
She was so proud to have grown up in Mystic, a town and environment that she loved dearly. She attended Broadway School, Deans Mill School, Mystic Middle, and graduated from Stonington High School in 1987. In 1990, she went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in mathematics from Simmons College, Boston; followed by a master’s in math education from the University of South Florida, Tampa.

Heidi met her soul mate and best friend, Michael Eagle, in October 1986 when he was attending the Coast Guard Academy. They have been married 26 years and went on to spend a life filled with Coast Guard love and adventure. They expanded their incredible friend circle each time they moved having resided in New London, Pensacola, Fla., Clearwater, Fla., Kodiak, Alaska, Williamsburg, Va., Pembroke Pines, Fla., Fairfax, Va., and lastly Sacramento, Calif., where Mike would retire as a captain after a distinguished career.

Heidi and Mike have four beautiful children: Emily, 19, is a sophomore at Ball State University for Musical Theater, Cassie, 15, is a sophomore in high school, Taylor, 10, is in fifth grade and Charlie, 8, is in third grade.

Other than her beautiful husband, Mike, Heidi is also survived by her loving parents and siblings: Anne and Herbert Holmstedt Sr. of Mystic, Herbert Holmstedt Jr. of Cranston, R.I., Mary Gardner of Gales Ferry, Eric Holmstedt of Warwick, R.I., and the wonderful author, Kirsten Holmstedt of Mystic. Heidi also dearly loves her 16 wonderful nieces and nephews.

As she departs this world, Heidi has two messages — Please enjoy the beautiful paradise of the earth and ocean that presents us with so many opportunities to grow and love. But most importantly...through this horrible disease of colon cancer, she learned the necessity of self-advocacy for medical care. Bottom line, if something does not feel right, get checked. It may be the best thing you ever do, not only for yourself, but your family that loves you so much!

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that gifts be sent to the Theatre and Dance CRAFT Scholarship Program at Ball State University, 2000 West University Ave., Muncie, IN 47306, Attn: Andrea Sadler. Checks may be made out to Ball State University, please write #HeidiStrong in memo section, or online at www.bsu.edu/give please put #8360 and #HeidiStrong in comments section.

A California service will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, presided by family friend, Chaplain Mark Giralmo, at the Rocklin Community Center, 5480 5th St., Rocklin, CA 95677. A celebration of Heidi’s life for her east coast friends and family will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, at Enders Island, Mystic.
He served for 25 years as a Congregational parish minister. In 1973, David Eaton became the first chaplain at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital in New London, where he ministered for 13 years. During that time he formed the New England College of Chaplains and was the founding member of the Connecticut Association for Jungian Psychology and was a Diplomate of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. Eaton later went into private counseling where he encouraged people to find their own path and passion. A healing, transforming encounter was always David Eaton’s goal.

David Eaton is survived by his loving wife, Josie; a brother, the Rev. William S. Eaton (Mary); two sons, Kenneth Eaton (Patricia) and Roger Eaton (Donna); a daughter, Catherine Fears (Greg); three stepsons, Bruce Becker, Stephen Becker (Therese), and Robert Becker (Debora); several grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

He was predeceased by his stepdaughter, Lynn.

The family will greet relatives and friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 23, at the Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 24, at Christ Episcopal Church, 7 Elm St., Westerly. Burial will follow in Stonington Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the David Eaton Memorial Fund at Christ Church, 7 Elm St., Westerly, RI 02891.

To share a message of condolence or remembrance with his family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Howard Eaton Jr.
Prominent advertising executive

Stonington — Howard Eaton Jr., 70, of 1346 Pequot Trail, a former advertising executive credited with bringing the Tony awards show to television, died of a heart attack Wednesday at Westerly Hospital.

He was born Oct. 1, 1929, in New York City. He was the husband of Elena Bosworth Eaton.

Mr. Eaton graduated in 1951 from Yale University with a bachelor’s degree in psychology and literature. He received master’s degrees in psychology and science and a doctorate in philosophy from Yale in 1966.

In a long advertising career, Mr. Eaton served as media director and director of broadcasting for the Lever Brothers Co., vice-president and programming director for Grey Advertising, and senior vice-president and director of broadcasting for Ogilvy & Mather.

He was responsible for bringing the Tony awards and the UNICEF program to television.

In his academic career, Mr. Eaton was an instructor of the undergraduate seminar program at Yale University from 1979 to 1983. He was a visiting lecturer at Connecticut College from 1982 to 1984, and at Trinity College in Hartford from 1984 to 1987.

He was a teaching fellow at Yale from 1989 to 1991. He received the Most Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher award from Yale in 1991. He was a research fellow at Yale University’s Center for the study of Race, Politics and Ethnic Conflict.

Advertising articles

Mr. Eaton published numerous articles on advertising. He was a nationally recognized speaker for television industry conferences.

He served as chairman of the American Association of Advertising Agencies, the Association of National Advertisers and the Yale University Communications Board. He was also program chairman for the International Radio and Television Society.

He was a consultant to the Gallup Organization, the Public Television Advertising Experiment and the Wadsworth Athenaeum in Hartford.

Mr. Eaton served as a member of the original Stonington Charter Commission and the Stonington Conservation Commission.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Brooke Bosworth Eaton of Los Angeles, Calif.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary’s Church in Stonington. There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to Yale University School of Psychology, 2 Hillhouse Ave., New Haven, CT 06250.

The Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic is in charge of arrangements.
Reflections: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Hymn # 586

THE BLESSING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE CONFESSION

The Prayer

Song by David Lunsford

SEA CHANTER "Rolling Home"

Eulogy

Eulogy

John 1:4:1-6

The Gospel

HYMN 586 The Spirit Is Our brooker Bosworth Eulogy

Prelude

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

PSALM 111

The New Testament Lesson

Read by Harper E. Bowersworth

Revelation 2:7

Revelation to John

The Old Testament Lesson

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Read by Minister Maxis

A Prayer for Howard Eutation

HYMN # 554 Battle Hymn of the Republic

Please Stand

Prelude

THE OPENING SENTENCES

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
Arthur Edgar

Stonington — Arthur J. Edgar, 85, of North Main Street, Stonington, retired chief of the Stonington Police Department, died Tuesday morning at his home.

He was born in Noank June 7, 1918, son of Edward and Lillian Ellis Edgar. He was an Army Veteran of World War II serving in North Africa. He was discharged in 1943, and worked at the Electric Boat Co. in Groton prior to joining the Stonington Police Department in November of 1945. He was promoted to sergeant in 1947, to lieutenant in 1962, advanced to captain in 1965 and became chief of the department in 1966. He retired in 1971. Following his retirement he worked at the former Oasis Package store in Mystic, and as a safety inspector for R. H. Gaynor Co. Industrial Maintenance. He owned a small security company that employed 14 officers. He also operated his own alarm company and serviced fire extinguishers. He had worked as an associate at the former Flynn Funeral Home, the Neilan Funeral Home in Mystic and more recently at the Mystic Funeral Home.

He married the former Elizabeth Sisk in Stonington, on Oct. 25, 1945. She survives.

Mr. Edgar was a member of the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society, the Social Society of Froshinn, the Hugo Simonelli Post Veterans of Foreign Wars of Mystic, the James W. Harvey Post American Legion of Stonington, the Stonington Fire Department. He was a former member of the Stonington Ambulance Corps and the Nina Council Knights of Columbus. He was a member of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association and the Police Chiefs Association of America. He was an avid bingo player at Foxwoods.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Michael Edgar of Hampton, N.H.; five daughters, Kathy Williams and Mary Ellen Pugliese of Stonington, Patricia Offen of Pawcatuck, Elizabeth Weeks of Mystic, and Barbara Ravenelle of Bradford, R.I.; three brothers, Thomas Edgar of New York, Edward Edgar of New London and William Edgar of Westerly; two sisters Ruth Celico of Pawcatuck and Lillian Erb of Noank; 18 grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

He was pre-deceased by a son Peter Edgar and a sister Eleanor Comforti.

The funeral will gather at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday at the Mystic Funeral Home and proceed to a 10 a.m. Mass of Christian burial at St. Mary’s Church. Relatives and friends may call at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic on Friday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Contributions may be made in his memory to the Stonington Police Association, 173 South Broad, Pawcatuck, CT 06379.
Edward M. Edgar, 79, of 202 Broad St., New London, died April 23, 2004 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Oct. 17, 1924, in Stonington, the son of the late Edward and Lillian Ellis Edgar. He attended local schools and was a graduate of Stonington High School.

During high school Mr. Edgar was a gifted athlete, playing halfback on the football team. In 1942, he was named All-State in football by the New Haven Register. Upon graduation in 1942, he received a scholarship to the University of Georgia to play football.

He later attended the University of Rhode Island, and at the outbreak of World War II, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corp.

He married the former Katherine Jezeski on Nov. 18, 1950, in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Mr. Edgar survives him.

Mr. Edgar played semipro football with the Rhode Island Steamrollers in New England. He was a talented scratch golfer and an avid Red Sox fan.

Mr. Edgar formerly owned Eddie Edgar Carpets in New London and later owned and operated Eddie Edgar Concessions in New London. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion. He was a coach at the American Little League in New London and a team sponsor of the New London Babe Ruth League.

In addition to his loving wife, he is survived by six children: Terri and her husband Marc Goldsmith, Aimee and her husband Al Annibalini, Daniel and his wife Karen Edgar, all of Waterford; Edward J. Edgar of New London and Judy and her husband John Ward of Cape Cod; 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; two brothers, William Edgar of Westerly and Thomas Edgar of Victory, N.Y.; and two sisters, Lillian Erb of Noank and Ruth Celico of Westerly.

He was predeceased by a brother and sister, Arthur Edgar and Eleanor Comforti.

His family will receive relatives and friends Monday from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Impellitteri-Malia Funeral Home, 84 Montauk Ave., New London. Family and friends are invited to gather for a Mass of Christian Burial Tuesday at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph Church, 17 Squire St., New London. Interment is private.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Hospice of South Eastern Connecticut, P.O. Box 902, Uncasville, Conn., 06382, or Beechwood Recreation Fund, New London, CT 06320.
Elizabeth ‘Betty’ Edgar

Elizabeth Katherine Sisk Edgar, “Betty”, 88, of Stonington, passed away at home on Friday, March 24, 2006.

Elizabeth was born September 22, 1917, in New London, the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Denning Sisk.

She married Arthur J. Edgar on October 25, 1945 in Stonington; he passed away in January 2004.

A devoted mother and grandmother, she enjoyed her time as a homemaker for her 7 children. Prior to starting her family, she worked as a waitress at the Sea Village. She was a lifelong member of Saint Mary’s Church in Stonington, and a 30-plus year volunteer for the Stonington Community Center Thrift shop.

