18, 1918, in Stonington, the son of Richard O. and Helana Sylvia Dimock.

He was the husband of the late Georgiana Beauregard Dimock.

Mr. Dimock attended the former Stonington Borough School and Stonington High School. He earned an engineering degree from the University of Rhode Island.

He was employed at the former Alwood Machine Company Stonington, and later worked as a senior piping designer at Electric Boat, Groton.

Mr. Dimock was an avid reader and gardener. He was a communicant of St. Mary Church, Stonington, a member of the church choir, and a member of the Nineteenth Century No. 43, Knights of Columbus. He also served on the Stonington Board of Education.

Mr. Dimock is survived by two sons, the Rev. Giles Dimock of Steubenville, Ohio, and Robert Dimock of Pawcatuck; two daughters, Georgia Dimock and Barbara Belle, both of Pawcatuck; two sisters, Dorothy Riley of Mystic and Sylvia Beuern of Sacramento, Calif.; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Church, Stonington. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery. Calling hours are 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of Angels, c/o Father Conrad Osterkorn, 420 E. 158th St., Bronx, N.Y. 10458.
Gloria Dinan

Mystic — Gloria (Baker) Dinan of Mystic died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004, shortly before her 86th birthday.

She was the wife of the late William J. "Bill" Dinan and a resident of the area since her retirement in 1976.

She is survived by her nephews, Thomas A. Klein of Tallahassee, Fla., and Christopher J. Klein of Miami, Fla.; a grand-nephew and four grand-nieces, all from Florida.

Gloria's family and friends will celebrate her life and passing at a memorial service to be held at the Road Church, Pequot Trail, beginning at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2004. Private burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic. There are no calling hours.

Gifts in memory of Mrs. Dinan may be made to the Mystic Women's Club and Thrift Shop, 163 South Broad Street, Stonington CT 06378.

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

For obituary information or to send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
PAWCATUCK — Angelo Thomas Dinoto, 76, of Stillman Avenue died last week at his home after a seven-month illness.

Mr. Dinoto, a native and lifelong resident of Pawcatuck, was born Nov. 11, 1917, the oldest of six children of Antonio and Annunziata LoCascio Dinoto, immigrants from Sicily.

He grew up in Pawcatuck's Downerville section and graduated from Stonington High School with the class of 1935. He attended many of the class's reunions.

He enlisted in the Army just before the outbreak of World War II. During five years of active duty, he saw service with the 518th Military Police with the U.S. 1st Army in France during the D-Day invasion of Normandy. He also served in Belgium and Germany.

Following his military service, he was appointed deputy sheriff of New London County, a post he held for several years.

He married the former Mary Irene Ledwith at St. Michael's Church in Pawcatuck on June 26, 1948.

Before his retirement on Jan. 15, 1983, Mr. Dinoto was employed at Posi-Seal International in Pawcatuck as a quality control inspector. He also was employed as a nuclear control analyst at Electric Boat's Midway depot in Groton and was an inspector for the former Plax Co. in Stonington Borough.

During his retirement years from 1983 until his illness, he was an assistant at the Dinoto Funeral Home in Mystic.

Long associated with the Pawcatuck Fire Department as a volunteer fireman and driver, he also was a company captain and was recognized by the department for 25 years of service in 1982. He was a member and past recording secretary of the Pawcatuck Italo-American Club. He was an avid bowler and competed in the Westerly Ten Pin League on several championship teams and was a member of "250 Club."

Mr. Dinoto also enjoyed golf and played in the Posi-Seal League at Meadowbrook Country Club for many years. He was a communicant of St. Michael's Church and a member of the Holy Name Society of the church. He was a former member of the Eastland Greenwood Post, American Legion and the Harley P. Chase Post, VFW.

Mr. Dinoto was devoted to his family and more recently his five grandchildren. He enjoyed cooking for family gatherings and was especially known for his special pizza. He also enjoyed salt water fishing, surf casting at East Beach in Westerly.

In addition to his wife and grandchildren, Mr. Dinoto is survived by three sons, James C. Dinoto of Stonington, Anthony C. Dinoto of Ledyard and Angelo F. Dinoto of Brussels, Belgium; one daughter, Nancy M. Peterle of Stonington; two sisters, Mary T. Jones of Pawcatuck and Josephine D. O'Briant of Westerly.

Gifts in Mr. Dinoto's memory may be directed to the Stonington Visiting Nurse Association, 20 Anguilla Road, Pawcatuck 06379.

Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, was in charge of arrangements.
Irene Ledwith Dinoto
Stonington — M. Irene Ledwith Dinoto, 81, a lifelong resident of Pawcatuck, died Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2005, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London.

Born Mary Irene Ledwith in Hartford on May 24, 1924, she was a daughter of Charles and Mae Fitzgerald Ledwith. Irene graduated from Saint Michael's Parochial School in Pawcatuck and was a 1942 graduate of Stonington High School. She received her bachelor's degree from the former Willimantic State Teacher's College (now Eastern CT State).

She was married to Angelo Thomas Dinoto at St. Michael's Church in 1948. He died on St. Patrick's Day, 1994. Irene's teaching career in the Town of Stonington spanned over four decades. She held positions as an elementary school teacher in the Stonington School System at West Broad, Stonington Borough and West Vine Schools. She also taught at St. Michael's in Pawcatuck for several years at a time when the school was almost exclusively staffed by the Sisters of Mercy. Her students remember her as a strict but devoted teacher who made a distinct impact on their lives. Deeply proud of her Irish heritage, a pride she instilled in her children, Irene was a longtime member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Even her husband, a son of Sicilian immigrants, was persuaded to wear green on each St. Patrick's Day.

In her retirement, Irene was an avid bridge player in the Westerly-Pawcatuck community. Throughout her lifetime, she loved spending summer days with her family at the beach in Misquamicut and enjoyed clamming and crabbing there, as well as fresh-water fishing. Her other hobbies included knitting and crocheting and more recently she enjoyed painting with acrylics.

Irene was an active volunteer at the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center and was a member of the Red Hat Society. She was a communicant of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church in Pawcatuck and was a past member of its Ladies Guild.

She is survived by four children, James C. Dinoto of Pawcatuck, The Rev. Anthony C. Dinoto and his wife, Susan, of Ledyard, Angelo P. Dinoto of Hawaii and Nancy Peterle and her husband, Miles, of Stonington. She leaves five grandchildren, Katherine Dinoto Jones, Eleanor Ledwith Dinoto and Sydney Payne Dinoto of Ledyard, Ryan James Peterle and David Agustus Peterle of Stonington; one great-granddaughter, Hannah Brooke Jones; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Hank and Josephine O'Brien, Carl and Mary Jones, Margaret Dinoto; and many nieces and nephews.

Her family will greet relatives and friends at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl Street, historic downtown Mystic Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's Church, Pawcatuck, on Saturday at 10 a.m. There will be no procession from the funeral home. Burial will follow in St. Michael’s Cemetery.

Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers may be directed to Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center, 27 Chase Street, Pawcatuck, CT 06372.

For obituary information, directions, or to send an online condolence/remembrance to her family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Thomas Angelo Dinoto Sr., 71
Operated single-chair, Pawcatuck barber shop

By JOHN FOLEY
Day Staff Writer

Westerly — Thomas Angelo Dinoto Sr., of Peniston Avenue, whose barbershop was virtually an institution in Pawcatuck, died Sunday at Deaconess Hospital, Boston, after a brief illness. He was 71.

Mr. Dinoto, known to many as "Tommy the Barber," had been hospitalized since Jan. 31. His last day in his shop was the day before he went to the hospital.

Mr. Dinoto had operated the Liberty Street Barber Shop, near Route 1, since 1952. The place had just one chair, and Mr. Dinoto never had an assistant.

Except for his family, the shop and all the people who went there over the years were his whole life, a relative noted Monday.

Mr. Dinoto's shop, with its vintage equipment, was to be quite the sight. It could have served as the model for a Norman Rockwell illustration.

Mr. Dinoto gave hundreds of youngsters their first haircuts. He would seat them on a hand-upholstered booster seat placed over the arm rests of his old hydraulic porcelain barber chair.

Well-behaved young "victims," as Mr. Dinoto cheerfully called them, would receive rewards of lollipops and bubble gum always kept in a jar.

Mr. Dinoto was unfailingly friendly, cheerful, and had a good sense of humor. After almost every haircut, he would announce: "Ten years younger!"

His shop was a favorite gathering spot for years for many people, including those who were more interested in talking than in haircuts. A friend of Mr. Dinoto said, "Many of the world's problems were solved in Tommy's barber shop."

Mr. Dinoto enjoyed golfing and fishing. He was a longtime member of Elmridge Golf Club, Pawcatuck, where he once had a hole-in-one. He also played at Winneaug Golf Club, Westerly. He enjoyed saltwater fishing, and often surf-cast at East Beach and Watch Hill.

Mr. Dinoto began learning his trade at age 16 as an apprentice, and was a part-time barber for several years. He then worked for seven years at Bradford Dyeing Association before opening the Liberty Street Barber Shop.

He was born Aug. 12, 1922, in Pawcatuck, one of six children of Antonio and Annunziata Locascio Dinoto, immigrants from Sicily. He grew up in Pawcatuck's "Downersville" area, named for Downer Street, and attended Sturbridge schools.

Mr. Dinoto was a member for many years of the Pawcatuck Hilo-American Club, of which his father was a charter member. He had also been a member of the Westerly Yacht Club and the Navy League. He was a communicant of St. Fianus Church, Westerly.

He married the former Margaret Quinlan Lamb of Westerly native, on April 7, 1951, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Westerly.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Dinoto is survived by two sons, Daniel Thomas Dinoto of Medford, Mass., and Thomas Angelo Dinoto Jr. of Westerly; three daughters, Susan M. Skore of Walnut Grove, Minn., Maryellen D. Henderson of Westerly and Christine A. Dinoto of North Platte, Neb.; a brother, Angelo T. Dinoto of Pawcatuck; two sisters, Mary T. Jones of Pawcatuck and Josephine D. O'Briant of Westerly, and three grandchildren.

He was predeceased by two sisters, Rosalie Nadeau and Constance Ritter.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Fianus Church. There will be a funeral procession to the church. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery, Pawtucket. Calling hours are 2-4 Sunday and 7-9 tonight at Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic.

Gifts in memory of Mr. Dinoto can be made to the Scholarship Fund of the Maria Assunta Society, care of Gerald Vernieri Jr., 34 West Vine St., Pawcatuck, 06379.
Josephine M. DiPalma, 89, of Wading River Road, Manorville, Long Island, N.Y., died on Saturday, April 22, 2006, at Peconic Medical Center, Riverdale, N.Y. Her husband, Ferdinand DiPalma, died in 1996.

She leaves her son and daughter-in-law, Fred and Susan DiPalma of Babylon, Long Island, N.Y.; her daughter and son-in-law, Eleanor and Peter Bizzoso of Manorville, Long Island, N.Y.; her daughter, Margaret Mealia of LaGrangeville, N.Y.; and three grandchildren, Christopher DiPalma, Brendan Mealia and Colin Mealia.

She was also predeceased by a brother, Gregory Longo; and two sisters, Rose Longo and Jennie Bone.

Mrs. DiPalma was born in Pawcatuck on Feb. 25, 1917, the daughter of the late Antonio and Margaret (Orlando) Longo.

She was a graduate of St. Michael Elementary School and Stemington High School. Josephine worked as a nanny when she was younger and after she married Ferdinand, she became a school crossing guard for 20 years for the Nassau County Police Department.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, April 28, at 10 a.m. at St. Michael Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck.

Burial will take place at St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck. Calling hours will be on Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Rushlow-Iscoi Funeral Home, 64 Friendship St., Westerly.
DAY 5-30-15

Wayne Discullo

Stonington — Wayne E. Discullo, 68, of N. Anguilla Road, Pawcatuck, passed away at his home on Thursday, May 28, 2015.

Born in New London, he was a beloved son of Jane Discullo of Pawcatuck and the late Salvatore Discullo. Wayne worked in quality control for the Electric Boat division of General Dynamics for many years and was a U.S. Army veteran who served during the Vietnam War.

In addition to his mother, he leaves two sons, Wayne Discullo of Connecticut and Robert Discullo of Westerly; three brothers, George of Myrtle Beach, S.C., Jack of Pawcatuck and James Discullo of Westerly; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Wayne was predeceased by his sister, Jane Nadeau.

Relatives and friends will be received from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Funeral services and burial will be private and held at the convenience of the family.

For online condolences, please visit www.gaffney-dolanfuneralhome.com.
William DiSciullo, 78, of Palmer Street, Pawcatuck, died at his home on Nov. 25, 2006.

Born in Westerly, he was the son of the late Peter and Adelina (Sheldon) DiSciullo.

Mr. DiSciullo had been a truck driver for the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics in Groton where he had been employed for 36 years, retiring in 1990.

He was a communicant of St. Michael the Archangel Church and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, honorably discharged with the rank of private.

A life member of the N.R.A. and of the Bradford Rod & Gun Club, he loved camping and the outdoors. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, and he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. He also enjoyed gardening, his specialty being flowers of all types.

He is survived by five daughters, Ann Castle of Pomfret, Conn., Linda Paterno of Westerly, Jeannette Mitchell and Donna Roberts, both of Pawcatuck, and Joyce Biscotti of Smithfield, Va.; a sister, Evelyn Tefft of Perry, Ill., nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Calling hours will be held today from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 69 Spruce St., Westerly.

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. Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.
Constance Dixon 4-21-05

Constance Hoadley Dixon passed away on April 19, 2005, at her home in Stonington, ten days before her 84th birthday.

A graduate of the Foote School, the Masters School and Smith College, her intellectual curiosity, engagement with the world, love of books, friends and devotion to family marked her life.

In 1942 she married Francis Cook Dixon, who predeceased her in 1997. For over 50 years they shared a wonderful love apparent to all. She was an accomplished real estate broker both in suburban Montreal and later at Wood Associates in Greenwich where she lived for over twenty years. She will be missed and always remembered by her children for the values she embraced which have motivated and made them who they are. Her valiant courage and ultimate demise from cancer has inspired many.

She is survived by her son, Christopher Palmer Dixon and his wife Barbara Saslaw Dixon; her daughter Jenny Dixon Boone and her husband John Rowan Boone; her daughter Cynthia Dixon Adam and her husband C. Randal Adam and their children, Rachel, Tyler and Jessica. Additionally, she is mourned by her devoted friend of recent years Clement Despard.

A Funeral Service will be held at Calvary Church, 33 Church St., Stonington at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 23rd.

Contributions in her name may be made to the Stonington Free Library, Calvary Church or the Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut.
A Celebration for the Life of
Constance Hoadley Dixon
April 29, 1921 – April 19, 2005

Page numbers refer to the red Book of Common Prayer in the pew racks. The hymns are in the blue hymnals.

Tolling of the Chapel Bell

Prelude

THE OPENING SENTENCES All stand

A PRAYER FOR CONSTANCE HOADLEY DIXON

HYMN 208 “The strife is o’er” Victory

THE FIRST LESSON: Wisdom 3:1-5,9 Cynthia Dixon Adam

HYMN 470 “There’s a wideness in God’s mercy” Beecher

PSALM 23, King James Version Rachel Wynn Adam 476

THE SECOND LESSON: John 14:1-6 John Rowan Boone

REFLECTIONS:
Jane Hoadley Dixon Boone
Christopher Palmer Dixon
C. Randal Adam
Barbara Saclaw Dixon

HYMN 42 “Now the day is over” Merriel

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN 645 “The King of love my shepherd is” St. Columba

THE COMMENDATION

THE BLESSING

HYMN 719 “O beautiful for spacious skies” Materna

POSTLUDE

The Dixon family invites you to 286 No. Main St. following the service for a reception in thanksgiving for Connie’s life.

The Reverend Mark K.J. Robinson, Officiant
The Reverend Mary-Lloyd Brainard, Deacon
St. John’s, Essex
Simon D. Holt, Organist
Philip Read, Verger
Ushers:
George Spencer Berger
Eric Berger
Roger Hoadley
John Boone
Randy Adam

“The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.

The Liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God.”

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.”

Book of Common Prayer, p. 507
Courtlandt Dixon Jr.

He graduated from St. Paul's School, Concord, N.H., and Yale University, where he was a member of the celebrated Wiffenpoof Glee Club, in 1939. Mr. Dixon served as a lieutenant in the Navy during World War II. He was a senior vice-president of Ted Bates & Co., in New York City.

He was the widower of Penelope Harrison Dixon.

He is survived by a daughter, Penelope D. Randolph and her husband Evan; a son, Courtlandt P. Dixon III and his wife, Brenda; grandchildren, Francie Watson, Mia Girard, Lisa Strickland and their husbands; and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Memorial Day Weekend in 2007.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the National Audubon Society, Dept. W, 700 Broadway, NY, NY 10003.
Mrs. Annie E. M. Brown of Mystic was a caller in the borough Wednesday.

**Death of Francis C. Dixon**

It was with profound regret that the people of Stonington heard of the death of Francis C. Dixon, keeper of the Stonington Home for many years. With the aid of Mrs. Dixon, he had been instrumental in keeping the affairs at the Home on a high scale of excellence, so much so that their administration had been made a pattern for other towns, and visitors were frequent who sought an insight into the methods used for the betterment of conditions of those resident there.

Mr. Dixon was a man who made friends easily and held them, and in his almost daily visits to the borough he was sure of a cordial welcome.

For some time past he had been in ill health, but the news of his death was a shock to us all. Affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, he was always much interested in their gatherings.

The funeral was held at the Road Congregational church on Sunday morning, Rev. Joseph L. Peacock officiating, and the remains were taken to Arlington, R. I., for interment, where the Masons had charge of the service.

**Shark Meat is Tasty.**

Shark meat is delicate in flavor and texture, and sharks are plentiful in certain parts of Florida, but the fishermen do not catch them because they are not saleable.

Mrs. Emma Williams of Springville is spending a few days at the home of S. N. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Ever Old Mystic were at their house until May 20.

Donald and Dorothy Marion Wheeler returned to the farm field where they spent the weekend with relatives and attended the burial which was held at the cemetery.

The funeral of F. C. Dixon was attended by many friends. Refreshments were served at the parish house to the people.

Miss Dorothy Wheeler entered Howard Seminary Bridgewater, Mass.

Many friends have been invited to the engagement of Martha G. Williams of Grover C. Coffin of New York.
Francis Dixon

Stonington — Francis Cook Dixon, 76, died Saturday in Westerly, R.I., of heart failure.

Mr. Dixon was born on May 16, 1921, in New York City, the son of Theodore Polhemus Dixon and Madeline Cook Dixon.

He married Constance Hoadley in June, 1944, in Stonington.

Mr. Dixon graduated from the Browning School and attended Pomfret School. He graduated from Exeter Academy and with honors from Yale University, and the Centre d’Etudes Industrielles in Geneva, Switzerland.

A Navy flyer in the Pacific Theater during World War II, he was awarded the Navy Air Medal and received a presidential citation.

After the war, worked for Aluminum Limited in Montreal and New York City.

Upon early retirement, he founded his own company, which he subsequently sold to Alexander and Alexander.

He lived in Riverside for 17 years and was an active member of the Riverside Yacht Club before retiring to Stonington.

Mr. Dixon served on the boards of the Stonington Community Center, the Stonington Historical Society and the Wadawanuck Club, as corporator of the Westerly Hospital and as senior warden of Calvary Church. He was the den leader of the Mello Fellows and president of the Stonington Cemetery.

In addition to his wife of 53 years, Mr. Dixon is survived by a son, Christopher Palmer Dixon of Manhattan and Stonington; two daughters, Jane Hoadley Dixon Boone of Brooklyn and Stonington and Cynthia Howell Dixon Adam of San Francisco; a sister, Madeline Dixon Seaman of New York and East Hampton; and three grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Cavalry Church, Stonington.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cavalry Church, 27 Church, Stonington, 06378.

Directo Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.
"The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.

The Liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God."

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn."

_Book of Common Prayer_ p. 507

Wisdom 3:1-5, 9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster,

and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself.

In Thanksgiving

for the

Life of

Francis Cook Dixon

November 25, 1997

11:00 a.m.

Calvary Church
33 Church Street
Stonington, Connecticut
A Celebration for the Life of
Francis Cook Dixon
May 16, 1921 - November 22, 1997

Page numbers refer to the red Book of Common Prayer in the pew racks. The hymns are in the blue hymnals.

Tolling of the Chapel Bell

PRELUDE

THE OPENING SENTENCES  All stand

A PRAYER FOR FRANK DIXON

HYMN 608  "Eternal Father, strong to save"  Melita
(Navy Hymn, v. 3, see next page)*

THE FIRST LESSON: Proverbs 9:1-6  Jane Hoadley Dixon Boone

PSALM 121, (Pomfret School Psalm)  Cynthia Dixon Adam 473

THE SECOND LESSON: Wisdom 3:1-5,9  John Rowan Boone

PSALM 23, King James Version  Barbara Saslaw Dixon 476

THE GOSPEL: John 14:1-6

REFLECTIONS:  Robert C. Barnum
Christopher Palmer Dixon

HYMN 433  "We gather together"  Kremser

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS (please join in this prayer)

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled
as to console; to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN 680  "O God, our help in ages past"  St. Anne

Following today's service the committal will take place at
Stonington Cemetery.