Betty is survived by her son, Michael Edgar of Hampton, N.H.; her 5 daughters, Kathy Williams of Niantic, Mary Ellen Pugliese of Stonington, Patricia Offen of Pawcatuck, Elizabeth Weeks of Mystic and Barbara Ravenelle of Bradford, R.I.; and her brother Robert Sisk of Niantic, 18 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren, with one more on the way.

She was predeceased by her son, Peter Edgar, her sister Dorothy McDonald and two her brothers, Thomas and James Sisk.

The funeral will be held from the Mystic Funeral Home Route 1, Mystic on Monday at 9:15 a.m. with a funeral Mass at St. Mary Church, Stonington, at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery. Relatives and friends are invited to call at the funeral home Sunday from 4-7 p.m.

Contributions in Betty’s name may be made to the Stonington Community Center, PO Box 286, Stonington, CT 06378.

The Edgar family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for obituary information, directions and an online memorial register to leave a note of condolence.
William Edgar Was Stonington Warden

William Edgar of 28 Spring St., Westerly, a former warden and fire chief of the Borough of Stonington and the oldest member of the Steamer Engine Co. of the Borough Fire Department, died yesterday at the North Kingstown Care Center. He was 93.

Mr. Edgar, husband of the late Mabel (Allen) Edgar, was born May 11, 1897, in Manchester, Conn., a son of the late Robert and Mary (MacCormack) Edgar.

At an early age, he and his family moved to Stonington and his first employment was with the old Stonington Mirror newspaper. He then entered the employ of the American Velveteen Co. where he learned the weaving trade.

In 1905, he joined the Steamer Engine Co. and subsequently rose through the ranks to foreman of the Company. He later became chief of the three-company department and then warden (mayor) of the Borough. He also served as a New London County deputy sheriff and was a member of Asylum Lodge of Masons and the Mystic International Order of Odd Fellows.

He is survived by a stepson, Robert R. Edgar of Westerly, and a stepdaughter, Mrs. Charles Lathrop, Stonington; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Wednesday at 11 a.m. Rev. Patrick Larracey, pastor of United Congregational Church, will conduct the service. Visiting hours are tomorrow from 7 to 9 p.m. Burial will be in Stonington Cemetery.

DEATH NOTICES

CARREIRA — Unexpectedly, in New London, Conn., June 1, 1980, John M. Carreira, 77, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan J. and Dorothy (Amaral) Carreira.

Funeral arrangements are being completed by the Flynn Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic.


Funeral services will be held Wednesday, June 4, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Elizabeth Church. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Visiting hours are omitted. Donations may be made in her memory to St. Elizabeth Church, Canonchet Road, Hope Valley. Avery Funeral Home, Hope Valley in charge of funeral arrangements. Interment in Wood River Cemetery, Wyoming, R.I.

EDGAR — In North Kingstown, R.I., June 1, 1980, William Edgar, husband of the late Mabel (Allen) Edgar, resident 28 Spring St.

Funeral services will be held in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Wednesday, June 4, at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Visiting hours Tuesday 7 to 9 p.m.
Sally Edmonstone

Mystic — Sally Edmonstone, a longtime resident of Mystic, died peacefully on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, just a few weeks shy of her 98th birthday.

Sally was born May 17, 1917, in Lexington, Mass., the only child of Madeline and Cliff Walker. Her mother was a high school principal; her father, a podiatrist. She attended local schools and later Radcliffe College, where she studied biology and graduated cum laude in 1938. She went on to graduate studies in genetics at the University of Rochester, where she earned a master’s degree and there met her future husband, William Mason Edmonstone, a medical student.

After marriage and with her husband’s completion of medical training, the couple moved to Mystic to open a general practice which continues today as the Mystic Medical Group. While assisting her husband, managing the reception, record keeping, and billing for the practice, Sally also ran the household and raised four children.

She and Bill loved the outdoors, skiing, hiking, and camping throughout New England and the West. Sally was an enthusiastic viewer of wildlife in all seasons, naming birds, trees, wildflowers, and marine life on her walks. She also was an avid gardener and longtime member of the Mystic Garden Club.

She loved music of all kinds, from Beethoven and Bach to Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong. She sang in the Mystic Congregational Church choir and also with the Westerly Chorus and especially enjoyed a memorable singing tour taken with the chorus to the great English cathedrals.

Sally and Bill were early and devoted members of Mason’s Island Yacht Club, where they played tennis and bocce and, as the years advanced, enjoyed just sitting and gazing at the summer sails on Fishers Island Sound.

Sally was predeceased by her son, Peter M. Edmonstone, who died in 2006, and her husband, William, who died in 2012.

Sally is survived by three children, Nancy E. Stewart of Groton, James W. Edmonstone of Northampton, Mass., and Robert L. Edmonstone of Old Lyme; seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 30, at the Mystic Congregational Church.
Mystic — Judith (Cooper) Edwards, 83, died on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015, at Apple Rehab in Mystic.

Judy was born Nov. 21, 1932, in Hartford to Levina and Thomas Cooper. She graduated from Westfield High School in Westfield, Mass., in 1951 and obtained a nursing degree in 1954 from Springfield Nursing College.

As a registered nurse, Judy proudly served in various nursing positions throughout her life, including in the recovery room at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital in New London and as a college health professional at Connecticut College.

Judy was married to Raymond “Ray” W. Edwards Jr. on Fishers Island, N.Y., in 1955. Judy and Ray had two children, Betty and Randy, and raised their family in Wethersfield and East Lyme. In 1978, they moved to Fishers Island.
Obituaries

Leonora Edwards, 103

Widow of whaling captain who once commanded the Morgan

**New Bedford, Mass. (AP) —** Leonora G. Edwards, whose husband sailed the last whaling voyage from New Bedford, has died.

Edwards died on Tuesday. She was 103.

She was the widow of Capt. Joseph F. Edwards, who began his whaling career aboard a square-rigged vessel commanded by his brother in 1913. He went on to lead whaling voyages across the globe. In 1927 he commanded the last expedition from what was once the world’s busiest whaling port.

“Anne B. Brengle, executive director of the city’s Whaling Museum, said the captain’s voyage on the schooner John R. Manta wasn’t only the last whaling voyage from New Bedford, it was the last whaling voyage by sailing ship in America.

Modern factory ships went in search of whales until the early 1940s, she said.

Edwards was born Leonora Goulart in Portugal’s Azores islands. She immigrated to the United States with her family in 1918 and married her husband in 1920.

Following the captain’s death in 1933, Edwards never remarried. She recalled her husband’s work with pride even in her final years.

“He had a big job aboard the ship,” she told The Standard-Times of New Bedford in 1996 on the eve of her 100th birthday. “He used to go to South America to get the big whales.”

Edwards’ husband, also a native of the Azores, came to New Bedford with his family at age 9. His whaling experience began aboard the Charles W. Morgan, one of New Bedford’s most famous whaling ships. By 1918, he was the Morgan’s commander, taking a year-long sperm whaling expedition off Brazil and the West Indies even as WWI German U-boats dotted the seas.

Throughout her life, Edwards shared her whaling ties with the Whaling Museum and took part in its oral history program. She was a member of the Boston Marine Society and the Descendants of Whaling Masters, the group that declared her the last wife of a New Bedford whaling captain.

“We are just grateful to have had her participation in her lifetime,” said Brengle.

Edwards is survived by two grandsons.

**Catherine Conroy**
Virginia Effman

Stonington — Virginia Avery Effman, 78, of Stonington, passed away Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018, in her sleep while being treated at The Westerly Hospital.

She was born Dec. 24, 1939, in New London, the daughter of Rowland and Flora (Pierce) Avery of Old Mystic.

Mrs. Effman attended Stonington High School, and was a graduate of Eastern Connecticut Teacher's College. She applied her schooling in elementary education in the Town of Groton at both Northeast Academy and Mary Morrisson Elementary School for over 46 years, retiring in 2016.

Virginia was known for her musical talents, playing both the accordion and piano throughout her life. During her teen years she toured in a band throughout southern New England, and also was recorded live on radio. She began formally playing as the organist at Old Mystic United Methodist Church at 15 years old in 1954, and continued this joy for the following 63 years.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, August Gary Effman; and son, August Kip Effman, both of Stonington.

At Virginia's request, all services will be private for the family.

As a lifelong animal lover, any memorial contributions may be directed to: Stand Up for Animals, P.O. Box 1706, Westerly, RI 02891.

The D'Inoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic, is assisting the family.

Eugene Beckman
Lois Efimchuk

Wayne - Lois M. (Mark) Efimchuk, age of Jerry Browne Road, Westfield passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019. She was born in Concord, N.H. She was the daughter of the late Charles and Isabelle Marrs, of Concord, Mass. A graduate of Barnstable High School, Barnstable, Mass., Lois was in retail management at Burlington Coat Factory, She was known as a talented artist who enjoyed painting and that she was a skilled seamstress and enjoyed sewing. She is survived by her five children, Patricia A. Gates of Westport, Ark., John E. Gates of Westport, Conn., and Terrence A. Gates of Moseup, N.H. Lois also leaves behind 11 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by two sisters, Judith Feltzer and Carolann, and two brothers, John J. and Charles E. Efimchuk. Visiting hours are respectfully conducted from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17, at the Swenson Funeral Home, Concord. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, Concord office.
Magdaline Efthimiou

Stonington — Magdaline “Maggie” Efthimiou, 52, lost her courageous battle with cancer on Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2017, at Woman & Infants Hospital in Rhode Island, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in Greece on March 2, 1965, to Konstantinos and Ekaterini (Raptis) Sianou. After completing school, she married her beloved husband, George Efthimiou, in Pelagia Greece, on Dec. 28, 1986.

Maggie was a proud Greek American holding true to her heritage and maintaining its importance in her family's lives with rich traditions and customs being passed down. She was an afternoon Greek school teacher for 15 years in Norwich and New London. Maggie was an active member of the church and embraced her faith and love of God. She returned to Greece every summer with her family to maintain her family ties in both the U.S. and Greece. Family was at the core of Maggie's very being as she prepared traditional meals and desserts for all to enjoy. She felt honored to work side by side with her husband and her entire family in their business, Green Onion II Pizza in North Stonington.

This matriarch will be deeply missed and her going on to Heaven has created a great void in many.

She is survived by her beloved husband, George; her mother, Ekaterini; her mother-in-law, Efmaria; a son, Konstantinos Efthimiou and his wife, Stephanie; a daughter, Efmaria Efthimiou; one brother, George Sianou; one sister-in-law, Maria Efthimiou; grandchildren, George and Ariana Efthimiou; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by her father and her father-in-law.

Maggie's family wishes to thank everyone who has shown their love and support during these difficult times.

Visitation will be held from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 247 Washington St., Norwich, with services at 10 a.m. Burial will immediately follow at Maplewood Cemetery, 184 Salem Tpke., Norwich.

Donations in Maggie's memory may be made directly to the church.

To leave an online condolence, please visit www.labenskifuneralhome.com.