The Reverend Mark K.J. Robinson, Officiant
Christopher M. King, Organist
Donald Bromley, Verger
Ushers:
Robert C. Barnum, Harry Beecher,
Victor T. Boatwright, Frazier Chesteron,
Ward L. Mauck, George D. Selden

* verse 3: for Navy pilots

Lord, guard and guide the men who fly,
Through the great spaces in the sky.
Be with them always in the air,
In darkening storms or sunlight fair.
O hear us when we lift our prayer
For those in peril in the air.
Herbert Dixon
Stonington — Herbert D. Dixon, 89, a resident of Stonington, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005, at the Groton Regency Center in Groton.

He was the husband of Polly Apgar Dixon and the father of Judith Myzlo, both of whom predeceased him.

Herb was born and educated in Plainfield, N.J., and moved to Stonington in 2000 from Harwich, Mass.

He was a lifetime employee of Western Electric in Kearney, N.J., prior to retirement in 1976.

He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed fishing the shores of New Jersey and Cape Cod. Herb enjoyed baseball and earned the title of "Herlin Herbie" as a southpaw pitcher in the New Jersey county leagues as a young man.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jean Dixon and Bob O’Donoghue, of Stonington; a son-in-law, Raymond Myzlo of Stowe, Vt.; two grandchildren, David Myzlo of Richmond, Va., and Nancy Myzlo Bryce, of Williamsburg, Va.; great-grandchildren, Curtis, Caitlin, Meghan, Shannon and Aidan; and several nieces and nephews.

Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, is in charge of arrangements, which are private. The family asks that you remember Herb in your thoughts.
Penelope Dixon


She graduated from Louisville Collegiate School and Mt. Holyoke College, Phi Beta Kappa.

She was the beloved wife of Courtlandt Palmer Dixon for 64 years. She is also survived by a daughter, Penelope D. Randolph and her husband Evan; a son, Courtlandt P. Dixon III and his wife Brenda; grandchildren, Francie Watson, Mia Girard, Lisa Strickland and their husbands; and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at St. Ann's Church in Old Lyme.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Ameri-Cares, 161 Cherry St., New Canaan, CT 06840 would be gratefully received.

Fulton-Theroux Funeral Home, Old Lyme, is handling the arrangements.
Beverly V. Dobbin

Mystic — Beverly Vanderbilt Dobbin, 90, passed away June 15, 2019. Beverly was born Sept. 12, 1928, to William and Grace (Markham) Vanderbilt in Hartford. She was raised in West Hartford, graduated from Oxford School and Bennett College, Class of 1946. Beverly married her beloved Jack on May 24, 1952, and was happily married for 66 years.

Bev will be remembered for her love of family and her many friends. She is survived by her three children, Tom Dobbin (Sheryl) of Goodyear, Ariz., Ben Dobbin (Barb) of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Susan Dobbin of Mystic; three granddaughters, Samantha Lamb (Josh), Natalie Fedder (Tim) and Kristin Dobbin; three great-granddaughters, Shelby Grace Lamb, Caroline Lamb and Madeline Fedder; nieces, Katherine Shepard, Sarah Shepard Whyte; and nephew Daniel Shepard. She was preceded by her husband John (Jack) Dobbin, who passed in May 2018; two sisters, Margaret Shepard and Elizabeth McAlister; and her eldest granddaughter Hilary Dobbin.

While raising her children Bev volunteered for many years for the Garden Club and the Junior League of Hartford. She also was employed for various nonprofit organizations from 1965-1985. Bev loved working with numbers and balancing her books to the penny. Throughout her life she enjoyed reading her book, playing golf, her weekly bridge group, tending to her beautiful flower gardens and listening to the sound of the ocean while relaxing on the beach.

Bev and Jack lived in West Hartford and Mason’s Island, Mystic until 2001 when they moved to Vicar’s Landing in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Bev continued volunteering at their library and member’s office and helped with the annual Boutique Sale which raised money for the Employee Scholarship Fund. Bev was also proud to introduce the game of bocce to Vicar’s Landing. A court was built in 2006 and for years managed the scheduling of the matches played year-round. She was singularly instrumental in making bocce the popular sport it is now on the campus. In appreciation, the Bev Dobbin Championship was established in 2017.

A memorial service will be held in August at Old Saint Andrew’s Church in Bloomfield. Donations may be made to the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, Mystic.
Stonington — James H. Dodd Jr., 88, of Lords Point, Stonington, formerly of Providence, R.I., passed away Monday, Nov. 18, in Stonington, with his loving wife of 61 years, Beverly, by his side. The son of James H. and Helen Goulding Dodd of Providence, "Jim" was a graduate of Bryant University and a veteran of the Korean War, serving on the aircraft carrier USS Bennington. Jim was proud of his father, who also served in the military, joining General Pershing's Mounted Horse Command in Providence in 1916, at the age of 16, to search for Pancho Villa in Mexico, and was then dispatched to France by President Woodrow Wilson to fight in World War I. He was a proud member of the Providence Police Association, board member of the New England Chiefs of Police, the Rhode Island Police Chiefs (in which he served as President), the International Chiefs of Police, the Fraternal Order of Police, the Commissioned Police Officers of Rhode Island, The Society of The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of South County, and the Stonington Portuguese Holy Ghost Society. An avid golfer, Jim was a member of the Storington Country Club for 20 years, and a loyal member of "The Legends" since its inception.

In addition to his wife Beverly, Jim is survived by his children, Steven and Marion Kyff Dodd of Stonington, Jon and Joan Pariseault Dodd of South Kingstown, R.I., Shelley Dodd Mancini of Stonington, and Peter Dodd of Narragansett, R.I. Most beloved grandchildren, Spencer, Avery, Wyatt, Roman, Sophie, Olivia, Abigail, Morgan, and Sattar. In addition to great-grandchildren, Legare and Oscar, he leaves sister Marilyn McGovern of Boca Raton, Fla., formerly of Narragansett, and sister-in-law Marilyn Stillman of Stonington, as well as several nieces and nephews. Jim was also the brother of the late Dorothy Gaudet of Providence.

Burial will be private. Calling hours will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019, at the Mystic Funeral Home located on Route 1 in Mystic. If using GPS for the funeral home, please use 35 Williams Ave., Mystic, CT. A service will immediately follow the calling hours at noon at the funeral home. A reception will follow the service to which all friends, old and new, are invited to celebrate Jim's wonderful life.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Jim's name may be made to St. Patrick Academy, 244 Smith St., Providence, R.I.
THE DAY, NEW LONDON

Mrs. Anne A. Dodge
Dies in Boston

STONEINGTON—Mrs. Anne Atwood Dodge, wife of the late
Frank Foster Dodge of 39 Church Street, Stonington, died
last night at the New England Center Hospital in Boston
Mass. where she had been a patient since September 27.

Mrs. Dodge was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A.
Atwood of Stonington.

She was married to the late
Mr. Dodge in 1915. Mr. Dodge
died on June 13, 1933 at which
time he was chairman of the
board of the Atwood Machine Company.

Mrs. Dodge is survived by a
son, John E. Dodge of Stonington,
and three grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Memorial Service for
Mrs. Dodge on Tuesday

STONEINGTON — A memorial service for Mrs. Carlota Saint-Gaudens Dodge, wife of John E.
Dodge of Tawunok Road, Stonington, will be held at the Calvary Episcopal Church in Stonington on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m.
Interment will be at the convenience of the family.

Mrs. Dodge, sculptor and painter, died early Friday morning on route to the Lawrence Memorial Hospital in New London, the victim of an apparently self-inflicted .22 caliber bullet wound in her right temple. 3/17/63.

She was born in Cornish, New Hampshire on February 5, 1916, daughter of Homer and Carlota Dolley Saint-Gaudens. She was the granddaughter of Augustus Saint-Gaudens, the sculptor.

She had recently been commissioned for a piece of sculpture of her own and was currently working on a book of her own text and illustration.

Mrs. Dodge attended the Mary C. Perkins School in Providence and had received her art training in Brussels. As a painter she worked largely in portraits and landscapes.

She had exhibited in New York City and held a one man show in Stonington in 1933.
Obituaries

John E. Dodge dies; was founder of school

3/10/76

Stonington

John E. Dodge, 81, of 39 Church St., a retired architect and one of the founders of Pine Point School, died Friday at his home.

He was born Sept. 4, 1916, son of Frank and Ann (Atwood) Dodge. Mr. Dodge was a past chairman and an original member of the Stonington Planning and Zoning Commission. He was a member of the New England research Antiquity, Mystic Marine Historical Association, Stonington Free Library and Stonington Historical Society. A 1938 graduate of Harvard University, he served as a lieutenant in the Navy during World War II.

He leaves his widow, Edna (LaBrie) Dodge; two sons, David T. of North Stonington and Nathaniel P. Dodge of Avondale, R.I.; a daughter, Elizabeth G. White of Providence; and two grandchildren.

Memorial service will be held at Calvary Episcopal Church, Stonington, today at 3 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. There are no calling hours. Kindly omit flowers. Contributions may be made in his memory to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, 302 State St., New London, 06320. Shea-Williams Funeral Home, Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.
Stephen Dodge
Mystic — Stephen W. Dodge, 50, of Nantucket Drive, Mystic, died Tuesday at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital from injuries received in an automobile accident in Mystic.
Steve, also nicknamed “Digger” and “Sveni,” was the husband of Barbara (Ragland) Dodge. They were married on Sept. 23, 1978 at First Congregational Church in Groton.
He was born on Aug. 13, 1933 in Watertown, N.Y. Stephen worked for 30 years as a hangerman and pipeliner at Electric Boat and also as a builder at Jem Builders in Groton. He was a member of the EB Athletic Club. He was an avid NASCAR race fan and enjoyed all sorts of outdoor activities including kayaking, canoeing, camping, hiking, golfing and bicycling. He was also very interested in cooking, classic cars and motorcycles.
Besides his wife, he is survived by his beloved children, Beth Ann Dodge and Chad Stephen Dodge both of Mystic; his sisters, Sheri, Kathy and Judy Dodge all of N.Y.; brothers Ronald Dodge of Pa., Neil and Craig Dodge both of N.Y.; mother-in-law Norma G. Ragland; and his mother Betty Lutz of N.Y.
He is predeceased by his father, Neil Dodge, two brothers, Eugene and Allen Dodge; and a sister Donna Dodge.
The family will greet relatives and friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl Street, historic downtown Mystic. The funeral service will be Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at Union Baptist Church in Mystic.
For obituary information, directions, or to send an online condolence to the family please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
William Dodge Sr.

Mystic — William "Bill" Brunson Dodge Sr., 81, passed away on July 12, 2012, at The William W. Backus Hospital in Norwich.

Bill was born on June 21, 1931, in Mystic, the son of Jenny (Brunson) Dodge and Charles Cottrell Dodge.

He was preceded by his wife, Mary Elizabeth (Connor) Dodge and his youngest daughter, Georgiana Cottrell Dodge.

He is survived by his oldest daughter, Juliet Miller Dodge of Lancaster, Pa.; and his son, William Brunson Dodge Jr. "Brunson" and his wife, Elaine, of Gales Ferry. He is also survived by Brunson's daughter, Christina Abigail "Nina" Dodge and her husband, Matthew Leibowitz, of Encinitas, Calif.; and by Georgiana's son, Jesse William Dodge of Providence.

Bill was educated in local schools and pursued a lifelong passion for sailing. He was for many years the head of his family's company, The Cottrell Lumber Co., which was located at the site of the Mystic River Park. He was a member of many clubs, sailing organizations and civic groups, a list of which would take up many column inches. It suffices to say, there was not a flat surface in the Dodge house that did not have at least one of Bill's trophies on it, and that his wallet held so many membership cards there was hardly room for lunch money.

Calling hours will be held beginning at 10 a.m., on Thursday, July 19, 2012, in the library of the Mystic Congregational Church. A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. at the church. Burial at the family plot in Elm Grove Cemetery will follow the service for those who care to attend.

The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, contributions in Bill's name be made to a youth sailing program of your choice or to the Friends of the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra (ECSO), 289 State St., New London, CT 06320.

The Dinoto Funeral Home, Mystic, is assisting the family.
Mrs. Evelyln Dodson

STONINGTON — Mrs. Evelyn Mott Dodson, 57, of 21 Main St., died unexpectedly early Sunday morning at her home. Her husband, John E. Dodson, owns and operates Dodson Boat Yard here.

Mrs. Dodson was born July 22, 1913, in Highland, Ill., the daughter of Russell and Helen Cutler Mott. She was a member of Calvary Episcopal Church and the Stonington Players.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, John Jr. of Sidney, Australia, and Keith Dodson of Stonington; three daughters, Mrs. Greenvale Powers of Greenwich, Mrs. Sherwin Rudnick and Miss Julie Dodson, both of Denver, Colo.; a brother, Cutler Mott of El Paso, Texas, and six grandchildren.

The funeral service and burial will be at the convenience of the family. Church and Allen Funeral Home, Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.

DOODSON — In Stonington, Conn., January 24, 1971, Mrs. Evelyn Mott Dodson, wife of John E. Dodson of 21 Main Street, Stonington Village.

Funeral services and interment will be held at the convenience of the family. Those who wish may make donations in her memory to The American Cancer Society, 1 Whales Oil Row, New London.

Church and Allen Funeral Home, Mystic, in charge of arrangements.

DOODSON — In Stonington, Conn., January 24, 1971, Mrs. Evelyn (Mott) Dodson, wife of John E. Dodson, 21 Main Street, Stonington.

Funeral services and interment will be held at the convenience of the family. Those who wish may make contributions in her memory to the American Cancer Society, 1 Whales Oil Row, New London.

Church and Allen Funeral Home, Mystic, in charge of arrangements.
John Dodson Jr.

Stonington — John Esser Dodson Jr., 66, of Brisbane, Australia, formerly of Stonington, died Nov. 18, 2001, in Brisbane.

He was born on Sept. 24, 1935, in Pennsylvania, the son of the late John Esser Dodson and Evelyn Mott Dodson.

He was the husband of Theresa Dodson.

Mr. Dodson graduated from the Choate School and attended Lehigh University.

He served in the Navy from 1955 to 1959.

Mr. Dodson worked as an engineer in Australia for Enthalpy Engineering and previously for Simon Carves. For 12 years, he was also a cattle rancher in the Bega Valley in Australia, where he was a member of the Cattlemen’s Union.

Before moving to Australia, in 1965, he was the vice-president of Dodson Boatyard in Stonington from 1960 to 1964.

His hobbies included reading and golf.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Almee Dodson Curtis of New South Wales, Australia; three sons, Jonathan T. Dodson of White Plains, N.Y., and Peter and Joshua Dodson, both of New South Wales, Australia; two sisters, Dofa Dodson of Denver, Colo., and Grenville Dodson Hudson of Bryn Mawr, Pa.; a brother, Jonathan Keith Dodson of Dorset, Vt.; and, four grandchildren.

Services were already held in Australia.
She had worked locally at the Pine Point School in Stonington, and was a tutor in the Adult Literacy Program, was chairperson of the United Way charity fundraising, and was an active artist and supporter of the arts in the Stonington-New London area. She was a woman of strength and character, of humor, strong opinion, and spirit, and of generosity toward her children, stepchildren, grandchildren and friends, all of which she shared to the very end.

She is survived by her two sons, William M. Stucky and Robert H. Stucky, and their spouses; her stepchildren, Julie Heerlein, Donna Dodson, and Keith Dodson and their spouses; four grandchildren and nine step-grandchildren; three nieces and four nephews and their families.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13, at Calvary Church in Stonington.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Calvary Church; or to the Evergreen Woods Employee Assistance Fund in North Branford.

For information or to share a note of remembrance/condolence with her family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Frances M. Doherty

Frances M. (Stefanski) Doherty, of Sisk Drive, Pawcatuck, and formerly of North Anguilla Road, Pawcatuck, passed away Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006 at the Westerly Hospital. She was the wife of the late John D. Doherty.

Born in Westerly, Mrs. Doherty was the daughter of the late John and Goldie (Tucker) Stefanski. Frances had been employed as a waitress at the former Modern Grill in Mystic. A member of the Congregational Church of Westerly, she was also formally employed at the old Stillwater Mill in Ashaway. She was also a member of the Westerly Senior Center.

She is survived by two sons; Richard D. Doherty and his life partner, Dan Litchfield of Pawcatuck and James A. Doherty and his wife, Marybeth of Westerly and one granddaughter, Meghan Doherty, of Westerly. She also leaves several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Arnold and John Stefanski.

Funeral services will be held in the United Congregational Church of Westerly, 9 Castle Hill Road, Pawcatuck, Tuesday at 11 a.m. Burial will take place in First Hopkinton Cemetery.

Visiting hours will be held in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, Tuesday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Family requests in lieu of flowers contributions may be made to either the United Congregational Church of Westerly, 9 Castle Hill Road, Pawcatuck or to the Westerly Hospital Hospice Unit, Wells Street, Westerly RI 02891 in Mrs. Doherty's memory.
Marjatta Doherty

Stonington — Marjatta Kyllikki (Anttila) Doherty was born in Finland on March 2, 1948, qualified as a teacher of fabric arts (sewing, knitting, weaving) in Helsinki and taught in Finland and England before moving to Cincinnati in 1979, and Stonington in 1990, with her husband, Niall and children, Jussi and Beva.

She enjoyed quilting, gardening, yoga and travel.

Friends of Marjatta and family are invited to an informal gathering at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 27, to remember the many good things in her life. It will be held at Stonington Country Club, 394 Taugwok Road, Stonington. (www.stoningtoncountryclub.com).

Donations in memory of Marjatta may be made to the International Myeloma Foundation, which provided knowledge, support and friendship during the illness that led to her death on March 3, 2010.

You may visit www.myeloma.org, call 800-452-2873 or mail to IMF, 12650 Riverside Drive, Suite 206, North Hollywood CA 91607. Please be sure to mark your donation in memory of Marjatta Doherty.

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

For information or to share a note of remembrance/condolescence with her family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.

Marjatta Doherty

Stonington — Marjatta (Kyllikki) Doherty, 62, of Stonington, passed away Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital from complications of multiple myeloma. She was the wife of Niall Doherty.

A memorial service will be conducted at a later date.

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

For information or to share a note of remembrance/condolescence with her family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.

DAY - 3-5-2010
William Dohrmann III

Stonington — William (Bill) Frederick Dohrmann III, 82, passed away peacefully in his home in Stonington on Sunday, morning, Jan. 14, 2018.

Born on Jan. 15, 1936, Bill was raised in Indian Hill, Ohio, outside of Cincinnati. He attended The Hotchkiss School in Connecticut (1949-52) and the Lawrenceville School in New Jersey (1952-53). He earned a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from Princeton University in 1957, where he was a member of Ivy Club. The friendships he built at Princeton became sustaining lifelong bonds. He attended the Advanced Management Program at Harvard's Business School in 1975.

An avid sailor, Bill learned in northern Lake Michigan's cold waters as a boy, later becoming sailing master at his beloved Northport Point, in Nortport, Mich. In 1958, he became one of the five-man crew of the Compass Rose, a 49-foot Dutch ketch making its maiden voyage from Africa to Antigua, a trip navigated by the stars. Bill kept a log of the trip, which combines his delight in both language and the sea, punctuated by his jaunty sketches and wry humor.

Bill began his career in advertising in Chicago. In 1966, he moved to the Boston area to work in research and development for the game and toy industry. In his years at Parker Brothers and Hasbro, Bill discovered and developed hundreds of games—among his legacy are the Nerf Ball and Boggle. His creative, gentle, and generous way made him beloved by all who worked with him.

Bill was a reader of history, philosophy, and literature, and reviewed many works as a contributing editor of The Readers Exchange. He quoted poetry by heart and knew every lyric of the standard American songbook. Among his most vivid qualities were his sense of humor and infectious laugh.

In 1979, Bill married Linda Ritchey Post, and they lived in Canton and Stonington. He was a member of the Misquamicut Club in Watch Hill, R.I., the Stonington Harbor Yacht Club, and the Wadawanuc Club, also in Stonington. A good shot, he loved hunting, ducks and upland game with his rifle at heel.

In 2002, Bill survived an aortic aneurysm that left him in a wheelchair. Despite this devastating blow, Bill always felt lucky to be alive and approached every day of these past 15 years with grace and gratitude. Aided by the love and care of his wife Linda, Bill's life was rich, and through friends, reading, travel, and a positive approach to the world marked by wonder, curiosity, and laughter, he made sure that his horizons were ever vast.