Born on Aug. 18, 1950, she was the daughter of Michael and Margaret O’Brian. She was predeceased by both parents.

Jane worked at Electric Boat for 35 years as a piping designer. She will be missed by her friends and coworkers.

Dear friends, let’s meet at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 9, at the Steak Loft, to toast Jane one last time. (Food and drink not provided.)
The death of William H. Egan of 64 School St., Westerly, occurred on April 22, 2007, at The Westerly Hospital.

He was born in Pawcatuck, the son of the late James H. and Ann (Thompson) Egan, on Jan 3, 1910. He was the husband of Florence (Craig) Egan. They had just celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on March 20.

Following retirement from Electric Boat, Mr. Egan was an Electrolux representative. He was a 70-year member, and past Master of Pawcatuck Lodge #90 AF&AM (now Coastal Lodge), and a life member of the Westerly Fire Police. In the 1950s, he was Scout Master of Christ Church Troop 3.

He and his wife traveled extensively, and he was an avid gardener.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Bette and her husband Charles Toscano; grandchildren, Sharon E. Kuhn, M.D. and her husband Christopher, of Madison, Conn., and Mark G. and Paul G. Egan of Westerly; and three great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his son, William G. Egan.

Mr. Egan requested in 1978 that his body be donated to Brown University Biology and Medicine, Anatomical Gifts Division. His wishes have been carried out.

Donations in his memory may be made to Home and Hospice Care of RI, 143 Main St., Wakefield, RI 02879.
Jim was quite the cook. He often entertained special guests with his specialty, rack of lamb. Jim had a dry sense of humor and had a remarkable knack for coining nicknames for his fellow colleagues. So fitting were these names that, after many decades, most of these names have become more entrenched in our memories than the actual names themselves.

As a natural athlete, Jim was an avid skier and golfer. Clearly he relished the challenges that each provided and faced those challenges with typical quiet determination. In golf, Jim practiced and sought advice from all sources including various professional instructors. The result was a fine game, always in the state of potential improvement. To his golfing friends, he was both the perfect partner and respected opponent. All over the world, from Ireland, Scotland and Spain, to Myrtle Beach and Scottsdale, Jim challenged himself and treasured the quality time spent with his many friends. In golf, as in life, Jim never gave up, and he never picked up.

Jim is survived by his mother, Dorothy, of Johnsonburg, Pa.; his brother, Gary Eggler and his wife, Rebecca, of Indiana, Pa.; and a niece, Erika Eggler of Pittsburgh, Pa.

His father, James M., predeceased him.

Services and burial will be private.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave an online message of condolence to Jim’s family.
In addition to his wife, he leaves five children, Howard L. Eldredge, Jr. of Tennessee, Willard Eldredge (Kathy) of Washington, William Eldredge (Judy) and Tina Johnson (Ron) all of Oregon, and Royal Eldredge of California; and four step-children, Tim Breault of Ashaway, Jeff Breault (Marita) of Hopkinton, Lisa Bradley of Ashaway and Kevin Breault (Melissa) of Stonington. Howard will also be dearly missed by his three sisters, Jean Costa of Leedyard, Jane Denton of Michigan and Hazel Hatcher (Fred) of Colorado; 26 grandchildren; 46 great grandchildren; one great-great granddaughter; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Julie Ann Woodburn, a granddaughter, Kerry Ellen Connell and her unborn daughter Kacey Isabelle Holdridge; his newborn great grandson Tyler Michael Eldredge; five siblings, Mildred Baxter, Dottie Jacobs, Lester F. "Red" Eldredge, Jr., Louis Eldridge, and Charles Eldridge; and two brothers-in-law, Albert Costa and Donald Denton.

He is survived by a son-in-law Tim Woodburn of Oregon; and two sisters-in-law, Barbara Eldredge of New York and Betty Eldridge of Connecticut. He revered his in-laws Mary and Lionel Sylvestre. He also leaves many members of the Sylvestre Family whom he adored.

Visiting hours will be held on Thursday from 5-7 p.m., at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Relatives and friends are also invited to attend a Funeral Service on Friday at 12 Noon in the funeral home. Burial with Full Military Honors will follow at River Bend Cemetery, Westerly. For online condolences please visit www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com
Fran worked for the railroad, working the New Haven to Vermont route. He moved on to Pfizer in Groton, where he held several positions, retiring as shipping supervisor after 30 years of service. He later worked for the former Guild Guitar in Westerly and the former Dodge City, now Tasca Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in Westerly. He was a member of the Maria Assunta Society, Bocce Club, North End Social Club and a member of the Knights of Columbus, where he served as former financial secretary.

He will be sadly missed by his children, Francis R. "Bud" Eldridge Jr. and his wife, Susan, of Pawcatuck; Donald Eldridge and his wife, Linda, of Westerly and A. Jeffrey Eldridge and his wife, Marianne, of Dover, N.H. He also leaves his grandchildren, Jennifer, Patrick, Sean, Lannon, Tim, Jody, Christopher and Brian; as well as eight great-grandchildren; and his sister, Margaret Delia of Groton.

He was also predeceased by his daughter-in-law, Jean Eldridge, and his brother, Arthur Eldridge.

The Eldridge family will greet relatives and friends from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, 2015, at the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial following at 10 a.m. on Saturday at St. Pius X Church, 44 Elm St., Westerly.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Fran's memory may be made to St. Michael Church "Capital Campaign," 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379.