In addition to his wife of 28 years, he is survived by three children from his first marriage to Jane Bosworth Bingham: William F. Dohrmann IV (Amy) of Fort Ste. Lucie, Fla., Natalie B. Dohrmann (Peter Struck) of Philadelphia, and Ross G. Dohrmann (Renee Fagone) of Portland, Maine; four stepchildren, Rusty Post, Lincoln Post (Emily), Katherine Post, and Alison Post, all of Washington state; and 12 grandchildren. He also leaves behind a sister, Katherine Wilson (Thomas) of Grosse Pointe Shores, Mich. His brother, Edward (Renie) of Cincinnati, Ohio, died in 2014.

A memorial gathering will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27, at Calvary Church, 27 Church St., Stonington.
Jarmila Dokladalova
STONINGTON — Jarmila Parobek Dokladalova, 64, of Wilbur Road Extension, died Wednesday, Jan. 13, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital where she had been a patient for two weeks.
She was born Jan. 22, 1934, in Czechoslovakia, the daughter of the late Jaceslav and Maria Parobekova. She married Milos Dokladal in Czechoslovakia on June 30, 1958.
Mrs. Dokladalova received a master's degree in chemistry from the University of Bratislava and a doctorate's degree from the Institute of Technology in Paris, France.
She came to the United States in 1970 to work for Pfizer in Groton, where she was the manager of scientific testing and development. She retired in October 1998 due to illness.
She made her home in Groton, Mystic, and later in Stonington.
In addition to her husband, Mrs. Dokladalova is survived by a daughter, Jarmila Dokladalova of Ottawa, Canada.
Services were held Saturday, Jan. 16, at Mystic Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.
Gifts in Mrs. Dokladalova's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 251 Ledyard St., New London, 06320.
Michael Dolan

Stonington — Michael S. Dolan, 52, beloved husband of Deborah (Copanes) Dolan, of Al Harvey Road, Stonington, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, Feb. 21, 2016.

Born in Providence, he was the beloved son of Barbara Dolan of Westerly and the late Edward J. Dolan Sr.

Mike was a graduate of Stonington High School Class of ’81, where he excelled both scholastically and in athletics. He was a member of Stonington’s 1980 All Decade Team in football. After graduating from Stonington, he attended Kents Hill School in Augusta, Maine, where he played basketball and football. At Trinity College he continued his athletic achievements as a standout football and lacrosse player.

For many years, Mike was a key employee for Dooney and Bourke, helping to establish the brand on the East Coast, and was instrumental in establishing shipping centers around the country. He worked as a real estate agent for Switz Real Estate for several years.

Mike had inexhaustible energy and varied interests. An avid sportsman and outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting and was renowned for his infinite care in preserving all aspects of the environment and his rigorous adherence to safety practices. One of only three certified sharpshooters in the state of Connecticut, his skills were in great demand on many wildlife excursions across North America. Mike also loved boating and salt water fishing.

He was an accomplished pilot who flew for many years and was qualified to fly anything from a Tail Drag to a Lear jet. Mike was the consummate host and a gourmet chef, ever willing with his wife, Debbie, to entertain family and friends. His kind heart and generous spirit brought great joy to all the lives he has touched.

In addition to his wife and mother, Michael leaves two brothers, Edward J. Dolan Jr. and Steven R. Dolan of Westerly; and a sister, Susan M. Dolan of Sanger, Texas; his two beloved dogs, Ruby and Sydney; and several nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours are omitted. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a funeral liturgy at 10 a.m. on Friday at St. Mary’s Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial will follow at River Bend Cemetery, Westerly.

Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, is in charge of the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to either St. Michael Capital Campaign, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379 or Stand Up For Animals, PO Box 1706, Westerly, RI 02891, in Mickey’s memory.

For online condolences, please visit www.gaffney-dolanfuneralhome.com.
Frank Dolson
Stonington — Frank James Dolson, 83, of 30 Quarry Path, Lord's Point, died Thursday at home.

Mr. Dolson was the son of Mabel Springstead and Frank James Dolson of Warwick, N.Y.

He was married to Violet Louise, with whom he recently celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary with a cruise to Hawaii.

Mr. Dolson was a graduate of Ithaca College, with a degree in physical education and earned a master's degree from Columbia University.

In 1943, he received a commission as ensign in the Naval Reserve and went on active duty for three and a half years. In March of 1945, he was assigned to the USS Hamblen as an assistant boat group commander. In Saipan, Japan, his squadron was prepared to invade when the atomic bomb was dropped.

After coaching and teaching in Amityville, Long Island, N.Y., he was called back to active duty by the Navy to serve as history instructor and head football coach at the Naval Academy Prep School in Newport, R.I., and Bainbridge, Md. Upon release in 1952, he achieved the rank of lieutenant commander.

In 1954, he and his family moved to Stockbridge, Mass. Mr. Dolson changed careers and became involved with school fund-raising plans, retiring from Reader's Digest's Quality School Plan in 1976.

During his years in Stockbridge, he became acquainted with Norman Rockwell and posed for him often. He was the model for the 1969 Saturday Evening Post cover, "The Family Tree."

He enjoyed fishing, boating, hunting, and golf.

In 1962, he and Mrs. Dolson moved to Lords Point. They became volunteers at Mystic Seaport and Pequotsepos Nature Center. Mr. Dolson was a member of the Retired Officers Association, Connecticut Chapter.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Sherry Dolson Long of Moulton, Ala., and Melanie Dolson Wagner of Sherburne, Mass.; a son, Frank James Dolson III of Stockbridge, Mass.; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Phyllis Colegrove of Middletown, N.Y.

There are no calling hours and the burial will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, PO Box 100, Wallingford, CT 06492.

Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.
Stonington Town Clerk Donahue Is Dead
Mystic Resident Was 66; Served in Position for 25 Years

John J. Donahue, 66, town clerk of the town of Stonington for the past quarter century, died late yesterday afternoon at the Lawrence Memorial Hospital, New London.

He had been a hospital patient since being stricken with a heart attack several weeks ago. He had reportedly been making good progress and his death was unexpected.

Mr. Donahue resided at 25 Willow Street, Mystic, and had been active in church, fraternal and civic affairs of the community in addition to being a highly respected town official.

His death was the second of a sudden nature to strike town clerks in this community. Arthur G. Gervasi, 52, Westerly Town clerk, was fatally stricken with a heart attack in February of this year.

Mr. Donahue became town clerk by appointment of the Board of Selectmen late in 1938, following the death of Fred J. Moll. Mr. Donahue was a Republican and was re-elected the following year. He was elected to additional terms.

Praise Long Town Service

Commendations on the efficient and friendly service given the town of Stonington by Town Clerk John J. Donahue for 25 years came today from leading figures in both political parties.

Mr. Donahue died yesterday afternoon.

He was described as "one of the most pleasant, efficient and accommodating public servants the town of Stonington has ever had," by a long-time Town Hall associate.

Expressing his sympathy to the Donahue family, Tax Collector Joseph Law recalled his lengthy professional and personal relationship with Mr. Donahue.

Mr. Law became tax collector in 1935 and Mr. Donahue moved into the adjoining town clerk's office three years later. Together they served a quarter of a century.

From close observation Mr. Law noted that, "Mr. Donahue was a most conscientious town clerk. His congenial personality gave a warmth to the office. Everyone who came into his office received the same courteous treatment."

"He was willing and eager to go out of his way for the full 25 years he served as town clerk, to help not only the public but other officials and employees in the Town Hall."

"Mr. Donahue was truly a devoted public servant. My sincere sympathies and those of his multi-

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Marjorie A. Donahue

Marjorie A. (Lipphardt) Donahue, of 50 Courtland St., Pawcatuck, died Oct. 11, 2004, in The Westerly Hospital, Westerly. She was the widow of the late John J. Donahue, Jr.

Mrs. Donahue was born in Providence, daughter of the late George B. and Lois I. (Wells) Lipphardt.

She had attended Ashaway Schools and was a graduate of Westerly High School. Mrs. Donahue had worked in the Tax Assessor's Office at the Stonington Town Hall for 20 years and had been the Stonington Registrar of Voters for 25 years. She was an avid quilter, a member of the Ninigret Quilters, and active for many years as a volunteer at the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center.

She is survived by her two daughters and their husbands, Judith and Arthur Hayward and Kathryn and Thomas Tobin; her two sons and their wives, Steven and MaryLynne Donahue and David and Heather Donahue, all of Pawcatuck; 16 grandchildren, Lisa, Eric, Emily and Erin Hayward; Amy and Mary Kathryn Tobin; Christopher, John, Helene, and Owen Donahue; and Chad, Kevin, Nicholas, Samuel, Jackson, and Matthew Donahue; one great-grandchild, Ella J. Hayward; a brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Lipphardt, and she is also survived by Mr. and Mrs. James Morrison, John DeFanti, and Margaret Rodger, and by many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia M. Donahue, in 1958.

Calling hours will be held Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. A funeral service will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Interment will be in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.

The family requests contributions in her memory to the Westerly Ambulance Corps., 30 Chestnut St., Westerly, RI 02891, attn: Bill Gibney, treasurer.
Steven Donahue
Pawcatuck — Pawcatuck Fire
Chief Steven E. Donahue, 48,
beloved husband of Mary Lynne
(Drower) Donahue, of Liberty
Street, Pawcatuck, died April 22,
2007 in the Memorial Sloan-Kettering
Hospital, New York City, N.Y.
Born in Westerly, he was the son
of the late John J. and Marjorie
(Lippard) Donahue. He
was a 1977 graduate of
Woonsocket
High School and graduated
from Central
Connecticut
University in
1982 with a
bachelor’s de-

Steven was partner with his
brother, David, in Coastal Custom
Homes. For many years he was in-
volved with the Pawcatuck Little
League, as coach. Steven took great
pride in his family and his home
town of Pawcatuck where he over-
saw improvements to the WWI
Memorial, the Pawcatuck Park and
the Veterans Memorial Park, and he
was instrumental in developing the
islands at the corner of Liberty and
West Broad Street.

Surviving in addition to his wife,
he also leaves his three sons,
Christopher J. Donahue, John J.
Donahue and Owen W. Donahue,
dughter Helene O. Donahue, brother
David R. Donahue and his two
sisters Judith A. Hayward and
Kathryn Tobin all of Pawcatuck and
many nieces and nephews. He will
also be sadly missed by his canine
companions, Heidi, Zeus, Buddy,
and Addy.

Calling hours will be held
Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. in the
Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59
Spruce St., Westerly, R.I. Relatives
and friends are invited to attend the
Mass of Christian Burial, which
will be celebrated 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, Pawcatuck.

The family requests that memori-
al donations in lieu of flowers be
made to Memorial Sloan-Kettering
Head and Neck Research Study. At-
tention: Steven E. Donahue Fund,
P.O. Box 27105, NY, NY 10070 or to
Donahue Children College Fund,
c/o The Washington Trust Com-
pany, 23 Broad Street, Westerly, RI
02891 in Steven’s memory.
James Donald

Stonington — James Bernard Donald, 79, a longtime resident of Stonington, died Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2017, at Avalon Healthcare in Mystic. He is survived by his loving wife, Irene F. Donald.

Jim was born on June 8, 1938, in Worcester, Mass., the son of James H. and Gunhild (Benson) Donald. He was a graduate of Lowell Institute of Technology (UMass-Lowell) where he majored in electrical engineering. He completed his graduate work at URI MPT/Sloan School. Jim was employed for 41 years at the Naval Underwater Warfare Center, Sound Lab in New London and Newport, R.I., retiring as chief engineer in 2004.

He enjoyed gardening, and was an avid fisherman, clammer, and loved boating. He was a member of the Congregational Church of North Stonington, as well as a member of the Mason's Coastal Lodge #57.

In addition to his wife, Jim is survived by his three daughters, Christine Miller and her husband Braden, Lauren Crowl and her husband Brian, and Kathryn Stanley and her husband David; as well as grandchildren, Halle Miller, Henry and Sam Crowl, and Elizabeth Stanley. He is also survived by three stepsons, Edward and his wife Alcina, Fred and his wife Heather, and John Pronczek; and stepgrandchildren, Monica, Erickson and Alyson Pronczek.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23, at the North Stonington Congregational Church, 89 Main St., North Stonington. Burial will be private for the family.

Donations in his memory may be made to the North Stonington Congregational Church.

The DiCiento Funeral Home, 17 Pearl Street, Mystic, is assisting the family.
Charles R. Donath, 81
1934 graduate of Stonington High School

LEDYARD — Charles R. Donath, 81, of Marlene Drive, died Tuesday, Nov. 26, at Maritime Health Care at Pendleton in Mystic.

He was born in New London, Aug. 28, 1915, the son of Carl Rudolph and Jennie Mullaney Donath.

He was a lifelong resident of the area and a 1934 graduate of Stonington High School. Mr. Donath married Doris Arbour at St. Patrick’s Church in Mystic on June 22, 1939. Mrs. Donath died in 1969.

Mr. Donath worked for many years with the former Puritan Laundry in Mystic. Later, he operated the Seaport Restaurant in downtown Mystic and, for 20 years prior to retiring he worked for the state of Connecticut as a toll collector supervisor. Mr. Donath was a communicant of St. Patrick Church in Mystic.

He is survived by one daughter, Dorine Ross of Ledyard; one sister, June Wilson of Ledyard; two grandsons, James Ross, Jr. of Ledyard, and Robert Ross of North Stonington; and four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by two brothers, Norman Donath and Clarence Donath.

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

Charles Donath
Ledyard — Charles R. Donath, 81, of 7 Marlene Drive, died Tuesday at Maritime Health Care at Pendleton, Mystic, where he had been a patient for the past two weeks.

Mr. Donath was born on Aug. 28, 1915, in New London, the son of Carl Rudolph and Jennie Mullaney Donath.

A lifelong resident of the area, he was a 1934 graduate of Stonington High School and a communicant of St. Patrick Church.

He was employed at the former Puritan Laundry, Mystic, and later operated the Seaport Restaurant, Mystic, for 20 years prior to his retirement. He also worked for the state as a toll collector supervisor in the Greenwich area.

Mr. Donath is survived by a daughter, Dorine Ross of Ledyard; a sister, June Wilson of Ledyard; two grandsons and four great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Norman and Clarence Donath.

The funeral will assemble at 9:15 a.m. Saturday at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, and will proceed to a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick Church, Mystic. Burial will be in St. Patrick Cemetery.

Calling hours are 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.
Norman Donath
Smithville, Texas — Norman Edgar

"Ned" Donath, formerly of Mystic, passed away Nov. 22, 2003, in
Smithville, Texas.

Born Oct. 28, 1922, Ned was a
communicant of St. Patrick's
Church in Mystic.

He was a past member of B.F.
Hoeke Engine Co. in Mystic. Ned
loved baseball and was an avid New
York Yankees fan. He served as the
score keeper of the Mystic Men's
Softball League for a number of
years. He was also a huge fan of
Elvis Presley and Ricky Nelson.

Ned was predeceased by his
father and mother, Norman Edward
Donath and Natalie Collington
Donath.

He is survived by his step-mother
Clair Donath of Groton; two
brothers, Dave Donath of Branson,
Mo., and Timothy Donath of
Mystic; two sisters, Natalie Donath
of Mystic and Norma Donath of
Pawcatuck; and a daughter
Stephanie.

In lieu of flowers donations may
be made in his name to United
Cerebral Palsy of Eastern
Connecticut, Shaw's Cove, Suite
101, New London, CT 06320.

There will be no calling hours. A
memorial Mass will be held Friday,
Dec. 26, at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick's
Church in Mystic. Internment at
Elm Grove Cemetery will follow the
mass.

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Barry Donch

Stonington — Barry Michael Donch, 65, of Stewart Road, Pawcatuck, passed away Christmas Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2014.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 38 years, Janet (Wade) Donch; daughter, Jamie Wolfradt, and son-in-law, Jason Wolfradt; and two grandsons, Jece and Brayden Wolfradt, from Pawcatuck. In addition, he leaves behind his mother, Patricia Donch; sisters, Mary-Anne and Michelle Donch; and brother, James Donch, all of Groton.

Barry was predeceased by his birth parents, Michael Donch Sr. and Mary Watts; brother, Michael Donch Jr.; and sisters, Dianne (Donch) Schmeizl and Denise Donch.

Barry was a graduate of Fitch High School and worked for 45 years at Electric Boat as an electrical design supervisor.

Barry's finest accomplishment was constructing his dream home in Pawcatuck. Being a jack-of-all-trades, he brought his architectural design to reality through his involvement in all aspects of the project, whether it be digging the foundation or working on the chimney's stonework.

Grandsons Jece and Brayden brought a great deal of pleasure and pride to Barry's life, and he enjoyed attending their many activities. Some of his other precious moments were spent taking long rides with his wife in his cherished '66 red Corvette or navigating Long Island Sound on his boat. His dog and constant companion, Gracie, was dear to Barry's heart and brought him much comfort.

There will be a gathering to honor Barry's life from 2 to 4 p.m. Jan. 17, 2015, at the LaGrue Center, 32 Water St., Stonington. Family and friends are invited to attend this celebration of his life.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Barry's memory to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

For online condolences, please visit www.gaffney-dolanfuneralhome.com.
C. Philip Donnel III
Community volunteer, Sea Notes member

By JOHN FOLEY
Day Staff Writer

Mystic — C. Philip Donnel III, who for years was active in the community and had a lifelong love of music, died Friday at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital after a heart attack at his home at 159 High St. He was 66.

Mr. Donnel had been treated for angina but the heart attack was totally unexpected, his wife, Jane, said Saturday. She also has participated in civic projects, and is a former president of Mystic Community Center's Board of Trustees. She said her husband was "one of the kindest, nicest people I have ever known."

Mr. Donnel was a member of one of the oldest families in the region. He was a direct descendant of Capt. John Mason and Elder William Brewster, and he was a member of the Denison Society, whose members are descendants of George Denison, one of the first settlers of Mystic in 1654.

Mr. Donnel was an engineer for more than 20 years at Yardney-Whittaker Co. After he retired in 1990, he ran Furniture Services Limited on Route 1 with his son, C. Philip Donnel IV.

One of Mr. Donnel's favorite pursuits, his wife noted, was collecting old sheet music, a field in which he was knowledgeable.

He was a member of the New London Chapter of Sea Notes from the early 1960s, and he once participated with the group in the international barbershop singing competition in Texas.

Mr. Donnel, a baritone, also was a member of the Starboard Watch Quartet, which performed one night a week for nine summers during "musical cruises" on the Sabino in Mystic.

Thomas M. Russell III, a longtime member of the Sea Notes, said Saturday that Mr. Donnel was a popular member of the group and held in high esteem. He was known for his friendly manner and optimistic outlook, Russell added, and he was, "simply put, a nice person to be with."

In addition to the Sea Notes, Mr. Donnel participated in the former Hi-Fever Follies, a musical production which raised many thousands of dollars over the years for Lawrence & Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Donnel belonged to Mystic Congregational Church, where he had been a choir member and senior youth group leader.

He was a founding member and director of "Rivershack," a coffee house sponsored by the Mystic Area Ecumenical Council.

Through the years, Mr. Donnel served as an area host for the Mystic Outdoor Art Festival, volunteered at many events sponsored by the Mystic Community Center, was a board member of Mystic Little League and organized the Pine Wood Derby for Pack 34 and Pack 33 of the Cub Scouts. He was a former member of the Lions Club.

He was born Aug. 20, 1938 in New London, the son of C. Philip Donnel Jr. and Grace Arms Donnel. His father was a writer whose stories appeared in major publications, including "The Saturday Evening Post" and the former "Colliers."

Mr. Donnel attended the former Bulkeley School in New London and graduated from the Gunnery Preparatory School in Washington, Conn. He later attended Yale University and then served in the Navy as a fire technician aboard the aircraft carrier USS Roosevelt.

Mr. Donnel and Jane MacDonald were married Dec. 12, 1958 in Cambridge, Mass.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Donnel is survived by three sons, C. Philip Donnel IV of Stonington, Turner A. Donnel of Groton, and Mason Donnel of North Stonington; one daughter, Christiana Glas of Mystic; one sister, Conaire Ward of Quaker Hill, and eight grandchildren. He was predeceased by another son, Ian Y. Donnel.

Private burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery. There will be a public memorial service at 2 p.m. Monday at Mystic Congregational Church.

Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is in charge of arrangements. There are no calling hours. Gifts in memory of Mr. Donnel can be made to Mystic & Neank Library, 40 Library St., Mystic 06355.
Anne Donnelly  
Stonington — Anne Donnelly, 83, of Stonington, passed away Monday afternoon, June 4, 2007, at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

She was born in Aug. 12, 1923, in Kirkintilloch, Scotland, the daughter of Charles and Mary (Macdonald) McCaill.

She married William E. Donnelly in Milford, on Oct. 18, 1947. He predeceased her in April of 2000.

Her home and family were always her first priority, but she also worked for 13 years at the Mystic Oral School as a house parent. She was a member of the Stonington Senior Citizens and was a member of St. Mary Church in Stonington.

She loved to travel, visiting her children's homes across the country, and also greatly enjoyed traveling back to Scotland to visit with family there. She and her faithful companion, Angus, an apricot poodle, loved to visit and explore the Stonington Point.

She is survived by her children, William C. Donnelly of Warwick, R.I., Mary Anne Couris of Henderson, Nev., Paul E. Donnelly of Stonington and James Donnelly of San Diego, Calif., two sisters, Patricia Hughes of New Jersey and Mary McClellan of Lake Hopatconga, N.J.; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was also predeceased by a daughter, Elaine Donnelly.

The funeral will be held from Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, on Friday, June 8, 2007, at 9:15 a.m., proceeding to a Funeral Mass at St. Mary Church, Stonington, at 10 a.m. Burial will be private and at a later date. Relatives and friends are invited to attend and may also call at the funeral home from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday.

The Donnelly family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for obituary information, directions, and an online memorial register to leave a note of condolence.
Anastacia Donohue Obituary: Anastacia Donohue’s Obituary by the... http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thewesterlysun/obituary-print.asp...

Anastacia (O’Neil) Donohue

WESTERLY - Anastacia (O’Neil) Donohue, 90, of Westerly, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her family on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. She was the wife of the late William E. Donohue who predeceased her in 2006.

Born in Pawcatuck, Conn., she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Ruth O’Neil.

Anastacia worked in catalog sales for JCPenney Co. for many years and had also previously been employed at Pfizer, BDA, Walmart, and Mystic Color Lab. She was a communicant of Immaculate Conception Church and volunteered much of her time with various local organizations including The Westerly Hospital, Meals on Wheels, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Adult Literacy Program at the Westerly Library.

She will be dearly missed by her two sons, Jeffrey W. Donohue, of Westerly, and Terence P. Donohue of Bristol, Conn., and also Linda and Jacky; two sisters, Frances O’Neil and Marie Roy, both of Pawcatuck; three grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Anastacia was predeceased by her four brothers, Jack, Joseph, Raymond, and Grant O’Neil; and two sisters, Elsie Fusaro and Ruth Cramer.

Visiting hours are omitted. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Service on Tuesday, March 21 at 11 a.m. at R.I. Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 301 South County Trail in Exeter. Attendees are asked to arrive at the Main Office building at 10:45 a.m. Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, is in charge of the arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com.

Funeral Home
Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home
59 Spruce St. Westerly, RI 02891
(401) 596-2648

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Stonington — Catherine "Kay" (Keegan) Donohue of Pawcatuck, died on Aug. 1, 2015, two weeks shy of her 97th birthday.

Born in Norwich, she was the youngest of the three children of Joseph C. and Bernadette Keegan. Raised in Willimantic and Hartford with her siblings, the late Howard Keegan and Elsie Keegan Kearns, Kay, as she was affectionately known, was a National Honor Society graduate of Weaver High School and an athlete on the softball and basketball teams.

She earned her bachelor's degree in 1953 at New Britain State Teacher's College (now Central Connecticut State University) and accepted her first teaching assignment at Stonington High School, then located in Pawcatuck.

While socializing at the Ocean House, Kay was introduced to John J. Donohue, who worked for the Supervisor of Shipbuilding in Groton. They were married on Aug. 15, 1944, at St. Justin's Church in Hartford and settled in Pawcatuck.

Following the birth of her first child, she suspended her teaching career to stay at home and used her skills to operate a business producing expertly prepared manuscripts and legal documents for local area professionals.

In January 1953, the young couple, along with his sister, Mary C. Donohue, purchased a house on Moss Street to raise their four children (with one due in October), and created a multi-generational home that included her invalid mother-in-law. In July of that year, her beloved John died.

Faith, friends, and fortitude allowed her to overcome the challenges of raising five rambunctious kids, who became accomplished adults. She instilled in them common sense, decency, and frugality. As a parent she was famously thrifty. Armed with electric clippers she mastered the "crew cut" eliminating the cost of haircuts. She also became the trusted neighborhood "dentist" who could distract a child long enough to extract a baby tooth that needed to find its way under a pillow.

When her youngest started first grade, she returned to Stonington High, teaching a total of 53 years until her retirement in 1986 at age 70. She always emphasized the importance of education, leading by example by finishing her master's degree. She was physically active throughout her life — ice skating, swimming, walking, and bicycling. Her response to a child's plea of a feigned illness to merit a sick day was "Well, if you get up, you'll feel better."

Painfully aware of her father's blindness in his elder years (a fate she herself endured) she traveled to "see as much of the world while I

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can.” She visited Europe, Morocco, and Bermuda and was photographed atop a cuddled camel or holding an ocelot on a leash - always armed with a sense of humor and a “can do” attitude.

A devout Catholic, Kay and her family traveled to Rome to witness her son’s ordination where she received communion from Blessed Pope Paul VI. She was a “go to” volunteer at St. Michael’s Church and School, which all of her children attended, sewing costumes for school plays; baking for fundraisers. She was active in multiple charitable organizations, elected Connecticut State Regent of the Daughters of Isabella, the Ladies’ Auxiliary, the Girl Scouts, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and she volunteered numerous hours at the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center. The ultimate Boston Red Sox fan, televised games could be interrupted, but only for a dire emergency, likewise, she followed the UConn women’s basketball team religiously, perhaps remembering her own time on the parquet.

She was predeceased by her daughter, Catherine D. Lathrop.

She is survived by her sons and their spouses, John J. Donohue and his wife, Patsy, of Pawcatuck, Monsignor Michael T. Donohue of East Lyme, Joseph Donohue and his wife, Deborah Burlingame, of Pawcatuck, and Christopher Donohue of Mystic.

She is also survived by her nine grandchildren, their spouses, and 16 great-grandchildren, John and Keeny Donohue and their son, John, and daughter, Keegan; Patrick and Erin Donohue and their daughter, Rose; Sean and Kelly Donohue and their sons, Max and Benjamin; Timothy and Colleen Donohue, their daughter, Casey, and son, Will; Benjamin Donohue and Lauren McCarthy and their son, Caleb; and Emily Donohue and Tom Stahl and their sons, Liam and Keegan; Patricia and David Betteman and their daughter, Grace, and son, Ian, and Joseph; Charles Lathrop and his daughter, Catherine; and Anne and Roger Wong and their sons, Ethan and Benjamin.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 6 at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, and a Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 7, at St. Mary’s Church in Stonington. There is no procession from the funeral home to the church. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Michael’s Capital Campaign, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379, in Kay’s memory.

For online condolences, please visit www.gaffney-dolanfuneralhome.com
Mystic — Eileen K. Doolittle, known for her grace, style and intelligence, was an artist and poet, mother, wife and friend, who passed away at Mystic Healthcare on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, after a brave four-year struggle with cancer.

Eileen Doolittle was born in Baltimore, Md., on Nov. 30, 1935. She was the daughter of Eileen (Notor) Kavanagh and State Police Capt. Hugh Ignatius Kavanagh Jr.

She graduated from the Institute of Notre Dame in Baltimore, and studied art at the Art Institute of Maryland, the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis, Minn., and Monseorran College of Art in Massachusetts. In her early years she worked for the Sun Papers in Baltimore. She was a supporter of civil rights, women's rights and nonviolence. She loved to donate children's toys and clothing at Christmas and was a supporter of the Navy Relief Fund.

Eileen was a 35-year resident of Mystic. Eileen was also a great friend, decorator and hostess who made many people feel welcome in her home and warmed by her attention and cooking. She read widely, enjoyed travel, art films and taking care of her property on Cedar Road and other homes, then having the lawns moved at Bishops Cove. She was a longtime member of Stitch and Bitch, a luncheon club of ladies who liked to do both. She also lived in Annapolis, Minneapolis, Saratoga, Ipswich and Haverford, as her family moved in support of Mr. Doolittle's career, where she made many friendships that have endured.

Described as the Poet Painter in Newsweek, her paintings are in a number of private collections and have been exhibited in shows and galleries in Maryland, Minnesota, Saratoga, Marblehead, Haverford and Boston. Her career also included commercial art projects as well as the publication of three books that feature her art and poetry created in collaboration with her creative partner, internationally acclaimed photographer Starr Ockenga.

These three beautiful books educated children and amused their indulging grandparents. The books are "The Ark and the Attic," a letters book; "Wood of Wonders," a numbers book; and "Then and Now," a book of days. "The Ark in the Attic" was the basis for an exhibit at the Children's Museum of Boston. Eileen read the books to children in the local schools in Mystic. Eileen's contributions to these books included the poetic texts that guided the readers through the illustrations, as well as the painted backgrounds that form the stage for the objects on the page.

Eileen's children and friends were central to her life. Kathy is a painter, while David is a painter and author. Eileen's life was deeply enriched by her two grandchildren, River and Sole, who visited frequently and absolutely adored their grandmother.

Eileen is survived by her daughter, Katherine, of New York City, her son, David S. Parker Jr.; two grandchildren, River and Sole Eileen Juliet Parker and their mother, Mme. Isabelle Diane Parker of Coulouares, France. She is also survived by her two beloved brothers, Kevin Kavanagh and Hugh Ignatius Kavanagh III; and her close cousin, Mary Pat Hanley. She is also survived by her ex-husband and devoted companion, John T. Doolittle, who was her principal caregiver for the four-year battle. In addition, she is survived by Hugh's wife, Joy; Hildegarde Kavanagh, the widow of Eileen's late brother, Terry; and her sisters-in-law, Audrey Whitemore of Hamden and Georgia McDowell of Pawley's Island, S.C. She is also survived by a large contingent of cousins, nieces and nephews.

Her last days were eased by the dedicated attentiveness of her daughter and son, and by the care of a wide circle of friends who had accompanied her on her journey. For much of the past four years she has been supported by the dedicated staff of the ECHO Center in Norwich, and later by the staff at The William W. Backus Hospital and Mystic Healthcare.

A memorial service for Eileen will be held in July and will be announced in The Day.

The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is assisting the family.
Nancy Doolittle

Mystic — Nancy Ann Doolittle (nee Parsons) passed away peacefully at age 86 in her sleep on June 4, 2017.

A recent resident of Mystic, Nancy was born in Providence and spent most of her life in Rhode Island. She grew up on the water with a love of sailing and once had the nickname “Tom” for her ability to win sailboat races at a time when few women participated.

Nancy raised four children with David Z. Bailey in Warwick, R.I. The family enjoyed sailing, skiing, and traveling together. She later married Duncan H. Doolittle, with whom she learned fly fishing and the Italian language which she practiced on trips to Italy. She loved gardening and maintained a sense of humor to the end.

Nancy was a Colonial Dame and member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She attended Lincoln School and Mary C. Wheeler School in Providence, Mount Vernon College in Washington, Masters School in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., and Pine Manor College near Boston. She was the daughter of Roberts and Anna B. C. Parsons, and she was the sister of the late Samuel C. Parsons.

She is survived by both husbands and her four children, David S. Bailey, Peter Z. Bailey, Jeffrey R. Bailey, and Elvia Nina E. Roe. Nancy is also survived by eight grandchildren, David B. Bailey, Evan F. Bailey, Coulter S. Bailey, Elizabeth E. Bailey, Lucy A. Bailey, George E. Bailey, Orelia A. Roe, and Theron Z. Roe.

A reception will be held at 4 p.m. on June 23 at Stoneridge, 186 Jerry Browne Road, Mystic.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Providence Athenaeum, Mystic Seaport, or charity of your choice.
John Doresky

John "Jack" Doresky, 72, of 305 Greenhaven Road, Pawcatuck, died Wednesday, May 7, at his home.

He was born on Aug. 12, 1930, the son of John and Pamela "Millie" Doresky.

After his graduation, he immediately entered the U.S. Navy, where he served for 20 years, retiring from the USS Greenling in 1968.

A resident of Pawcatuck since 1975, he was employed as the administrative clerk at the U.S. Naval Submarine Base Power Plant in Groton. He was a member of Harley P Chase Post, VFW in Pawcatuck.

He is survived by his wife, Mary V. Doresky, a son, John of Georgia; a sister, Dorothy Reilly of Delaware; and two grandchildren.

Jack's family will greet relatives and friends from noon until 1:45 p.m. Tuesday at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic. A service will immediately follow at 2 p.m. Donations may be made to the Connecticut Humane Society, 169 Old Colchester Road, Quaker Hill, CT 06375.

For further obituary information, directions, or to send an on-line condolence to the family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Marion Doro passed away on Jan. 15, 2015, at Avalon Health Care Center at Stone Ridge. She was born in Miami, Fla., on Oct. 2, 1928, the daughter of Alaik Carron and George N. Doro. She grew up in Ocala, Fla. She had a sister, Elsie Saltzman, and a brother, George.

Marion was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Florida State University with a master's degree in political science in 1952, University of Pennsylvania, Ph.D., in 1956. Professor Doro is the Lucy Marsh Haskell ’19 Professor Emerita of Government at Connecticut College, where she was on the faculty from 1962 to 1998. Her experience in East Africa as a Ford Fellow and a Fulbright lecturer at Makerere University in Uganda made it possible for her to begin teaching the first course on Africa at Connecticut College. Her courses in “Politics in Africa,” “Politics in Southern Africa,” and the advanced seminars “Post-Apartheid South Africa” and “Racism and Ethnicity in Africa” were taught from the perspective that it is increasingly important for students to have living and learning experiences in technologically less developed countries because the fate of these states will significantly influence their lives in the 21st Century.

As a founding director of the Study Abroad Program at Connecticut College, she inaugurated the program at the University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania. Dr. Doro took an intensive course in Kiswahili with the students who participated in the program and taught politics in industrial societies in the department of political science. She served as a UN monitor in Tanzania’s first multi-party elections in 1995 and had observer status for the parliamentary election in Uganda in 1996. Her special research interests are focused on the democratization process in Africa, with special emphasis on the role of women in civil society and the question of “free and fair” elections. Much of this is reflected in her survey of the literature of democratization, which was published in OHIOCE, the journal of the American Library Association, which is widely used by reference librarians. Doro’s first book, “Governing in Black African Perspectives on New States” (1986), has been cited as one of the 10 most significant contributions to the field of African politics. She is also the author of a reader in African politics, and a historiographic study, “Rhodesia/Zimbabwe: A Bibliographic Guide to the Nationalist Period” (1994). She has published numerous bibliographic essays for Current Bibliography on African politics, several dozen articles on various African states for Colliers Yearbook, and more than 100 book reviews.

She has taught and conducted research in East and Southern Africa frequently, particularly in Uganda at Makerere University as a senior associate in the Institute for Social Science and twice as a Fulbright Scholar, in 1963–64 and 1987–88. She has also served as a visiting lecturer in Ethiopia, Mozambique, and Nigeria. Listed in several who’s who, she has been active in the African Studies Association and several regional professional associations, has served as editor of the Africa Contemporary Record, is a fellow of the Royal African Society (London) and is a member of several honorary societies, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, and Pi Sigma Alpha.

Marion is survived by her nieces, Anne Deitzer and husband, John, of Ocala, Fla., Deanna Spruill and husband, Dennis, of Palm Coast, Fla., David Saltzman and wife, Joanne, of Ocala, Okla., Keith Doro of Michigan, and Stephen Doro of Minnesota, along with numerous great nieces and nephews.

The family gratefully acknowledges the special care and friendship extended to Marion by staff at Avalon Nursing Center and Seniors Helping Seniors in Mystic, along with many loving and caring friends.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 20, at Connecticut College in the Barkness Chapel. Interment will be held in Ocala, Fla. There are no calling hours.

For those who wish, donations may be made in her memory to the Marion E. Doro Scholarship Fund, Connecticut College, 270 Mohegan Ave., New London, CT 06320–0000.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.reliafuneralhome.com.

The Thomas L. Reif Snr. & Sons Funeral Home, 12 Ocean Ave., New London, is assisting the family with the arrangements.
Anne Eileen Dennehey Roderick Doughty, 75, of Stonington, died Monday, March 27, 2006, at The Westerly Hospital where she had been a patient for a short time.

She was born in Stonington on Aug. 7, 1930, the daughter of Edward and Lillian Wood Dennehey. A lifelong resident of this area, she graduated from Stonington High School with the class of 1948. She married Antone Borges “Talute” Roderick.

They made their home here and raised their three children. They were married 34 years when he predeceased her. She later married Robert Doughty, the man who had been her high school sweetheart, on May 30, 1986 in Stonington. They would have celebrated their 20th anniversary this spring.

Anne was a homemaker in every sense of the word. Her home and family were always what mattered most to her. Her attention to detail and “white glove” approach were clearly evident. She is remembered by her family as having a no-nonsense way about her, gave out good solid advice and always was concerned about others and eager to help them. She enjoyed refinishing furniture, making something beautiful again and still useful. She was a great cook, but her desserts, which she always made from scratch, were what most often brought rave reviews.

She and her husband Bob loved to travel, and in 1990 and 1991 they visited 42 of the 50 states in their 28-foot motorhome, covering more than 27,000 miles.

Their stay in Key West, Fla., was one of their most memorable visits. Frequent and impromptu weekend getaways often found them in Vermont or the Nashua, N.H., region. They remember these among their favorite places as well.

During her working career, one of the places she worked was Kellem in Stonington as a breeder eventually working as a machinist, a job few women ever held.

She was a past member of the Daughters of Isabella Society and was a member of St. Mary Church, Stonington.

In addition to her husband, Robert, she is survived by a son, Edward Roderick of Westerly; a daughter and son-in-law, Marjorie and Ron Zaremba of Pawcatuck; two sisters, Emily Delmonico of Oneco, Conn., and Catherine Gravino of Renton, Wash.; three stepchildren, Judith Gannon of East Hampton, Conn., Tammy Moomihan of Westerly, and Gregory Doughty of Pawcatuck; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also predeceased by a daughter, Jane Eileen Roderick Fields.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2006, at 10 a.m. at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic.

Burial will follow in Stonington Cemetery.

Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home on Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, her family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the Girls & Boys Town, P.O. Box 6000, Boys Town, NE 68010.

The Doughty family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for obituary information, directions and an on-line memorial register to leave a note of condolence.
Mystic — On Monday, Aug. 10, 2015, Charles Norris Doughty of Mystic died at his condo in Fort Pierce, Fla., with his loving family by his side. He was born at home on 6 London Ave., Pawcatuck, on Oct. 20, 1923. “Charlie” was the son of Merle and Elsie (Thomas) Doughty. He attended the West Broad Street School and graduated from Stonington High School in 1942.

A hearing problem kept Charlie from serving in the military during World War II. Eager to play an active role on the homefront, he worked first as a fireman at Charleston Air Force Base and then at Hamilton Standard Propellers in Westerly, where he met the love of his life, Roberta (Ward) Doughty. The two married and had two daughters, Eunice and Elsie. Shortly after their second daughter’s birth, the family purchased the Seahorse Restaurant in Noank. There, in addition to acting as proprietor, Charlie was known to cook and tend bar, and he entertained a packed room of fans each week when he played his beloved accordion in jam sessions with his band, earning himself the nickname “Seahorse Charlie.” His chowder, bluefish cheeks and Friday night prime rib were favorites at the restaurant for 27 years.

In 1983, Charlie retired. He moved to Fort Pierce to escape the New England winters, but his heart always remained in Mystic, where he made his home with the Sutphen family each summer. Music continued to play a central role in his life. A sought-after Dixieland band leader, he performed on accordion or keyboards wherever he happened to find himself, engaging friends, family, and strangers alike with his innate sense of rhythm and harmonies, as well as his unforgettable phrasing of jazz standards. He mentored younger musicians in both Mystic and Fort Pierce, and toward the end of his life, he described music as his “energy”: a source of joy that connected him to others and raised his spirits whenever life threw him a curve ball.

Charlie also devoted his retirement to pursuing another lifelong talent: fishing. His detailed knowledge of local fishing holes was truly remarkable. Adapting both fresh and salt water, he tied beautiful flies, and was known to show fellow anglers exactly where they might roast a trout in a Hopkinton creek or snare a snapper bluefish on the Sound. He also loved lobstereing and pulled pots with friends and family well into his 90s.

Charlie is survived by his two loving daughters, Eunice Sutphen and Elsie Doughty, by his “BEST friend in the world” and son-in-law John Sutphen, and by his beloved fishing buddy and son-in-law James L. Carson, all of whom reside in Mystic. He also is survived by three granddaughters, Kelly Buttermore, of New York City, Emma Sutphen of Mystic and Gretchen (Sutphen) Federici of Noank, and by his great-granddaughter, Lacy, also of Noank. He loved them all “to the moon and back.”

Charlie was preceded by his parents; and his siblings, Elsie Mae, Merle Jr., Robert and Russell Doughty.

Charlie loved a good joke, a great tune and the company of those who loved him. The family will long remember him as a man who was happiest when he brought people together to eat, to sing and to swap stories about the incredible—and often quite funny—experiences the world presents to us each day.