Fran's family members would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to each and every member of the staff at Watch Hill Apple Rehab. Their care, love and support will always be remembered and cherished by his family.
Lucy Eldridge

Stonington — Lucy JoAnn (Levanti) Eldridge, 81, of Stillman Avenue, Pawcatuck, died Monday, May 5, 2014, at The Westerly Hospital. Lucy was the loving wife of Francis Raymond Eldridge Sr., her husband of 64 years.

Born in New London on May 28, 1932, she was the daughter of the late Paul and Mary (Christina) Levanti. Lucy worked for the Youth Colony in Connecticut for many years before becoming a homemaker.

She was a communicant of St. Michael’s Church, and a member of the Daughters of Isabella, St. John Francis Circle No. 798. Lucy also had a great devotion to the Blessed Mother.

Lucy was an accomplished artist, and she loved tending to her flower gardens. She was an avid UConn women’s basketball fan and Red Sox fan.

Besides her husband, she is survived by her children, Francis R. “Bud” Eldridge Jr. and his wife, Susan, of Pawcatuck, Donald Eldridge and his wife, Linda, of Westerly, and A. Jeffrey Eldridge and his wife, Marianne, of Dover, N.H.; her grandchildren, Jennifer, Patrick, Sean, Lannon, Tim, Jody, Christopher and Brian; also seven great-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Margaret Delia.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter-in-law, Jean Eldridge, and her 13 siblings.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 10, 2014, in St. Mary’s Church, Stonington. Burial will follow in St. Michael’s Cemetery, Pawcatuck. Calling hours are from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday in Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her memory
Gloria Eleazer

Stonington — Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Elder Gloria Christine Eleazer, 69, sadly passed away on Friday, May 22, 2015, at the Groton Regency Center after a short battle with cancer. At her side were her two daughters, Natasha Eleazer and Dawn Eleazer-Miller, whom she loved dearly.

Gloria was born on Aug. 6, 1946, in New London to Vernon Eleazer Sr., who survives her, and Jennie Lee Sebastian. She was lovingly raised in the household of James and Essie Lockett in New London. Her siblings that she leaves behind include Vernon Eleazer, Betty Scott, Jean Marie Merrill, George Eleazer, Raymond Butler, Richard Butler, Robert Butler, Ralph Butler, Rudy Butler, Roy Butler, Sandra Preston, Agnes Black, Stanley Binion, Roland Brooks, Richard Good, Paul Goodnight; and many nieces and nephews.

Gloria was predeceased by two of her brothers, Rush K. Johnson Jr. and Nathan Johnson.

Most important in Gloria's life was her love of and service to Jehovah God as one of Jehovah's Witnesses for over 57 years. At every opportunity, she spoke about God's promise in the Scriptures of a better life in his promised paradise to come soon here on earth. Until that time, she will also be missed by her extended family of spiritual brothers and sisters.

Gloria loved to laugh and always had a beautiful smile. She was a strong woman and mother who made countless sacrifices for others. She was a true friend and loved by many.

A private graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, May 29, for immediate family followed by a public memorial service for Gloria at the Mystic Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Mystic.

The Dinoto Funeral Home, Mystic, is assisting the family.
Gennis Elks

Stonington — Gennis “Pete” Willis Elks, 92, of Stonington passed away Tuesday, July 4, 2017.

Born in Farmville, N.C., he was the son of the late Henry and Carrie (Moore) Elks. A graduate of Farmville High School, North Carolina, he went on to join the Navy in 1941, serving active duty in World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Pete lived most of his life in Stonington. He retired in 1973 at the Submarine Base Medical Center, where he served as the leading senior chief petty officer under the command of Captain Jack Stark. He then joined the Mystic Seaport, where he worked for 20 enjoyable years, retiring in 1993.

He was a member of the USS Oklahoma City Assoc., the American Legion, VFW, Masonic Coastal Lodge #57, the Fleet Reserve, Elks Club #2163, the Westerly Yacht Club and the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society.

Pete will be remembered as a man who measured wealth by the number of friends and buddies. He was honored at the July 4th Stonington celebration in 2012 as the grand marshal. He was a southern gentleman and loved gatherings with family and friends. He knew no enemies and was always there for all, especially his loving family, who will miss him dearly. He now joins departed family, friends and shipmates.

He is survived by a son, David C. Elks and his wife, Donna, of Stonington; grandson, David W. Elks of Louisville, Ky.; brother, Henry “HC” Elks and his wife, Nita, of Pineville, La.; sister, Ann Baker, and her husband, David, of Kinston, N.C.; several dear nieces, nephews, numerous friends; sister-in-law, Dorothy Elks; and his companion, Jane Cannon.

He was predeceased by his second wife, Helen (Honzo) Elks; and was formerly married to Mary Lonidier, who recently passed in October of 2016; daughter-in-law, Sylvia Elks; and his three siblings, Carlton and Raymond Elks and Doris Young.

Our special thanks to the Elms Assisted Living Care facility, to the entire staff of the Royal Westerly Nursing Home and to the Hope Health South LTC team for all the special care and friendship they provided, not only to Pete, but also to his family. To all those very special friends, too many to mention, who visited Pete while at the Elms and the nursing home, we are eternally grateful to you as each visit made Pete’s day special.

His family will receive friends today from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Mystic Funeral Home, located on Route 1 in Mystic. A service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 7, at Calvary Church, 27 Church St., Stonington. His burial will follow at the Stonington Cemetery on North Main Street with military honors.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center, the Navy Marine Corp Relief Society, P.O. Box 25 Bldg. 83 at the Navy Submarine Base Groton, CT 06340 or to a charity of the donor’s choice.
STONINGTON — Sylvia (McGuire) Elks, 49, of 16 Lambert Lane, Stonington, died Monday, Jan. 15 at the Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, where she had been admitted on Jan. 10.