We will honor him with a celebration of his long and happy life at a later date.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to Treasure Coast Hospice for the incredible support and care they gave to Charlie in his final days.
Robert Doughty

Stonington—Robert Thomas Doughty, 85, of Pawcatuck died Saturday, Jan. 17, 2015, at the Groton Regency. He was the husband of the late Anne (Dennety) Roderick Doughty and was a lifelong resident of Pawcatuck.

Born at home on 6 Loudon Ave. in Pawcatuck in 1929, he was the son of the late Merle and Elsie (Thomas) Doughty. He attended West Broad Street and Stonington High School.

On Sept. 8, 1948, he enlisted with the U.S. Army. Following basic training and jump school, including packing your own chutes, in 1949, he was assigned to the 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment as a parachutist of the 82nd Airborne Division. Bob served during the Korean War and was honorably discharged on June 28, 1952. He was a member of the Pawcatuck and North Stonington American Legion Post No. 0152.

After 24 years at enzer, he retired in 1990. During his retirement, Bob and his late wife, Anne, traveled in their motor home, touring the United States for two years, visiting 42 states and covering 27,000 miles. He also enjoyed spending time in Vermont and New Hampshire and was an avid coin collector and a member of the Westerly Coin Club.

Bob is survived by his sons, Larry W. Doughty of Erie, Pa., and Gregory R. Doughty of Old Mystic; daughters, Judith H. Gannon of East Hampton and Tammy M. Moynihan of Westerly; brother, Charles N. Doughty of Fort Pierce, Fla.; stepdaughter, Marjorie Zarembo of Pawcatuck; four grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and a close friend, Marion Crandall.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Merle Doughty Jr. and Russell Doughty; a sister, Elsie Mae Doughty; a stepson, Edward Roderick; and a stepdaughter, Jane Fields.

A calling hour will be held from 11 a.m. to noon followed by a noon service on Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. Burial will follow at the Stonington Cemetery, 345 North Main St., Stonington, with full military honors.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Boys Town, PO Box 8000, Boys Town, NE 68010.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave an online message of condolence.
Customers 'always asked for Gert'

Last fall, when Dale Faulkner, the New London attorney, was sick from chemotherapy treatments following surgery for cancer, Gertrude Douglas, her own cancer in tenuous abeyance, came to visit him at his home in Ledyard with his favorite pie — pumpkin.

Her vocation was to know what people liked to eat, but what endeared her to patrons who became her friends during more than 30 years of waitressing in this region was her way of getting to know what they were all about, and how their children were faring, and making them most comfortable.

By January of this year, Faulkner felt well enough to socialize and return to J.P. Daniels, where Gert Douglas had been waitressing since the Old Mystic restaurant opened 18 years ago. But she was no longer able to work, the ovarian cancer proving too virulent for whatever the chemotherapy had conquered. She managed to make it through October, when she felt her best, and just barely into November. She never returned.

Her energy this spring was dedicated to attending the June graduation of her grandson, Jason Calouro, from Stonington High School. She was there, frail in a wheelchair, leaving moments after seeing him receive his diploma.

Early Monday morning, at Women and Infants Hospital in Providence, Gert Douglas died. She was 89.

For as long as her three daughters can remember, Gert Douglas waited on others. She was a professional, from her days at a pharmacy's lunch counter in Vermont, near her native Barre, to Hancock, N.H., where she moved with her husband, Thomas, in 1989.

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She befriended people at Sailor Ed's, at the Flood Tide, at the Harbor View, at Poor Richard's, at the Swiss Chalet. A couple of years after Marge and Don Schoonmaker opened the Barn on Route 184 in Old Mystic in 1973, Gert Douglas went to work there. She stayed on when Jon Kodama leased the restaurant and renamed it Yesterday's Manor, and she stayed on when Larry St. Clair and Brian Henry took over the same place in 1981 and converted it to J.P. Daniels.

"She remembered everybody," says St. Clair. "People asked for her all the time. She knew when everybody's birthday was, staff and customers alike. She knew their favorite dishes. She worked very hard to please.

"With Gert, it was more her personality than her technical skills. You can teach anybody how to take orders. Customers would send her cards. They always asked for Gert."

She was a robust woman who persuaded her husband, John, after he was nearly killed in a coal-mining accident, to move here and take a job at Electric Boat. Later, the couple divorced, and on her own, she looked after her daughters—Linda Calouro, now 43, and Donna Douglas, 41, both of whom live in Pawcatuck, and Gail Elkins, 37, of Waterford. She catered to her six grandchildren. She lived on Greenhaven Road in Pawcatuck.

Every Wednesday night for the last seven or eight years, David Hinkle of Sonalysts Inc. in Waterford, and his daughter, Janet, dined at J.P. Daniels, attended to only by Gert Douglas.

"She just made you feel like you were part of her family," says Janet Hinkle. Stanley Popiel of Stonington, the 84-year-old former owner of what is now Mystic Color Lab, abided by Gert Douglas, measuring wait staff whereas he traveled against her.

"She was honest and sincere and she could deal with you," says Popiel. "We just adored her. Her philosophy outweighed her concerns for her job. People asked me, 'Since when do you kiss a waitress?' We didn't consider her a waitress."

So they all say about Gert Douglas, who cared for people—and they loved her for it.

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Gertrude Douglas

Gertrude May (Corrigan) Douglas, 70, of Pawcatuck, died Monday morning, July 19, 1999, at Women & Infants Hospital, Providence.

Born in Barre, Vt., on Dec. 22, 1929, she was a daughter of the late John E. and Mary (Menard) Corrigan.

A long-time resident of the area, Mrs. Douglas had been a popular waitress in local restaurants, working at the former Sailor Ed’s restaurant in Mystic, later at the Harborview Restaurant in Stonington, and then moving to The Barn and later J.P. Daniels restaurant in Old Mystic from which she retired in November last year.

Her warm Irish smile would greet her many old friends and customers, and she was particularly fond of children, always inquiring about them as they grew up and moved away. Prior to her waitressing career, Mrs. Douglas had worked as a cook at the former Borough School.

She had been a communicant of St. Mary Church in Stonington, where she taught Sunday school. She had been a member of the Daughters of Isabella and had been active in Brownies and Girl Scouts. She and her family had been active members of the Westerly Cancer Support Group “I Can Cope.” She was a communicant of St. Michael’s Church in Pawcatuck.

She is survived by three daughters, Linda Calouro and Donna Douglas, both of Pawcatuck and Gail Elkins of Quaker Hill, Conn.; a sister, Mary Bianchi of Barre; two brothers, William Corrigan of Barre and Richard Corrigan of Plainfield, Vt.; and six grandchildren, Timothy Douglas, Jason Calouro, Melissa Elkins, Jennifer Calouro, Matthew Elkins, and Adam Elkins.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Edward Corrigan and John Corrigan Jr.

The funeral will be held Thursday at 9:15 a.m. from the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, to a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Michael’s Church, Pawcatuck at 10 a.m. Burial will be in Stonington Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home are Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Stonington Ambulance Corps, P.O. Box 424, Stonington, CT 06378; or to Women & Infants Hospital Program in Women’s Oncology, 101 Dudley St., Providence, RI 02905.
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Mrs. Douglas would greet old friends and customers with a warm, Irish smile, and she was particularly fond of children and would always inquire about them as they grew up and moved away.

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A longtime resident of the area, Mrs. Douglas worked as a waitress at the former Sailor Ed’s in Mystic, the Harborview in Stonington, the Barn, and later the J.P. Daniels restaurant in Old Mystic, from which she retired in November of last year. Before waitressing, she worked as a cook at the former Borough School in Stonington.

Mrs. Douglas had been a communicant of St. Mary Church, Stonington, where she taught Sunday school, and St. Michael’s Church in Pawcatuck.

She was a member of the Daughters of Isabella, and was active in Brownies and Girl Scouts. She was an active member of the Western Cancer support group “I Can Cope.”

Mrs. Douglas is survived by three daughters, Linda Calabro and Donna Douglas, both of Pawcatuck, and Gail Elkins of Quaker Hill; a sister, Mary Bianchi of Barre, Vt.; two brothers, William Corrigan of Barre, Vt., and Richard Corrigan of Plainfield, Vt.; and six grandchildren. She was predeceased by two brothers, Edward Corrigan and John Corrigan Jr.

Services were held this morning.

Mystic Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Gifts in Mrs. Douglas’s memory may be made to the Stonington Ambulance Corps, PO Box 424, Stonington, CT 06378, or to Women & Infants Hospital Program in Women’s Oncology, 101 Dudley St., Providence, RI 02905.

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Thomas H. Douglas Sr.

Thomas H. Douglas Sr., 71, of Elizabeth Drive, Pawcatuck, Conn., died peacefully on Thursday, April 9, 2009, at The Westerly Hospital.

Born on June 4, 1937, he was the son of the late Thomas and Blanche (Littlefield) Douglas.

Mr. Douglas was a claims adjuster for the insurance industry for many years before his retirement.

Tom was active in local civic organizations. He was a life member of the Westerly Fire Department and the Alert Hook and Ladder unit of the department, a life member of the Ashaway Sportsman's Club and Past Master of the Franklin Lodge F&AM and the Professional Singles Association. He also was communicant of Christ Episcopal Church in Westerly.

He will be sadly missed by his three children, Thomas H. Douglas Jr. and his wife Margo of Westerly, Michael A. Douglas and his wife Laura of Brooklyn, Conn., and Stephen A. Douglas of Orlando, Fla. He also leaves his brother, David W. Douglas of Westerly, and his sister, Karen D. Johnson of Middletown, R.I. He was the loving grandfather of Joshua, Madelyn, Margo, Colton and Mara Faye, and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brother, William H. Douglas, and his sister, Jean D. Minnehan.

Funeral service will be held on Monday at 4 p.m. in the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly, with calling hours preceding the services from 2 to 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Charico-Westerly Animal Rescue League, P.O. Box 1237, Westerly, RI 02891. For online condolences and shared memories, visit www.buckler-johnston.com.
Ruth Douville

Stonington — Ruth Alice Douville, 96, of Pawcatuck
died Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2014,
at her home.

She was born on Sept. 15,
1917, in Northbridge, Mass.,
the daughter of George and
Alice (Leblanc) Lemoine.

She graduated from
Northridge High School and
attended business college in
Woonsocket, R.I.

Ruth married Woodrow W.
"Woody" Douville Sr. on May
13, 1944. He predeceased her
in 1996.

She worked for many
years in Westerly for Dr.
Seymour Gersten as an opti-
cian’s technician. She was a
communicant of St. Michael’s
Church, a member of the
Westerly Garden Club, the
Red Hat Society, and she
volunteered weekly at Pawca-
tuck Neighborhood Center.

Ruth is survived by her son,
Woodrow W. Douville Jr.,
and his wife, Diane Douville,
of Pawcatuck; her daughter,
Judith A. Taylor, and her hus-
band, the Rev. Robert Taylor,
of Essex; three grandchildren,
Jeremy Taylor, Sarah Taylor
and Aimee Douville; and one
great-grandchild, Miriam
Taylor. She is also survived
by her siblings, Dorothy Mills
and Richard Lemoine, both of
Massachusetts.

In addition to her husband,
she is predeceased by her
brother George Lemoine.

Family and friends are
asked to gather for a Mass
of Christian Burial at 10 a.m.
on Saturday in St. Mary’s
Church, 95 Main Street, Ston-
ington, followed by iner-
ment in St. Michael’s Cemetery
in Pawcatuck. There is no
funeral procession from the
funeral home. Visiting hours
are private.

The Dinoto Funeral Home,
17 Pearl St., Mystic, is assist-
ing the family.
PAWCATUCK — Woodrow William “Woody” Douville Sr., 77, of Latner Avenue, died Saturday evening, May 25, at the Westerly Hospital, after being stricken at home.

A longtime Stonington educator, coach, and retired Stonington recreation commission director, Mr. Douville had lived in Stonington since 1949, when he accepted a teaching position in the mathematics department of Stonington High School and was named head football coach.

Born Nov. 8, 1918, in Northbridge, Mass., he was a son of Thomas and Orilla Beauregard Douville. He entered Holy Cross College with the class of 1938 on a full football scholarship.

With the outbreak of World War II, he enlisted in the United States Coast Guard where he served on board escort vessels in the Panama Canal Zone.

He married Ruth A. Lemoine at St. Peter’s Church, Northbridge, on May 13, 1944. He returned to Holy Cross to complete his degree; he graduated in 1947.

Before retiring from teaching in 1979, he was a member of the mathematics department at Stonington High School for 35 years and served as head football coach at Stonington High School from 1949 until 1963.

Douville coached his teams to several conference championships. Upon his retirement from coaching, he was recognized by the Southeastern Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame with the Retired Coach Award.

He was appointed director of the Stonington Recreation Commission in 1963 and served in the post until 1988. During his tenure, the town’s recreation program experienced tremendous growth and activity. He was instrumental in the planning and development of the town’s picnic area expansion program and sports facilities. As director, he oversaw the activities of a wide range of sporting and recreational activities in the town, from Huck Finn Day fishing derbies to community gardening programs.

Mr. Douville also supervised Stonington’s grammar school basketball and baseball program for more than eight years and was director of the Stonington Board of Education’s adult education program in the 1960s.

He served as a member of the board of directors of the Pawcatuck Little League and served as president of the Stonington High School Athletic Council as well as being advisor of Stonington High School’s “S” Club.

He was a member of the Connecticut Coaches’ Association and was Class B representative for the state of Connecticut. He was a member of the Stonington, Connecticut and National Education Associations. Mr. Douville was a longtime supporter of senior citizens programs throughout Stonington.

He was a communicant of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Pawcatuck and was a former member of the Pawcatuck Elks Club and served as chairman of its scholarship committee.

While a teacher in Northbridge, he served as supervisor of playgrounds and was an American Legion softball manager. He served concurrently as head coach of Hudson High School’s varsity football, baseball, and basketball teams.

After retiring from the recreation commission, he was an agent for Switz Realty of Mystic for several years.

He was a member and charter commander of the Oliver Ashton Post, American Legion-Northbridge. Mr. Douville was an avid golfer and longtime member of Elm Ridge Golf Course where he won the 1981 Senior’s Championship.

In addition to his wife, survivors include a son, Woodrow W. Douville Jr. of Pawcatuck; a daughter, Judith A. Taylor of Riverside; two brothers, Edward Douville of Northbridge and Harold Douville of Dighton; a sister, Gertrude Douville of Northbridge; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held Tuesday, May 28, at St. Michael Church in Pawcatuck. Burial was in St. Michael Cemetery. The Dicito Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial gifts in Mr. Douville’s name may be made to St. Michael Church Building Fund, Liberty Street, Pawcatuck 06379.
Dorothy Doyle

Mystic — Dorothy L. Doyle, 91, of Mystic, died Wednesday, March 31, 2010.

She was born in Jersey City, N.J., on Tuesday, April 8, 1919, the daughter of Dennis and Catherine (Carey) Lynch. She grew up and lived most of her life in Pittsfield, Mass. After graduating from St. Joseph High School, she worked for the Naval Ordnance General Electric.

She married John Andrew Doyle on Nov. 24, 1942, in Pittsfield. Their family soon grew to include their five children. Sadly, she predeceased her on May 22, 1996. After her children were grown, she went to work as a bookkeeper for Crescent Creamery in Pittsfield. She and John moved to this area in 1982 after he had retired to be near their family.

A devoted homemaker and mother, she always enjoyed attending sporting and other events her children and grandchildren were involved in, especially their baseball and basketball games. The love she shared with all of them has created many wonderful memories, and she will be greatly missed. Dorothy loved to swim and did so as often as possible throughout her entire life, even into her later years. Her enthusiasm for swimming, once led her to participate in a “100 Mile Challenge,” something of which she was always proud.

She was also an avid reader who volunteered her time at all the local school libraries both here and in Pittsfield. Dorothy was a communicant of St. Mary Church, Stonington.

She is survived by her five children and their spouses, Jack and Bekki Doyle of Boulder, Colo., Thomas and Lillian Doyle of Mystic, Terry and Angie Doyle of Snellville, Ga., Brian Doyle of Stonington, and Janet Doyle-Messer of Hollis, N.H.; 10 grandchildren, Stephanie and Frank LeCrone, Erin and Jeff Joyce, Timothy Doyle, Todd Doyle, Kevin Doyle, Katie Doyle, Jeremy Doyle, Connor Doyle, Brie and Luke Vernon, and Kellie Messer; and also seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband of 53 years, she was predeceased by her two brothers, Edward and Jack Lynch.

Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, is in charge of her funeral arrangements which will be private and at the convenience of her family. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at a later date and will be announced. Relatives and friends are welcome to attend.

Her family requests, as a tribute to her love for reading, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be considered for the Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Road, Groton CT 06340.

You may also visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave a note of condolence.
Obituaries

Anthony L. Drago

Anthony L. Drago, beloved husband of Mary (Federico) Drago, of 55 years, 106 Pequot Trail, Pawcatuck, Conn., died at The Westerly Hospital, Friday, Jan. 17, 2003.

He was born in Pawcatuck, Conn., June 25, 1914, son of the late Joseph and Maura (Bonomo) Drago.

He was employed for many years at Electric Boat, General Dynamics in Groton, in inventory control, before retiring in early 1980s.

He was a member of Harley P. Chase Post No. 1265 in Pawcatuck and also the Disabled American Veterans. He served in the Army Air Force during World War II in Australia.

He was a communicant of St. Michael Church in Pawcatuck. He was a former member of the Pawcatuck Little League Board of Directors, as well as its building committee. He was an avid gardener and UConn basketball fan. He had an extensive musical tape collection and was considered a computer whiz.

In addition to his wife, he leaves one son, Ronald J. Drago of Groton; one daughter, Karen M. Servidio of Pawcatuck; one brother, Maurice Drago of Pawcatuck; two sisters, Winifred Colosi of Pawcatuck and Sarah Salamanca of New London; and three grandchildren, Lauren DePerry of Waterford, and Kevin Servidio and Michael Servidio, of Pawcatuck.

He also leaves his beloved dog Ika.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated in St. Michael Church, Liberty St., 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., Monday, 4-7 p.m.
Mary Drago

Stonington — Mary S. (Federico) Drago, 94, of Pawcatuck, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2014.

She was the wife of the late Anthony L. Drago.

Mary leaves a son, Ronald J. Drago (Amy) of Arizona; a daughter, Karen M. Servidio (Lawrence) of Pawcatuck; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visiting hours will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. today, Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014, at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. A Funeral Liturgy will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 21, in St. Mary's Church, 95 Main St., Stonington, with burial in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the St. Michael Capital Fund, Pawcatuck, in Mary's memory.

For the full obituary, please go to www.gaffney-dolanfuneralhome.com.
Morris Drago, 88, of Robinson Street, Pawcatuck, died Feb. 3, 2010, in the South County Hospital, Wakefield.

Born in Pawcatuck, he was a son of the late Joseph Drago Sr. and Maura (Bonomo) Drago.

Mr. Drago had been employed as a contractor/mason with the Norwich Contractor's Union for many years before retiring. A communicant of St. Michael the Archangel Church, he enjoyed music and played piano.

He leaves two sisters, Winifred Colosi of Pawcatuck and Sarah Salamanc of Waterford; several nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was predeceased by three brothers, Anthony L. Drago, Joseph Drago Jr. and Angelo R. Drago.

Calling hours are omitted. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral liturgy, which will be celebrated Friday at noon 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, RI is in charge of the arrangements. For online condolences, go to www.gaffneydolanzfuneralhome.com.
Francis Drake Dies, Top Military Writer

STONINGTON — Francis Vivian Drake, 77, of Wamphassuc Point, who died Sunday at his home, was a longtime resident of Stonington and for many years had been a roving editor for Reader's Digest. He specialized in military aviation affairs articles.

The husband of the former Katharine Zimmerman, a New York drama critic whom he married in 1932, Mr. Drake was born in London, England in 1894.

He and his wife presented a gift of $25,000 to Westerly Hospital in 1961 in memory of his mother, the late Mrs. Maud Drake, to purchase X-ray equipment used in the diagnosis of cancer and other diseases.

Mr. Drake was responsible for introducing the coronary profile technique — a method of diagnosing potential heart conditions in healthy persons — to doctors at Westerly Hospital and on the East Coast. He had been a member of the Westerly Hospital Board of Trustees since 1966.

Since joining Reader's Digest in 1943, Mr. Drake had contributed 70 articles to the magazine — 34 of them under a joint byline with his wife. His last article, an analysis of the growing gap between U.S. and Soviet Union submarine production, was published in August 1968.

Mr. Drake joined the British Cavalry soon after the outbreak of World War I and a year later transferred to the Royal Air Force. He was then sent to Canada to assist with the formation of the Royal Canadian Air Force and subsequently was loaned to the U.S. Army as a teacher in aerial fighting techniques and mechanics.

Mr. Drake remained in the United States at the end of the war and worked as a Wall Street investment banker until the crash in 1929. At that time, he began to step up his literary efforts which until then had been only a sideline.

The Drakes collaborated on magazine articles and fiction and wrote a novel about aviation titled, "Big Flight." Alone, Mr. Drake also wrote "Above the Battle," a World War I autobiography and "Vertical Warfare," a book about strategic bombing.

During World War II, Mr. Drake served as a consultant to the U.S. Air Force. He was a trustee of the Sloane-Kettering Institute, the Memorial Cancer Center, the African Research Center and Mystic Seaport.

He was a former president of the Stonington Community Center and was a former special town constable in Stonington.

His only immediate survivor is his widow.

Private funeral services will be conducted at the convenience of the family. Interment will be in Stonington Cemetery.
Arthur Draper

Arthur Draper was a pioneer in the computer industry and April 21, 2000.

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Death Notices

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Sarah Draper
Stonington — Sarah Howard Hayward Draper, of Stonington, died Sunday at home.

Mrs. Draper was born on July 10, 1913, in Cape May, N.J., and was raised in Wayne, Pa.

She married Arthur Foster Draper in 1937. They were married for 62 years. He predeceased her.

Mrs. Draper graduated from the Shipley School in 1931 and attended finishing school in Paris.

She was active in the Garden Club of America, the Cruising Club of America, the Junior League and the Historical Society. She was active in volunteer efforts, had a special interest in history, and authored a book on pre-World War II Philadelphia society.

She is survived by two sons, Arthur "Port" Draper Jr. of South Norwalk and Hayward 1. Draper of Van Meter, Iowa; two daughters, Sarah H. Draper of Seattle, Wash., and Anna D. Shaw of Manchester, Mass.; two sisters, Anna Lisle of Chester Springs, Pa., and Esther Rivinus of Greenbelt, Md.; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 20, at Calvary Episcopal Church. Burial will be in St. David's Episcopal Church cemetery in Pennsylvania, a church she attended as a child.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, PO Box 902, Uncasville, CT 06382, or the Westerly Hospital Wound Care Clinic, Westerly, RI 02891.

The DiNoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, has charge of arrangements.
The Rev. George Dreher
Pastor of Mystic Congregational Church

By JOHN FOLEY
Day Staff Writer

Mystic — The Rev. George Kel-
sby Dreher, a scholar of the Revo-
 lutionary War who was pastor of
 Mystic Congregational Church for
 26 years, died Tuesday at Mary
 Elizabeth Varney Center after a
 long illness. He was 75.

The Rev. Mr. Dreher was named
 pastor emeritus of Mystic Congre-
gational Church after he retired in
 1964. He then served as interim
 chaplain at Lawrence Memorial
 Hospital and held similar positions
 at South Church, Watertown, and at
 Fishers Island Chapel.

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 self-effaced manner never pre-
vented him from discussing na-
tional and local issues with candor.
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 meetings shortly after he came to
 Mystic in 1944.

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tianity by means of everyday in-
 volvement in community life as
 well as church life."

With his encouragement, many
 members of his church became
 active in civic organizations.

Stanley C. Smith, a former dea-
n of Mystic Congregational
 Church, said Tuesday that the
 minister "lived the life of Christ.
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 always concerned about other
 people, their welfare, their health
 and their happiness."

In 1969, the Rev. Mr. Dreher was
 appointed a research fellow at Yale
 Divinity School. The church
 granted him a partial sabbatical
to complete a research project, "The
 Presidency of Samuel Huntington
 as Influenced by New England Re-
ligion."

The Rev. Mr. Dreher's studies of
 the life of Huntington and others
 showed how their lives as Chris-
tians often influenced their politi-
cal decisions. Huntington, presi-
dent of the Continental Congress
 from 1779 to 1781, was a Congre-
gational layman, Norwich lawyer
 and governor of Connecticut.

The Rev. Mr. Dreher was the au-
tor of "Longer Than Expected," an
 essay on Huntington written for
 the celebration of the Connecticut
 bicentennial.

His other published works were:
 "Sample from the Love of King
 David, and Bethshileh by George
 Peck," modernized with his com-
 ments: "The Chronicles of King
 Edward the Ist by George Peck,"
 which he edited; "New Alarmings,
 New Promising, Thanksgiving Day,
 Resolve of Congress," and "Ours-
 eon and One Another, A Medi-
tative Medley," which he wrote.

He was a director of the Mystic
 Community Center; a member of
 the Mystic Ecumenical Council and
 the Stonington Commission on Ag-
ing, charter member of the former
 Mystic River Bridge Association;
 and a trustee of the Mystic Valley
 Food Co-op.

He also helped found the re-
gional hospital. He served on the
 Historical Committee of the State
 Conference of the United Church
 of Christ, as well as the Church &
 Society Committee of the church.

He was born June 16, 1899, in
 Milwaukee, Wis., the son of Geo-
 rge Cameron Dreher and Marguerite
 Kelsey Dreher.

He attended schools in Wiscon-
 sin, and graduated in 1914 from
 Dartmouth College, where he was an
 English houseman major. He studied
 for the Congregational Church mini-
 try at Yale Divinity School, and received
 a master's degree in Christian ed-
 ucation from Oberlin College in Ohio.
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 June 3, 1944, at Bethany.

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 churches in Idaho, Utah, California
 and Kansas before coming to Mis-
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 Mystic they decided "never to
 leave." She said she always felt
 that he was "a man of the New
 England spirit."

The Rev. Mr. Dreher and Kat-
 hryn Rice were married July 1,
 1947, in New York City. She retired
 as a teacher in the Groton school
 system.

In addition to his wife, he is sur-
 vived by three sons, George Rice
 Dreher of Milford, Tex., Timothy
 James Dreher of Albuquerque,
 N.M., and Andrew Kenneth Dreher
 of Austin; three daughters, Brenda
 D. Wyeth of West Hartford, El-
izabeth D. Webb of Austin, England,
 and Martha D. Miller of San Jose,
 Calif.; and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service will be con-
 ducted at 3 p.m. Monday at Mystic
 Congregational Church. Burial will
 be private. There are no calling
 hours.

Gifts in memory of the Rev. Mr.
 Dreher can be made to Mystic
 Congregational Church, East Main
 St., Mystic, 06355, or to Stonington
 Visiting Nurse Association, 20 An-
guilla Road, Mystic, 06355.
The Rev. George Dreher
Pastor of Mystic Congregational Church

By JOHN FOLEY
Day Staff Writer

Mystic — The Rev. George Kelsey Dreher, a scholar of the Revolutionary War who was pastor of Mystic Congregational Church for 20 years, died Tuesday at Mary Elizabeth Nursing Center after a long illness. He was 75.

The Rev. Mr. Dreher was named pastor emeritus of Mystic Congregational Church after he retired in 1984. He then served as interim chaplain at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital and held similar positions at South Church, Waterbury, and at Fishers Island Chapel.

The Rev. Mr. Dreher’s calm and soft-spoken manner never prevented him from discussing national and local issues with candor. He began speaking out at public meetings shortly after he came to Mystic in 1964.

He once said: "I am interested in the expression of practical Christianity by means of members’ involvement in community life as well as church life."

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The Rev. Mr. Dreher was the author of "Longer Than Expected," an essay on Huntington written for the celebration of the Connecticut bicentennial.

His other published works were "Samples from the Love of King David and Bethsabe by George which he edited; "Now Alarming, Now Promising, Thanksgiving Day Resolves of Congress," and "Ourselves and One Another, A Meditative Medley," which he wrote.

He was a director of the Mystic Community Center; a member of the Mystic Ecumenical Council and the Stonington Commission on Aging, charter member of the former Mystic River Bridge Association, and a trustee of the Mystic Valley Food Co-Op.

He also helped found the regional hospice. He served on the Historical Committee of the State Conference of the United Church of Christ, as well as the Church & Society Committee of the church.

He was born June 10, 1918, in Milwaukee, Wis., the son of George Cameron Dreher and Marguerite Kelsey Dreher.

He attended schools in Wisconsin, and graduated in 1941 from Dartmouth College, where he was an English honors major. He studied for the Congregational Church ministry at Yale Divinity School, and received a master’s degree in Christian ethics from Oberlin College in Ohio.

He was ordained to the ministry on June 3, 1949, at Bethany.

The Rev. Mr. Dreher was at churches in Idaho, Utah, California and Kansas before coming to Mystic. His wife, Kathryn, said Tuesday that once the family arrived in Mystic they decided "never to leave." She said she always felt that he was "a man of the New England spirit."

The Rev. Mr. Dreher and Kathryn Rice were married July 1, 1947, in New York City. She retired in 1987 as a teacher in the Grotto school system.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, George Rice Dreher of Midland, Tex., Timothy James Dreher of Albuquerque, N.M., and Andrew Kenan Dreher of Westerly; three daughters, Brenda D. Worth of West Hartford, Elizabeth D. Webb of Ascot, England, and Martha D. Miller of San Jose, Calif.; and eight grandchildren.
Sherry Dresback

Stillington — Sherry L. (Stephens) Dresback, 77, of Stillington passed away peacefully Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015, at home while under the care of David, her husband, of 33 years, and Beacon Hospice.

She was born on April 5, 1937, in Christiansburg, Ohio, the daughter of the late Robert and Mary Stephens. She came to Connecticut in the early 70s with her first husband, Robert Buraker, and their children Mitchell and Melanie.

In 1981, she and David S. Dresback were married and in 1984, they moved to Stillington. They worked as a secretary immediately after high school but was a stay-at-home mom for a number of years. In 1976, she re-entered the workforce as a temporary secretary in Pfizer's chemical division personnel department in Groton. She rapidly secured a permanent position.

While raising her children and working full time, she earned a bachelor's degree through night school, which, along with performance, led to the advancement from secretary to a personnel position, a very successful and rewarding career, which spanned 22 years. She retired from Pfizer in 2006. Sherry also served for several years on the board of directors for Mystic Chamber of Commerce.

Sherry had a wonderful voice. She started singing at a young age and as a young girl sang in a group and sang solo pieces at various functions in Ohio. She performed in “The Music Man” with the Pfizer Players. She loved singing with David, relatives and friends, with the exception of when her husband would set her up for singing Patsy Cline’s “Crazy” in Karaoke bars, where she would always bring the house down, even when she was nervous. She was a key member of her office’s singers, The Bosettes, who frequently created and sang humorous retirement songs at Pfizer retirement parties.

Sherry and David enjoyed traveling, with many wonderful trips to Europe alone and also large trips and stays at villas with relatives and best friends. Aruba was a favorite winter destination for many years.

Sherry will be dearly missed by her family and friends. She is survived by her beloved husband and best friend, David; her children, Mitchell Buraker and wife, Jacqueline; daughter, Melanie Lambert and husband, Eric; grandchildren, Miles and Catherine Buraker and Jacob and Hayley Lambert. She is also survived by her brother, Gary Stephens and wife, Judy, a nephew and niece, and her stepchildren, Michael Dresback and wife, Chrissy, Jennifer (Dresback) Williams and husband, Michael; and step-grandchildren, Ava Dresback and Alexa Williams.

David and her family would like to thank Beacon Hospice and particularly Suzanne and Rebecca for their professional help and teachings and especially their incredible caring.

Her family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1 (51 Williams Ave.), Mystic. A service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at the Stillington Cemetery, North Main Street, Stillington.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to Alzheimer’s Association (alz.org) or Beacon Hospice: http://www.amedisys.com/patients-and-caregivers/hospice-care/give-to-hospice.

Condolence messages may be left on Sherry’s memorial page by visiting www.mysticfuneralhome.com.
Survivor of Titanic
Marshall Drew Dies

Westerly — Marshall Drew, 82, of Old Post Road, one of an estimated 20 still-living survivors of the sinking of the Titanic in 1912, and one of Westerly's better-known residents, died Friday night in Greenport, Long Island, the place of his birth, where he had been visiting friends.

Mr. Drew, born on March 30, 1904, was 8 years old when his aunt and uncle he boarded the ill-fated Titanic in Southampton, England, on April 10, 1912, for the maiden voyage of what was considered "an unsinkable ship."

Five days later, the vessel hit an iceberg and plunged into the depths of the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Newfoundland. More than 1,500 people died including Mr. Drew's uncle. He and his aunt were among more than 700 survivors.

But Mr. Drew was more than a survivor. He was a teacher, artist, lecturer, photographer, calligrapher and patron of the arts. And he was considered an expert in origami, the Japanese art of paper-folding, a subject on which he frequently lectured.

"He helped a lot of people interested in art," recalled Frank Jo Raymond of Stonington, himself an artist, photographer and teacher. "He was the lead man and we all looked up to him, I certainly did."

In recent years, Mr. Drew was a regular in a coffee claque every morning at Bee Bee Dairy Bar on Broad Street, with the exception of Friday mornings when the gathering took place at Noah's Restaurant in Stonington Village.

The discussions conducted by that group, which included former educator Robert Mudge, retired journalist Leo C. Dotolo, photographer William Burrows and artists Russ Nagle, Pat Gentile and Raymond as regulars, were wide-ranging, touching all aspects of the arts and sciences. "Town government, national politics, international affairs and even sports came up for discussion," Dotolo recalled this morning.

"And on occasion, a total stranger would come over and in-
Frederick Field Driftmier

Frederick Field Driftmier of Indian River Estates, Vero Beach, Fla., passed away on March 21, 2009.

United Church minister, teacher, public speaker, horticulturist, sailor, adventurer, and community leader, Dr. Driftmier was born in Shenandoah, Iowa, on May 8, 1917.

Dr. Driftmier graduated from Tarkio College (Tarkio, Mo.) and Yale University Divinity School.

While serving in the U.S. Navy in Washington, D.C., he met his wife, the former Elizabeth Jane Crandall of Ashaway.

Dr. Driftmier served as chaplain of Punahou School (Honolulu, Hawaii) and Choate School (Wallingford, Conn.) before serving as pastor of the First Congregational Church in Bristol, R.I., where he also taught public speaking at the Naval War College in Newport.

For 24 years, he was senior pastor of the South Congregational Church in Springfield, Mass. During these years, the Driftmiers traveled extensively. Dr. Driftmier's great speaking ability, his extensive service to both his denomination and his community, and the ecumenical nature of his faith made him a popular figure locally and led to his receipt of numerous honorary degrees.

The Driftmiers retired to Pawcatuck, Conn., in 1979, where Dr. Driftmier held two interim pastorates and enjoyed gardening and sailing. In 1995, the Driftmiers moved to Vero Beach.

Predeceased by his wife of nearly 60 years, Dr. Driftmier is survived by his children, Mary Lea Zamora, of St. Augustine, Fla., and David Lloyd Driftmier, of Calgary, Alberta, and their spouses; five grandchildren who love him very much; one great-grandchild; four siblings and an extended family. His many friends will miss his good counsel and wonderful stories.
Marcus Francis Driscoll, 86, of Pawcatuck, died on Thursday, May 27, 2004, in Fairfield, Conn., after a valiant bout with cancer.

Marcus was the beloved uncle of four nieces, who, with their families, surrounded him with care and love, particularly during the last five weeks.

Born on March 26, 1918, to the late Mark Henry and Eleanor Brennan Driscoll, Marcus was a 1939 graduate of Providence College who served in the Pacific Theatre in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

He rose through the ranks of the State of Connecticut Department of Social Services, advancing from an intake position to that of district director in both New Haven and Norwich. Marcus had served on the board of the Stonington Visiting Nurse Association and had been an ardent supporter of his dearly loved parish of St. Michael, where the fundraising team of Driscoll and Henry Lindstrom was legendary. All who knew him will remember his devotion to the Boston Red Sox.

Marcus is survived by his nieces and their husbands, Eleanor and Robert Sauer of Fairfield, Mary Jane and Raymond Sadler of Trumbull, Conn., Ann Marie and Charles Willinger of Milford, Conn., and Betsey and Richard Harabedian of Madison, Conn. Additional survivors include grandnieces and nephews, Colleen Banick, Megan Sauer, Matthew Sadler, Christopher Sadler, Zachary Sadler, Allen Vetrosky, Emily Vetrosky, Sarah Kent, Kathleen Harabedian and Jacqueline Harabedian, as well as many cousins and wonderful friends.

Marcus was preceded by his sister and brother-in-law, Eleanor and Edwin Weldon.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 1, at 11 a.m. at St. Michael Church, 50 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, with burial to follow in St. Michael Cemetery.

Friends are invited to call on Monday, May 31, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 58 Spruce St., Westerly.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice, United VNA, 40 Lindeman Drive, Trumbull, CT 06611.
Marcus Driscoll

Pawcatuck — Marcus Francis Driscoll, 86, died on Thursday. He was the beloved uncle of four nieces, who, with their families, surrounded him with care and love, particularly during the last five weeks.

Mr. Driscoll was an Army veteran of World War II.

He worked for the State of Connecticut Department of Social Services.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated today at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Church, 60 Liberty Street, Pawcatuck, with burial to follow in St. Michael's Cemetery.

The Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, Westerly, is in charge of arrangements.
Modena Dubatowski

Mystic — Modena "Mrs. Dee" (Anderson) Dubatowski, 87, of Mystic, wife of the late Emil J. Dubatowski, died Saturday, June 16, 2018, at the Westerly Hospital. Born in Norman, Ark., she was the daughter to the late Otto and Genella (Kelly) Anderson and lived in Mystic since 1965.

Mrs. Dee was owner and operator of several former retail stores in the Olde Mystic Village, The Village Stitchery, Modena's Chocolate and Sweet Things, and Ye Olde 1776 Shoppe. She retired in 1966.

She is survived by son Gary Dubatowski of Groton, daughter Desiree Ann MacFarlin, her husband Kirk of Key Largo, Fla., and her former daughter-in-law, Candy McDermott of Mystic.

Her family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 20, followed by a service at 11 a.m. at the Mystic Funeral Home on Route 1 in Mystic. Following the service, her burial will be at the Elm Grove Cemetery in Mystic.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org).
Coert du Bois, 79, Dies; Diplomat, Civic Leader

STONINGTON—Coert du Bois, 79, of 13 Elm St., a former U. S. diplomat, a Stonington Borough civic leader and the man for whom the beach at Stonington Point was named, died yesterday morning at the Western Hospital following a short illness.

Mr. du Bois was born in Hudson, N. Y., son of Dr. John C. and Elizabeth Kimball du Bois and was graduated from the Baltimore Forestry School.

On his graduation, he entered the U. S. Forest Service in 1909, which helped organize, and served as California district ranger, resigning in 1917 to accept a commission as major in the Army. He served with the Tenth Engineers in France during World War I.

After the war, he entered the foreign service and first served as U. S. Consul in Paris. Subsequently he served in Naples and Port Said before finally being recalled to Washington in 1924.

Three years later he again went overseas as Consul General in Batavia. He then served in India and as Consul General in Geneva, Naples and Havana.

He was appointed president of the American Caribbean Commission and a letter from the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, cited him for his work with the West Indies Schooner Pool in World War II in the Caribbean. The letter attributed the success of that project mainly to his organizing ability.

He also had letters of commendation for his work from such world figures as former President Harry S. Truman; the late Gen. George C. Marshall, and Dean Acheson.

Cited by Foresters

He was cited in 1955 by the Society of American Foresters, noting its anniversary that year, for his work in establishment of the forest service.

After spending 25 years service in the diplomatic corps, he finally retired in 1945 and in that year, he and his wife, the former Margaret Kendall of Boston, purchased a stone house on Elm St., where they have resided since becoming permanent residents here.

In 1947, he was recalled from his retirement and went to serve the State Department as U. S. representative on the United Nations Good Offices Committee, setting up the Republic of Indonesia.

He held the title of minister in negotiations with the Netherlands and Premier Sukarno of Indonesia.

After settling in Stonington, he immediately became highly active in civic affairs in the borough. He was elected president of the Village Improvement Association and was mainly responsible for revitalizing the organization and making it a strong force dedicated toward promoting the civic welfare and betterment of the borough.

Established Beach

Probably his biggest achievement in Stonington was his work in establishing the beach at Stonington Point which now bears his name and is now a spot for the enjoyment of borough residents during the summer months.

He planned the project by organizing and uniting the efforts of the borough government, the Community Center and the Improvement association to have the work carried out.

An ardent boating enthusiast, Mr. du Bois was a member of the Wadawanuck Club and his boat, Idler, was a familiar sight in the waters of Stonington for many years.

He is survived by his widow and two sisters, both in Bronxville, N. Y.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Calvary Episcopal Church. Interment will be at the convenience of the family.
COERT DU BOIS, 78, DIPLOMAT, IS DEAD

Member of U. N. Unit on Indonesia in 1948 Held Many Consular Posts

Coert du Bois of Stonington, Conn., a retired diplomat, died yesterday in Westerly (R. I.) Hospital after a short illness. He was 78 years old.

In 1948, Mr. du Bois served as the United States representative on the Good Offices Committee on Indonesia set up by the United Nations Security Council. Its aim was to try to obtain a cease-fire between the forces of the Netherlands and the Republic of Indonesia and a political settlement.