She was born in Lake Charles, Louisiana, Oct. 14, 1946, daughter of Ollie (Koonce) McGuire of West Lake, Louisiana, and the late Vernon Ed McGuire. She was a graduate of the local schools in West Lake and attended North East Louisiana State University.

She married David C. Elks in West Lake on Aug. 23, 1968. She moved to Stonington in 1975.

Mrs. Elks was an active member of Calvary Church (Episcopal), Stonington, a Sunday school teacher at the church, and was active with the Youth Bell Choir. She was a past commander of the Westerly, R.I., Power Squadron, an active member of the Deans Mill School parent support group, and a volunteer at the Mystic Middle School. She had also been active with the New London County Legal Secretaries Association. In addition to her husband and mother, she is survived by one son, David Willis Elks of Stonington, three brothers: Vernon Ed McGuire Jr., Oliver McGuire, and Lloyd McGuire, all of West Lake, Louisiana.

A Funeral Eucharist was held at Calvary Church (Episcopal) on Thursday at 11 a.m. Burial was in West Lake, Louisiana. Mystic Funeral Home handled the arrangements. Contributions may be made in her memory to a Discretionary Fund of Calvary Church, 27 Church Street, Stonington, CT 06378.
Osborn Elliott, Father of Newsweek's Rebirth, Dies at 83

By MICHAEL T. KAUFMAN

Osborn Elliott, the courtly editor who revitalized Newsweek magazine in the 1960s before he went on to serve as a St. Louis deputy mayor in charge of economic development for a financially desperate New York City, died at his home in Manhattan on Sunday. He was 83.

He died of complications of cancer, said his daughter Dorinda Elliott.

When Mr. Elliott became Newsweek's managing editor in 1959, the magazine lagged appreciably behind its chief competitor, Time, in circulation and advertising, and aped the sort of terse and idiosyncratic writing that Time had introduced.

But Mr. Elliott, who rose to editor in 1961, was willing to experiment with formula and take a more ambitious journalistic path for Newsweek. The magazine began shunning the backward-running sentences that Time and its founder, Henry R. Luce, favored, and it started giving reporters bylines, breaking a long news magazine practice of anonymous writing.

More substantively, it began producing in-depth polling on national issues. In cover articles, often to attract a younger readership, it examined the war in Vietnam and the mounting opposition to it, the civil rights movement, racial unrest in the cities, popular culture, and the counterculture. The perspectives were generally liberal, as had been the case from the beginning of Newsweek's rivalry with Time, which generally reflected the conservative outlook of Mr. Luce.

On Nov. 20, 1967, in a departure from its tradition of neutrality, Newsweek moved toward open advocacy with a 23-page section titled "The Negro in America: What Must Be Done." In an editorial — the first in what was then the magazine's 34-year history — Newsweek offered a 12-point program on how to accelerate the passage of black Americans into all aspects of society. The Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism recognized the series in giving Newsweek its Magazine of the Year Award.

Newsweek also gave prominent coverage to the women's movement — "Women in Revolt," one cover said — though in 1970 the magazine itself was the subject of a federal discrimination complaint by 46 young women on its news staff, most of them hired as researchers to check facts, saying they had been denied writing positions because of their sex.

Mr. Elliott, defending the magazine, said that most researchers were women because of a "news magazine tradition going back to almost 50 years." In a negotiated agreement, the magazine promised to accelerate recruitment and promotion of women.

During Mr. Elliott's tenure, Newsweek's circulation, which stood at almost 1.5 million in 1961, rose to more than 2.7 million by 1976, the year he left, though even then it still trailed Time by nearly a million readers.

Mr. Elliott revealed in the job. "I had interviews with five presidents, audiences with two popes and the emperor of Japan," he wrote in 1977, reflecting on his career in an article in The New York Times Magazine, adding that he had "spent the most interesting and moving week of my life living, and learning, in the black ghettos of America."

But he conceded that the pace in running the magazine was grueling and that he had promised himself to lessen his burden when men had landed on the moon. Thus, in 1969, he moved on to what he called the nonexistent job of editor in chief. He later had the titles of president, chief executive and board chairman.

Mr. Elliott left Newsweek in 1976 to become New York's first deputy mayor for economic development. The year before, at the urging of Senator Jacob K. Javits, he had formed and led the Citizens Committee for New York City, a private group founded to organize volunteers for projects the city could no longer afford to finance.

The city was nearly bankrupt and had lost almost 650,000 jobs in the previous seven years. Its economic development administrator had resigned. Mayor Abraham D. Beame asked Mr. Elliott to take over the development agency and restructure it as the Office of Economic Opportunity.

In taking the job at $1 a year, Mr. Elliott said a nominal salary would put him above the political process and give him more credibility with businesses. Charged with attracting businesses to the city, he shifted the emphasis from large corporations to smaller enterprises with fewer than 100 workers.

His turn as a public servant was brief. In 1977, he resigned to become dean of the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, a position he held until 1986, when he stepped down, although he stayed on as the George T. Delacorte Professor until 1994.

With his liberal urban enthusiasms — he helped organize a Save Our Cities march on Washington in 1992 — his polka-dot bow ties and his conservatively cut suits, Mr. Elliott was a familiar, old-money figure in some of the city's citadels of power: the Century Association, the Harvard Club, the Council of Foreign Relations and the board rooms of the New York Public Library and the Asia Society. The composer Lukas Foss, a friend, occasionally tutored him in his piano playing at Mr. Elliott's Connecticut house.