In World War II, Mr. du Bois served on the President’s Anglo-American Caribbean Commission. He was commended by President Roosevelt for his service in organizing the West Indies schooner pool, an adjunct to merchant shipping.

Mr. du Bois was born in Hudson, N. Y., and studied at the Delftore Forest School, near Asheville, N. C. He entered the United States Forest Service in 1900 and was California district forester from 1911 to 1917.

During World War I, Mr. du Bois served as a lieutenant colonel with the Tenth Engineers in France and at the Office of the Chief of Engineers. He received the Croix de Guerre.

Mr. du Bois entered the foreign service in 1910 serving as consul in Paris. He was consul in Naples the next year and in Port Said in 1922. From 1924 to 1927 he was in charge of the State Department’s Visa Office.

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died July 8, 1960

Also Served in Far East

He was consul general in Batavia, Java, from 1927 to 1930 and foreign service inspector in India in 1930. He served as consul general in Genoa in 1931, in Naples from 1931 to 1937 and in Havana from 1937 to 1941.

Mr. du Bois was in charge of the Caribbean office of the State Department for the next three years. He was liaison officer for the State Department and the War Assets Administration for Central and South America and the Caribbean in 1944-47.

After his retirement ten years ago, he lived in Stonington, devoting his time to his life-long love of the sea. He was a member of the Cruising Club of America and the61d Walru Club. He also wrote articles for Yachting magazine.

Mr. du Bois was active in civic work in Stonington, especially in the establishment of a bathing beach for children, which was named for him. He was reminded about his experience in the Forestry Service.

He was a member of the Metropolitan Club of Washington.

Surviving are his widow, the former Margaret Mendel, and two sisters, Mrs. Frederick R. Olmsted, and Mrs. Allan R. Campbell.
Gilbert Dubois

Ledyard — Gilbert Dubois, 70, of 109 Avery Hill Road, Ledyard, died Monday at Pendleton in Mystic after a brief illness.

He was the husband of Florence Dubois.

Mr. Dubois was born in Burlington, Vt., the son of Leopold and Leopoldine Dubois.

He was a Brother at St. Edmunds Enders Island for 18 years, and then opened his own business, Gil's Mobil in Mystic, which he ran for 22 years.

Gil was an active member of the Groton Lodge of Elks.

He is survived by his wife, Florence; his daughters, Lydia Zauner of Stonington and Laurel Mason of Hanover, Conn.; his two sons, Charles Zauner and Christopher Zauner both of Ledyard; six grandchildren; and a sister, Gloria Bennett of Paducah, Ky.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by four brothers and one sister.

The family will greet relatives and friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl Street, Historic Downtown Mystic.

A funeral service will be conducted at noon Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Avery-Stoddard Cemetery, Ledyard.

For directions or to send an online condolence for the family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.

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Joy DuBois

Mystic — Joy L (Schwarz) DuBois, 85, of Mystic, passed away Saturday, March 28, 2015, at Fairview in Groton, where she had been a resident.

Born in West New York, N.J., she was the daughter of the late Emil and Mable (Fosner) Schwarz and was a resident of the Mystic and Stonington areas for most of her life.

Joy was a direct deposit coordinator with the New London Federal & Savings Bank for many years until her retirement in 1984.

She was a member of the Mystic Congregational Church and was active in the Woman's Fellowship group. Joy was also active in Girl Scouts, a former den mother, and a past president of Quimbaug Fire Department Women's Auxiliary.

Over the years, Joy had an extensive collection of angel figurines that will be cherished by her family.

Joy was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence E. DuBois, who recently passed in November of 2014 after 61 years of marriage. She was also preceded by a daughter, Debrah Joy DuBois.

She is survived by her son, Robert DuBois and his wife, Peggy, of Uncasville; daughter, Beverly Lajoie and her husband, Ray, of Groton; seven grandchildren; Kenneth Tucker IV, John Tucker and his wife, Erin, Patricia Riley and her husband, Ben, Stephen Tucker and Jon, Elizabeth and Daniel Dubois; seven great-grandchildren; Katelyn, Issac, Ethan, and Sadie Tucker; Kelsey and Keikey Riley, and Landen O'Brien; and several extended family members and cousins.

Her family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to noon on Friday, April 3, followed by a noon service at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, 51 Williams Ave., Mystic. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery, Route 27, Mystic.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Make A Wish Foundation (www.wish.org).

The family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave an online message of condolence.
Anthony Duch

STONINGTON — Anthony Duch, 93, of
45 Harbor View Terrace, died Friday
morning at Mariner at Pendleton,
where he had been a patient since
1996.

He was born July 31, 1906, in Nor-
wich, the son of Leon and Helen
Massalski Duch. He married the former
Ida Mae Barwell in St. Mary's
Church, Norwich, on Sept. 4, 1927.

Mr. Duch served with the Coast
Guard during World War II.

He operated a machine shop in
Norwich, sharpening saws and doing
other machine work. He operated
Duch's Diner in Norwich for nine
years. He was master carpenter and
cabinet maker and worked for the
Chelsea Cabinet Co.

He moved from Norwich to
Stonington in 1950, and worked at a
model maker at Electric Boat in
Groton. He constructed the subur-
ban Nautilus to a ¾ scale. He retired
from Electric Boat in 1970.

Mr. Duch was a communicant of
St. Mary Church, Stonington, and a
former member of the American
Legion Post in Norwich.

Mr. Duch is survived by a son,
Anthony George Duch of August,
Fla.; three daughters, Elizabeth Ann
Holman of Boston, Mass., Patricia
Elaine Duke of Newport, and
Marjorie L. Jordan of East Lyme;
three sisters, Elizabeth Jackson,
Leona Vincent and Alice Speck, all
of Norwich; six grandchildren; and
two great-grandchildren. He was pre-
deceased by a brother, Joseph Duch;
and four sisters,万达 Vielacker, Ann
Servaty, Helen Bachon, and
Bertha Callahan.

Services were held Tuesday, Sept.
7. Mystic Funeral Home was in
charge of arrangements.

Gifts in Mr. Duch's memory may
be made to the Stonington
Ambulance Corps, P.O. Box 424,
Stonington, CT 06378, or to St. Mary
Church, 95 Main St., Stonington, CT
06378.
She also devoted her time as a volunteer at the Stonington Community Center and was well known for organizing and facilitating one of the largest fundraisers at the Stonington Fair, the chicken dinner.

Ida was an avid reader and loved her life on the water in Stonington. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

She leaves her three children, Marjorie Jordan and her husband, Gregory, of Stonington, Patricia Duke of Middletown R.I., and Elizabeth Holman and her husband, John, of Warwickport Mass.; six grandchildren, Michele Brigham and her husband, Timothy, Christopher Jordan and his wife, Cynthia; Kathleen Cogan; Jennifer Cogan; Jay Holman and his wife, Jennifer; and Mary Beth Holman; and four great-grandchildren, Anthony Jordan, Connor Brigham, and Paige and Kate Holman.

She was preceded by a son, Anthony George Duch.

A funeral mass celebrating her life will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 29, 2008, at St. Mary Church in Stonington.

Burial will follow at St. Mary Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 9 to 10:30 a.m., prior to the mass at the Mystic Funeral Home Route 1 Mystic.

Memorial donations in her memory may be made to Beacon Hospice of Rhode Island, 1 Carasone Blvd., East Providence, R.I. 02914, or the Alzheimer's Assoc. CT Chapter, 279 New Britain Rd., Suite A, Kensington, CT 06017 (www.alact.org).

The family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for the online guest book and directions to the funeral home.
Armand Ducharme


Ed was a loving, kind, generous and gentle man. He was born May 29, 1932, in Brockton, Mass., to Mildred (Mellman) Ducharme and Joseph Ducharme.

After his 1955 graduation from Massachusetts Maritime Academy, he was commissioned into the U.S. Navy, continuing until 1967 as a lieutenant in the Naval Reserve. From 1959 to 1963 he traveled the world while serving with the Merchant Marine. Ed then joined United Technologies as a fuel cell engineer for 25 years. He worked on the Apollo program experiencing many space launches. Ed never lost his love for the ocean and maintained a presence on the sea with his boat into his 80s. His passion for lobstering, fishing, and the outdoors is but one legacy passed on to family and friends.

Ed was predeceased by his brother, Joseph Ducharme. He is survived by his much beloved wife of 42 years, Diane Ducharme, and five children from his first marriage to Barbara Brown Ducharme, Gary Ducharme of Ellington, Scott Ducharme of Marston Mills, Mass., Beth Daly and husband, John, of Forestdale, Mass., Rebecca Berry and husband, Marshall, of Hyannis, Mass., and Kirk Ducharme and wife, Pamela, of Plymouth; seven grandchildren, Shiloh Ducharme, Sarah Daly, Rachael Daly and fiancé, Michael Palm, Emily Daly, Jack Daly, Hannah and Riley Marie Palm. He loved visits from his grandchildren and was fortunate enough to see them grow to be fine young adults. That love was extended to his beautiful great-grandchildren. He is also survived by brothers-in-law, Richard and wife, Lynn Paseka and Scott and wife, Robyn Paseka; and many beloved nieces and nephews; and his cherished dog, Bonnie.

Ed and Diane did a lot of traveling but their best times were spent with family and friends. They also enjoyed his many home improvement projects. A standout athlete in many sports at both the high school and college level, Ed was an avid Red Sox fan (depending on their season) and ardently rooted for the Patriots and UConn's basketball teams.

A funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. There are no calling hours. Burial will be private.

The family extends their deepest gratitude to Hospice for their comfort, kindness and professionalism.

In lieu of flowers, scholarship fund donations may be sent to: Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Attn: Office of Advancement, 101 Academy Drive, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532 or contact mbadger@maritime.edu.
Obituary

Ralph Dudda

Stonington — Ralph Dudda, of Stonington, died Sunday at his home. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Hermine; two sons, Stephen and Eric; and five grandchildren.

He graduated from Fitch High School in 1948 and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in 1954 with a bachelor of science degree. He also held a USCG license, third assistant engineer.

Mr. Dudda retired from Electric Boat in 1981 after 37 years in nuclear engineering. He was engineering project manager for MARK, chief of development components for SSN21 Seawolf submarine development program, and chief of engineering for NR-1. He was also the engineering supervisor for engine room and reactor compartment arrangements and components for a nuclear powered submarine tanker feasibility design, principal engineer for development of future submarine component silencing and manager for the general dynamics reactor plant services subsidiary's nuclear quality assurance. He also held supervisory and engineering position in SSG, USS Narwhal, SSW Class, SSN, USS Seawolf, and USS Triton. He was honorably discharged from the USNR as H.C.R. in November 1966.

During 1969 he was elected President of Seaport Heights Homeowners Association, President of the PTA of the Broadway School in 1967, and was an Elk. He and his wife traveled the world, visiting 39 countries, and they cruised the Caribbean. Mr. Dudda was an avid fisherman and was a devoted father and loving husband.

The funeral services will be at the convenience of the family.

Donations in Ralph's name may be made to Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, 179 Gallivan Lane, PO Box 902, Uncasville, CT 06382.

Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.

The Dudda Family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for obituary information and an online memorial register to leave a note of condolence.
Madeline Duerr

Palmyra, Pa. — Madeline Richards Duerr, 94, of Palmyra and formerly of Mystic, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 11, 2016, in Traditions of Hershey, surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Mystic on April 4, 1922, she was the daughter of the late Edgar J. and Grace (Wilson) Richards. Madeline spent most of her life caring for her family and home, and also helped in a pharmacy. She attended the Church of the Holy Spirit, Palmyra, and was a member of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Mystic. Madeline enjoyed walking, bowling, sailing and being anywhere near the ocean.

In addition to her parents, Madeline was preceded in death by her husband, John Leon Duerr, in September 2001; her son, John R. Duerr; her son-in-law, Daniel C. Wilson; and her sisters, Joan Richards and Virginia Allen.

She is survived by her three daughters, Bonnie D. Wilson of Hummelstown, Pa., Joyce Thorp, wife of Keith, of Keeseville, N.Y., and Joanne Kowalski of Pawcatuck; seven grandchildren, Jeremy D. Wilson, Nathan C. Wilson, husband of Sarah, Adam P. Wilson, Stephanie Thornton, wife of Anthony, Tom Thorp, Amanda Stanley, wife of Brandon, and Edward Duerr; and several great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 19, 2016, in the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. A visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until time of the service. Inurnment will be in Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to VFW Auxiliary Post No. 3263, 60 Stonington Road, Mystic, CT 06355.

Trefz & Bowers Funeral Home Inc., 114 West Main St., Hummelstown, Pa., is handling the arrangements.

Online condolences may be shared at www.trefzandbowser.com.
Walter Duerr

Mystic — Walter Duerr passed away at Mary Elizabeth Nursing Center on Monday, March 17, 2008.

Walter was born in Mystic on Feb. 22, 1917, to Edward Duerr and Hessa (Creedley) Duerr. Walter was one of 12 children. He attended Stonington schools and worked at many jobs locally and then joined the Navy serving in World War II.

Upon returning to civilian life, he met Eleanor Harvey and they married on April 16, 1948. Eventually he went to work at Electric Boat in Groton, where he was an administrative assistant. At one point, he moved his family to Idaho for Electric Boat, where they stayed for four years. He also worked at West Milford, N.J., for Electric Boat for six years, again taking his family with him. He retired from Electric Boat in 1966 after 38 years.

Walter was a member of Charity and Relief Lodge of Masons No. 72 for more than 50 years. He enjoyed his years with the Masons and made many friends. Walter was awarded Mason of the Year in 1971 and again in 1992. He was also a contributor to the Masonic Charity Foundation. In addition to Masons, Walter enjoyed golfing with friends, gardening, spending time in his workshop and rooting for the UConn Huskies.

Walter and Eleanor had four children: William Duerr and his wife, Valerie; Brian Duerr and his wife, Joanne; Nancy (Duerr) Weber and her husband, Mark; and an infant son, Edwin Harvey Duerr, who sadly passed away at the age of 7 months. Walter also has three grandchildren, Jesty Duerr and his wife, Angela; Allison Creedley and her husband, Ian; and Aurea Weber. He also has three great-grandchildren, Ben, Jordan and Justin, sons of Jeffrey and Angela.


A funeral service will be held on Friday, March 21, 2008, at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 23 Willow St., Mystic. Burial will follow in Elm Grove Cemetery. Relatives and friends may call at Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic on Thursday evening from 3 to 6 with a Masonic Service at 7.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church, 23 Willow St., Mystic, CT 06355 or to Mary Elizabeth Nursing Center, 26 Broadway, Mystic, CT 06355.

The family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhomer.com for the online register book.
Michael Duffy
Stonington — Michael R. Duffy, 53, of Stonington, beloved husband of 29 years to Pamela Brewster, passed away unexpectedly, Friday, April 10, 2009.

Born on July 14, 1955, in Germany, he was the son of Joseph Duffy of Annapolis, Md., and the late Anne Duffy. Michael came to the United States in 1955, residing in Washington, D.C., and attended Sidwell Friends High School. He relocated to Massachusetts where he finished his high school education at Marblehead High School, class of 1973. Following high school Michael attended Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston.

He eventually settled in Stonington where he resided for the past 30 years.

Michael was a Bloodstock Agent for many years. He was instrumental in training several horses who went on to compete in the Olympics. His passion for horses continued as he lovingly created and operated Stillmeadow Farm in Stonington.

He enjoyed playing tennis, golf, was a New York Giants and Yankees fan, but especially loved watching his daughter row for Bucknell University, winning the Patriot League championship for the past three years in a row. Michael was also a collector of American Impressionist art of the 19th and early 20th century.

Besides his wife and father, he leaves his daughter, Kate Brewster-Duffy of New York; two sisters, Shatzi Duffy of England and Mara Duffy of Annapolis, Md.; and four brothers, Kevin Duffy of Annapolis, Md., Marc Duffy of Chevy Chase, Md., and Sean and Ryan Duffy, both of Annapolis, Md.

A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. There are no calling hours. Burial will be private immediately following the Mass on Tuesday.

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to the AAEP, the American Association of Equine Practitioners, 4075 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, CT 06211, www.AAEP-Foundation.org.

The Mystic Funeral Home has charge of arrangements. The family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to share an online message of condolence.
Rowland H. Dufton, 53; Mason, Mystic car dealer

MYSTIC — Rowland H. Dufton, 53, of 7 Lambert Lane, Stonington, president of Mystic Chrysler/Plymouth Automobile dealership was dead on arrival yesterday morning at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital, New London, following an automobile accident in Stonington.

He was born Oct. 17, 1934 in Boston, Mass., the son of Marguerite (Seymour) Dufton of East Falmouth, Mass. and the late Selwyn Dufton.

Mr. Dufton came to Mystic in February of 1963 as the service manager at the former Sanlit Chevrolet. He purchased the Mystic Chrysler/Plymouth/Dodge dealership in 1978.

He was an active member of the Mystic Rotary Club and served as its president in 1978 and 1979. He was named a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International in 1984.

He was a past commander of the Westerly Power Squadron and a member of the Westerly Yacht Club.

He was also a member of the Norumbega and Brookline Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Newtonville, Mass., and a member of Charity and Relief Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Mystic.

Mr. Dufton was also a 32nd degree mason and a member of the Spinks Temple AUGMS of Newington, a member of the Sphinx Bedouin Shrine Club. He was a member of the Scottish Rite of the Valley of Waterbury.

He served with the Naval Air Reserve in 1956.

Mr. Dufton was married to the former Joan Petersen on Aug. 4, 1956 in Watertown. She survives him.

Besides his wife and mother, survivors include one son, Charles S. Dufton of North Stonington; one daughter, Dale Ann Reis of Pawcatuck; one brother, Richard Dufton of Hampden, Maine.

He was preceded by a brother, Charles Robert Dufton in January.

The Mystic Funeral Home of Thomas L. Neillan and Sons, Route 1, Mystic, is in charge of the arrangements.
Waterford — James Richard Dugan, 64, husband of Donna (Derison) Dugan, passed away on Friday, Dec. 20, 2013.

James was the son of Mary (Duggan) Dugan and the late James Joseph Dugan. He was employed as a salesman at the Miner and Alexander Lumber Yard in New London.

The family will receive relatives and friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Thomas L. Neilan & Sons Funeral Home, 12 Ocean Ave., New London. The funeral procession will assemble at 10:15 a.m. Friday at the funeral home and proceed to St. Joseph Church, Squire Street, New London, for a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Interment will be private.

A full obituary will appear in Monday's edition of The Day.
Ann Duggan

Ann Duggan, 90, of Cove Road, Stonington, died Wednesday afternoon at the Mary Elizabeth Nursing Center in Mystic after a brief illness.

Mrs. Duggan was born in the Bronx, N.Y., on Oct. 31, 1909, the daughter of Frederick and Anna Hoffman.

She married John M. Duggan Sr. in the Bronx on July 14, 1928. Mr. Duggan died in March, 1988.

She was an active member of the Pawcatuck Golden Agers, the Stonington Community Senior Center, where she volunteered on many of the center's projects. She was also a member of Chapter No. 716, Order of the Eastern Star, in Mineola, N.Y.

Mrs. Duggan is survived by three daughters, Annabelle Lebrando of Mystic, Helen Markowski of Hicksville, N.Y., and Jeanette Mayo-Upholz of Stonington; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her son, John Duggan Jr.; and four grandchildren.

A funeral Eucharist will be celebrated at St. Mark Episcopal Church, 15 Pearl St., Mystic, on Monday at 10 a.m. Interment will follow in Elm Grove Cemetery. The family will greet relatives and friends at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Historic downtown Mystic, on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. Gifts in Mrs. Duggan's memory may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Stonington — Ann Duggan, 90, of Cove Road, died Wednesday at Mary Elizabeth Nursing Center in Mystic after a brief illness.

She was born on Oct. 31, 1909, in Bronx, N.Y., the daughter of Frederick and Anna Hoffman.

She married John M. Duggan Sr. on July 14, 1928, in the Bronx. He died in 1988.

Mrs. Duggan was an active member of the Pawcatuck Golden Agers, and the Stonington Community Senior Center, where she volunteered on many of its projects.

She was also a member of the Masonic Eastern Star, Mineola, N.Y., Chapter No. 716.

She is survived by three daughters, Annabelle Lebrando of Mystic, Helen Markowski of Hicksville, N.Y., and Jeanette Mayo-Upholz of Stonington; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by a son, John Duggan Jr.; and four grandchildren.

A Funeral Eucharist will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 15 Pearl St., Mystic. Burial will follow in Elm Grove Cemetery.

Calling hours will be 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic.

Memorial donations may be made to the donor's choice of charity.
Thomas Duguay 9-8-16

Stonington — Thomas F. Duguay, 68, of Stonington passed away quietly at home on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016.

Tom was born on May 10, 1948, in Hartford to the late Angela Russell. Tom grew up in East Hartford and resided in Mansfield and Stonington. He was vice chancellor of student affairs at UConn Avery Point, retiring after 35 years of service.

Tom's greatest joy was spending time with his children and grandchildren; he was an avid sailor, sports car aficionado, and he enjoyed and excelled at building model boats. He was a kind, gentle and thoughtful man, who loved his family dearly.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his son, Ryan Duguay of Stonington, and his daughter, Jennifer Davis and her husband, Sean, of West Suffield; two grandchildren, Cecilia Nigri and Tommy Nigri; brother, William Duguay of Florida; nephews, David and Kenny Duguay; and niece Denise Onadele.

Tom is pre-deceased by his beloved mother. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Tom's memory to the Lewy Body Dementia Association, 912 Killian Hill Road, S.W., Lilburn, GA 30047 or at www.lbda.org.

Family and friends are invited to attend a period of visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, 2016, at Glastonbury Funeral Home, 450 New London Turnpike, Glastonbury. Burial is private and at the convenience of the family.

To leave an online condolence, please visit www.glastonburyfuneral.com.
Lillian A. Duguid, 84
Director of Nursing at Fairview IOOF Home

STONINGTON — Lillian Atkins Duguid, 84, of Montauk Avenue, died Friday, March 7, at Lawrence Memorial Hospital in New London.

She was born Feb. 23, 1913, in Groton, the daughter of Ralph and Mae Hayden Atkins.

She graduated from Norwich Free Academy and from the Leonard Morse School of Nursing in Wellesley, Mass. She worked as a registered nurse at Uncas-on-Thames Hospital in Norwich, Norwich State Hospital, Lawrence & Memorial Hospital and had been the director of nursing at the Fairview-International Order of Odd Fellows Home in Groton.

She married LaVerne Duguid in Groton in 1955. Mr. Duguid died March 4, 1982.

In addition to being an avid bridge player, she was a member of the Naparree Business Women's Club, Private Duty Nurses Association, and the Westerly Senior Citizens Center.

She is survived by two sons, Richard A. Donovan of Trinidad, British West Indies, and Dennis G. Donovan of Westerly, R.I.; two daughters, Linda Donovan Evans of Pawcatuck, and Joanne Duguid Grillo of Norwich; one brother, William Atkins of Pennsylvania; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded by a sister, Velma Billings and a grandson, Craig A. Evans.

A memorial service was held Monday, March 10, at the United Congregational Church, Pawcatuck. Burial is in Starr Cemetery, Groton. Byler Groton Memorial Home, 310 Thames St., Groton was in charge of arrangements.
In addition to his wife, he leaves four children, Mathieu Dull of Mystic, Cory Morse and her husband, Michael, of Pawcatuck, Nathan Dull and his fiancée, Ginger LaSale, of Lewisburg, W.Va., and Christina Collins of St. Marys Ga.; brother William R. Dull and his wife, Elizabeth, of Mercer, Wis.; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and four brothers-in-law and two sisters-in-law.

Calling hours will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. A service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be private in Scotland, Conn.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave a note of condolence for the family.
F. C. Dumaine, 85, Dies; Financier, Railroad Head

GROTON, Mass. (AP) — Frederic C. Dumaine, head of the New Haven railroad and Yankee financier whose shrewd and bold business moves made him a multimillionaire, died yesterday at the age of 85.

Despite his years he had come into business in his Boston office three days a week. He smoked a pocketful of cigars daily and for years had gone horseback riding before beginning his business day. He was a noted New England financial baron for 50 years, and over and over again a target for criticism which charged that he rebuilt a business only to have it collapse after his interest was withdrawn.

Dumaine always answered that he left business much sounder than when he went into it. He went into many — fishing, textiles, watchmaking, railroad — were some of the major fields. In addition he was a director of scores of other enterprises.

One of his early fortunes was established with the huge Amoskeag cotton mills of New Hampshire. They are no longer in existence.

Perhaps his greatest coup came three years ago when he was 82 — taking over control of the half-billion dollar New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad.

Financial sources said Dumaine headed a group which bought control of the road's 450,000 shares of voting stock and did it so quietly that the old owners didn't realize that they were no longer the owners.

Defended Railroad Coup

Once in the driver's seat of the New Haven, Dumaine made one of his rare public statements. He said the road was not "restored to New England management" and added: "Boston has been good to me and I want to help this section in any way I can."

Shortly after he took over the New Haven about 20 major officials either resigned or were fired. They said they'd quarreled with Dumaine over the way he ran the railroad.

As the resignations and firings came one after another, along with a variety of rumors, Dumaine, who had all his life fought shy of publicity, called a news conference.

He talked to newsmen for an hour and a half and told them firmly that there was "no funny business" connected with the New Haven. He said he had to make changes to economize.

At the most recent stockholders meeting of the New Haven Dumaine was represented by his son, Frederic C. Jr. Other survivors are his widow, the former Louise Gold, two other sons, Pierre of Boston and Christopher of Readfield, Me.; four daughters, Beth of Groton, Mrs. George Hickinbotham of Cornish, N. H.; Mrs. Stuart Buckle of Onancock, Va. Miss. Theodore Graves of Wenonah, N. J. Funeral services will...
Christine Geyer Duncklee, of Mystic, passed away Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010, at her home with her family by her side.

She was born May 2, 1918, in New London, Conn., the daughter of the late Henry and Nellie (Dorris) Geyer.

She was a graduate of Stonington High School.

She married the late Willis A. Duncklee in September 1939. He passed away Oct. 15, 1996.

She retired from the Monsanto Company as an executive secretary. She also worked with the Broadway School lunch program.

She was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church of Mystic where she was a member of the Bible group and the prayer circle.

She was a Scout leader for many years and was a member of the Emblem Club at the Elks Lodge in Groton.

Christine Duncklee

She was a summer resident of Contention Pond in Hillsborough, N.H.

She is survived by her son, Les Duncklee; grandsons, Christopher Duncklee and Jonathan Duncklee; great-granddaughter, Christine Duncklee; her husband, Aaron; sisters, Dorris Hayes and Nellie Banks; and by her good friend, Lucy Howell.

She was predeceased by her brothers, Anthony, Henry, Albert and Arthur Geyer, and by her sisters, Gertrude Bennett Perkins and Eva Dart.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011, at the First United Methodist Church of Mystic at 11 a.m. Burial will be private for the family.

Christine's family would like to take this opportunity to thank the Visiting Nurses as well as Hospice of SE CT and Jeanette, her care provider, for their dedication and help.

Memorial donations in Christine Duncklee's memory may be made to Hospice of SE CT, 227 Dunham St., Norwich, CT 06360.

To share an online message of condolence or remembrance, please visit www.dinctofuneral.com.

The Dincto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is entrusted with arrangements.
As the act of giving was one of Les’ most admirable traits, he contributed to a multitude of organizations which kept him strongly connected to his community. He was a brother of the Masonic Coastal Lodge #57 of Stonington, a brotherhood now shared with Christopher, past president of the Stonington Rotary Club, past president of the Chamber of Commerce of Southeastern Connecticut in the 1980s, past president of the CHCC (Connecticut Heating and Cooling Contractors Association), and a recipient of the Paul Harris Award. Les served on The Stonington Water Pollution Control and Democratic Town Committee and was recently elected as the incoming president of Stonington Rotary for this upcoming year. He held the honor of Eagle Scout, a shared achievement with Connor.

Les’ life was full of adventure, and he enjoyed experiences far and wide. He always said, “The world is small; it’s only a plane ride to anywhere.” Les also loved riding his Harley-Davidson. Many of Les’ favorite memories were also created at his family lakeside cabin in Hillsboro, N.H.

Calling hours will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, 51 Williams Ave., Mystic. Coastal Lodge No. 57 A.F. & A.M. and the Worshipful Master announces with deep sorrow the death on March 21 of Brother Lester H. Duncklee, a member of this Lodge for 43 years. A Masonic memorial service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at the funeral home. All Brothers are urged to attend. A celebration of Les’ life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 28, at the funeral home followed by a graveside service with military honors at the Elm Grove Cemetery, Route 27, Mystic.

Donations may be made to the Foundation of the Rotary Club of Stonington, 33 Water St., Stonington, CT 06378.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave an online message of condolence.
Clara Dunn
Stonington — Clara "Mimi" Ballhatchet Dunn, 93, of Delta, Utah, formerly of Mystic and North Stonington, died Jan. 11 in Delta.

She was born on Aug. 3, 1908, the daughter of Henry and Clara Vetta Kenyon.

She was the widow of Louis Brunke, Harold S. Ballhatchet and Thomas Dunn, whom she married in 1928.

Mrs. Dunn graduated from Westerly High School in 1926.

She began her career in the bookkeeping department of the Columbia Narrow Fabric Co. Taking time off to raise a family, she later returned to work. She was employed in the payroll department at Pfizer Inc. in Groton until her retirement in 1973.

Mrs. Dunn and her first husband, Louis Brunke, built a home on Masons Island in Mystic, where she lived for over 40 years. After the death of her second husband, Harold S. Ballhatchet, she married Thomas Dunn in 1989. They lived at Kentford Farm in North Stonington. She later moved to Windham Fall Estates before moving to Delta, Utah, to live with her grandson.

She was a longtime member of the Ram Island Yacht Club, the Mystic Art Association and the Mystic Congregational Church.

She enjoyed oil painting, winning several awards.

She is survived by a daughter, Barbara Brunke Nye of Washington Depot; a sister, Vetta K. Scudder of Carolina, R.I.; a grandchild; and great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held in Utah.

A private graveside service will be held in Mystic at the convenience of the family. A tea party in her memory will be held in Mystic at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to Delta Community Presbyterian Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 337, Delta UT 84624.
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think it could be done."

Capt. Dunning, courteous, friendly and soft-spoken, was not the type to boast. But he was always quietly proud of the accomplishments in Philadelphia during the war years.

In addition to Philadelphia, Capt. Dunning also held top posts at naval shipyards in Boston, New York and Charleston, S.C.

During his 28 years in the Navy, he also served in the Asiatic Fleet, Occupation of Japan and Naval Bureau in Washington, D.C.

He retired in 1955, when he was commander of Philadelphia Naval Shipyard and industrial manager for the Fourth Naval District, to join Electric Boat.

Capt. Dunning was with EB for 10 years. After leaving the company, he was named country director for the International Executive Corps in Indonesia.

While in Indonesia for four years, Capt. Dunning developed more than 100 projects where volunteer executives, most of them retired from U.S. business and industry, helped Indonesian companies.

Capt. Dunning’s son, Navy Ensign Allan Lombard Dunning Jr., 23, was killed in the crash of a jet fighter in 1973 on the Aircraft Carrier Coral Sea.

Capt. Dunning was born July 5, 1905 in Kyoto, Japan, the son of the Rev. Morton Dexter Dunning and Mary Ward Dunning. His father was an English teacher at Doshisha University in Kyoto for 20 years.

Capt. Dunning was graduated from the Worcester Academy, cum laude, and was an honor graduate of the Class of 1927 of the Naval Academy. He received his master’s degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1922. While at M.I.T., he was freshman crew coach for five years.

Capt. Dunning had numerous civic associations, including trustee of Pequot Chapel, New London, member of the advisory board of the former Connecticut Bank and Trust in Groton, former president of the Stonington Village Improvement Association and former chairman of the Community Chest.

He also sang in the Westerly Chorus.

He was a member of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, Society of Naval Engineers and the Propeller Club.

He married the former Isabel Laurie Goodlow on May 10, 1930 in Nashville, Tenn.

In addition to his wife, Capt. Dunning is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Charles Leslie Glenn of Boston; a brother, Albert W. Dunning of Yarmouth Port, Mass.; four sisters, Dr. Dorothy Chaccho of Philadelphia, Mrs. John Dunning of Fort Meyers, Fla., Mrs. Thomas Henry of Penney Farms, Fla.; and Mrs. John McConnell of LaJolla, Calif.; five grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Mystic Congregational Church on a date to be announced. Burial with full military honors will be in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va. There are no calling hours. Byles-Groton Memorial Home, 310 Thames St., Groton, is in charge of arrangements.

Gifts in memory of Capt. Dunning can be made to the Mystic Congregational Church, East Main Street, Mystic 06355, or to the Stonington Free Library, P.O. Box 166, Wadawanuck Square, Stonington 06379.
Isobel Dunning

Isobel Laurie (Goodloe) Dunning, 88, of 35 Main St., Stonington Borough, died Friday, Oct. 15, 1999, at her home. Born in Franklin, Tenn., Jan. 8, 1911, a daughter of the late Hallum W. and Mary Tarbell (Dawson) Goodloe, she graduated from the Ward Belmont School and the Ward Belmont College in Nashville, Tenn.

She married Allan Dunning on May 14, 1936, and traveled with him to the Philippines, China and Japan. He died on April 22, 1992. Survivors include a daughter, Mary Tarbell Dunning Glen of Jamaica Plain, Mass.; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was predeceased by a son, Navy Ensign Allan Lombard.

A graveside service will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va. A memorial service will be held at a time and place to be announced. There are no calling hours. Byles Memorial Home, 99 Huntington Ave., New London, is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions can be made to the Stonington Free Library, 20 High St., Stonington 06378; or to the Stonington Visiting Nurses Association, PO Box 264, Waterford 06385.
Jane Durborow
Mystic — Jane (Bleven) Durborow, 87, of Mystic, wife of the late John Durborow, passed away Thursday, July 12, 2012, at Avalon Health Care in Mystic. Arrangements and services are incomplete at this time. The Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, has charge of arrangements.
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JOHN DURBOROW

STONINGTON - John R. Durborow, 75, of 6 Harmony Street Stonington died unexpectedly September 25 in Stonington.

He was born in Philadelphia, PA January 5, 1918 son of the late John W. and Gertrude Kyle Durborow. He was a graduate of Temple University in Philadelphia and later received a Master's Degree in Economics from the University of Illinois.

Mr. Durborow served as an ordnance officer during World War II with the U.S. Army training Aerial Gunners. He served extensively in the South Pacific.

Mr. Durborow married the former Jene Bevan in Mt. Vernon, NY on September 14, 1957, she survives.

Mr. Durborow had been employed as a high school history and economics teacher in New York City, at the Barnard School for Boys and later at the Horace Mann School. He retired in 1978 and came to Stonington. He taught locally at St. Thomas More School in Moos valve and had worked as a substitute at the Cutler school in Groton.

Mr. Durborow was active in community affairs, and had served four terms on the Board of Warden and Burgesses in Stonington Village. He was also a member of the Stonington Harbor Management


Alisha Durfee

New London — Alisha Anne Durfee, born Sept. 12, 1982, went up to be with her father for the rest of our lives on Sunday in her home from cystic fibrosis and diabetes.

She is survived by her mother, Lucinda Burdick; her brother, Beriah Durfee; sister, Constance Durfee; her half-brothers, George Durfee Sr. of Alabama, Thomas and Martin Durfee of Arizona; half-sister, Laura Good of Oklahoma; her grandmother, Jay Burdick; as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

After her graduation from Stonington High School in 2003, she worked as a gate attendant at Mystic Seaport. She later worked in retail and most recently enjoyed her position in the Entertainment Department of Mohegan Sun.

Alisha will be remembered as an active person who loved the outdoors and visiting various parks and historic sites. She also enjoyed music, karaoke, and attending shows. She assisted others coping with cystic fibrosis, cystic fibrosis-related diabetes, and raising awareness of cystic fibrosis.

Her family will greet relatives and friends from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m., on Friday at The DiNoto Funeral home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic, followed by a graveside funeral service at 2 p.m. at Elm Grove Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Lucinda Burdick, 80 Hillside Ave., #1E, Middletown, CT 06457.

For information, directions, or to share a note of remembrance/condolence with Alisha’s family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Yvonne Durfee
Stonington — Yvonne Ruth Durfee, 68, wife of the late William E. Durfee Sr. of 239 New London Turnpike, died Saturday at the Subacute Center of Bristol, Conn., where she had been a patient for several years.
She was born March 20, 1933, in Hartford, the daughter of Carl and Florence Carbut Bausch.
Mrs. Durfee had been employed at the Groton Regency in the housekeeping department for more than 10 years before retiring.
She was a member of the Old Mystic Baptist Church and the church’s Wightman Fellowship. She was a member of the Rebecca Lodge Order of the Eastern Star and an avid bowler.
She is survived by a daughter, Donna Williams of Stonington, and four grandchildren. She was predeceased by three sons, Ralph Durfee, William Durfee Jr. and Donald Durfee.
Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly. Call hours will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in River Bend Cemetery, Beach Street, Westerly.
Memorial donations may be made to the Wightman Fellowship, c/o Old Mystic Baptist Church, P.O. Box 125, Old Mystic, CT 06372.
Rowland H. Dufton, 53; Mason, Mystic car dealer

MYSTIC — Rowland H. Dufton, 53, of 7 Lambert Lane, Stonington, president of Mystic Chrysler/Plymouth Automobile dealership was dead on arrival yesterday morning at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital, New London, following an automobile accident in Stonington.

He was born Oct. 17, 1934 in Boston, Mass., the son of Marguerite (Seymour) Dufton of East Falmouth, Mass. and the late Selwyn Dufton.

Mr. Dufton came to Mystic in February of 1963 as the service manager at the former Santin Chevrolet. He purchased the Mystic Chrysler/Plymouth/Dodge dealership in 1978.

He was an active member of the Mystic Rotary Club and served as its president in 1978 and 1979. He was named a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International in 1984.

He was past commander of the Westerly Power Squadron and a member of the Westerly Yacht Club.

He was a member of the Norumbega and Brookline Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Newtonville, Mass., and a member of Charity and Relief Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Mystic.

Mr. Dufton was also a 32nd degree mason and a member of the Spinks Temple A.A.O.M. of Newington, a member of the Spinks Bedouin Shrine Club. He was a member of the Scottish Rite of the Valley of Waterbury.

He served with the Naval Air Reserve in 1956.

Mr. Dufton was married to the former Joan Petersen on Aug. 4, 1956 in Watertown. She survives him.

Besides his wife and mother, survivors include one son, Charles S. Dufton of North Stonington; one daughter, Dale Ann Reis of Pawcatuck; one brother, Richard Dufton of Hampton, Maine.

He was preceded by his father, Charles Robert Dufton in January.

The Mystic Funeral Home of Thomas L. Neelan and Sons, Route 1, Mystic, is in charge of the arrangements.

After Long Illness

STONINGTON — Miss Marietta Durbin, 85, of 6 Temple St., died yesterday at the Mary Elizabeth Convalescent Home, Mystic, following a long illness.

She was born in Mystic, March 23, 1877, daughter of Samuel O. and Mary Brohan Durbin and had been a lifelong resident of this area.

For many years she was employed by Miss Sara Sheffield at a dry goods store at 448 Water St., the Borough, and after Miss Sheffield's death ran the store herself until 1947 when she retired.

She was the sister of the late Miss Edyth A. Durbin, who for many years was principal of the Borough Grammar School.

She was a member of the Ruth Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and of the Calvary Episcopal Church, Stonington.

There are no immediate survivors.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. tomorrow at the Williams Funeral Home. Interment will be in Stonington Cemetery. There will be no calling hours.
Mystic — Polly Park Dyer, 88, of Mystic, passed Oct. 26, 2019, at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital surrounded by loving family. Born Sept. 1, 1931 in New York City, she was the daughter of Waring Park and Grace Tingley Curran and step-daughter of J. Morton Curran.

She attended The Chapin School in New York and was the fourth generation in her family to graduate from Miss Porter’s School in Farmington. She graduated from Vassar College in 1953, Trinity College in D.C. in 1972 with a master’s in teaching, and University of Maryland in 1993 with a master’s in social work.

She taught American history for 15 years at Bethesda-Chevy Chase and Gaithersburg high schools in Maryland.

Most of her life was devoted to helping others. She was a Girl Scout and Junior Great Books leader and Urban Service Corps and Sunday School teacher. She founded and managed a nonprofit called Learning Options and placed used computers with learning programs in 22 learning centers operated by resident councils of public housing projects and churches in Washington, D.C.


Polly was always happy and smiling to everyone she met, even in intensive care. She was selfless, always thinking of others and putting others first.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019, at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 310 Long Hill Road, Groton, where she was a member with Dan.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to a charity of your choice.
Anna Dykstra, 87, of Snug Harbor, died Wednesday. She was the beloved wife of John M. Dykstra for 63 years.

Born in Pawcatuck, she was a daughter of the late Carmelo and Bennedetta (Lombardo) Rustici.

She will be remembered as being a loving and devoted mother to her family and grandchildren.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a son, David Dykstra, of South Kingstown; a daughter, Joanne Dykstra, of South Kingstown; two brothers, Joseph Rustici, of Pawcatuck, and Charles Rustici, of Stafford Springs, Conn.; a sister, Constance “Tina” Main, of Stonington; and three grandchildren, Dorise Vargas, Hali La Fountain and Caleb Dykstra.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, July 17, 2011, at 4:30 p.m. in the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses, 1087 Tucker-town Road, Wakefield. Visiting hours are respectfully omitted.

For guest book and condolences, averymortifuneralhome.com.