In 1983, his hospitable nature was exploited in a bizarre encounter that was to help inspire John Guare to write his award-winning play "Six Degrees of Separation." An engaging young man had approached Mr. Elliott claiming to be the son of the actor Sidney Poitier and a classmate of one of Mr. Elliott's daughters. When the young man said he had been mugged, Mr. Elliott invited him into his home and gave him money and clothes. It later turned out that the man was an imposter who had bilked other prominent New Yorkers.

Osborn Elliott was born on Oct. 25, 1924, a descendant of Stephen Coerte van Voorhees, who came to New Amsterdam from Holland...
in the early 17th century. The boy grew up in a town house on East 62nd Street, where his parents, John Elliott, a stockbroker, and the former Audrey Osborn, a prominent real-estate broker who had campaigned for women's suffrage, entertained friends like the columnist Walter Lippmann and the author John Gunther.

Mr. Elliott attended the Browning School in New York, St. Paul's School in Concord, N.H., and Harvard. In World War II, he saw combat in the Pacific aboard the heavy cruiser Boston. Discharged as a lieutenant, junior grade, in 1946, he considered pursuing a career in finance or following his elder brother, John, into advertising. (John, known as Jock, became chairman of Ogilvy & Mather. He died in 2005.)

Instead, Mr. Elliott, who was known as Oz, chose journalism, joining The New York Journal of Commerce as a reporter.

He had been working there for three years when his first wife, the former Deirdre Marie Spencer, who was working in the personnel department of Time, urged him to apply for a job with the magazine. He joined the staff as a contributing editor specializing in business and advanced to associate editor.

In 1955, Newsweek, historically the weaker of the two weeklies, asked Mr. Elliott to be its business editor, and he took the job, beginning his long association with the magazine. In 1959 he published a book, "Men at the Top" (Harper), examining the qualities that had propelled executives to the upper ranks of corporations.

In 1961, Philip L. Graham, the publisher of The Washington Post, bought controlling interest in Newsweek and promoted Mr. Elliott from managing editor to editor. He continued in the job when Katharine Graham assumed control after her husband's death in 1963.

Mr. Elliott's first marriage ended in divorce in 1972. The following year he married the former Inger Abrahamsen McCabe, founder of China Seas, a fabric and carpeting importer. She survives him, as do three daughters by his first marriage, Diana Elliott Lidofsky of Providence, R.I.; Cynthia Elliott of Manhattan; and Dorinda, of Brooklyn; three stepchildren, Kari McCabe of Manhattan, Alexander McCabe of Brooklyn and Marit McCabe of Manhattan; 17 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He is also survived by two foster sons, Samuel Wong of San Francisco and David Wong of St. Paul.

"I was hooked on journalism," Mr. Elliott wrote in his Times Magazine article, recalling his earliest days as a reporter and summing up his career. "Impressed by its demands for compression and clarity. Enchanted — mostly — by its practitioners and their often feigned cynicism. Flattered by the access it offered to heads of state, artists and tycoons. Infuriated by its imperfections — though as often as not, no doubt, blind to them as well. In love with its humor. Humbled, sort of, by its power."
Osborn Elliott

Stonington — Osborn Elliott, 83, died peacefully at home on Sept. 28, 2008. He was the husband of Inger Elliott, father to three daughters, two stepdaughters, a stepson, and two foster sons, grandfather to 17 and great-grandfather to one.

Oz was the legendary Newsweek editor, dean of the Columbia Journalism School and a stalwart defender of civic values as founder of the Citizens Committee for New York City. He inspired thousands in shaping not just the city we love but our society as well.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. at All Souls Church in Manhattan on Oct. 3, 2008, and at 11 a.m. in Calvary Church in Stonington on Oct. 4, 2008.

Gifts in his memory may be made to Citizens Committee for New York City, 305 Seventh Ave., New York City, NY 10001.

NEW YORK (AP) — Former Newsweek Editor Osborn Elliott, widely credited with making the magazine competitive with archival Time magazine, has died. He was 83.

He died Sunday of complications from cancer, his family told Newsweek.

Elliott, known as Oz, was editor of the weekly news magazine from 1961 to 1976. He also served as dean of Columbia University's graduate school of journalism for seven years. He retired in 1986, agreeing, at the request of the university's president, to continue as its George T. Delacorte Professor of Journalism.

Elliott was born in New York in 1924 and graduated from Harvard University in 1946. He then began his career as a reporter and columnist for the New York Journal of Commerce. After three years, he moved to Time magazine as a contributing editor, and he later became associate editor.

In 1955, he began a 21-year career at Newsweek as senior editor in charge of the business section. In 1959, he was named managing editor, and two years later he became editor.

Elliott was among the first inductees to the American Society of Magazine Editors' Hall of Fame and received the Frederick Douglass Award from the New York Urban League for his work in civil rights, Newsweek said.

He was the author of several books, including the memoir "The World of Oz."
Music: C. H. Handel Text: Philip Doddridge

Hymn Tune: "Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every nerve..."

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The Church, 6 Union Street, Plymouth.

Following the service, please join the family for a reception at

Simon D. Hole, Organist
The Very Reverend James P. Morton, Guest Officiant
The Reverend Mark K. Robinson, Rector

Reverend Michael Elliott
The Very Reverend James P. Morton
Karin McEachre, Alice McEachre, Cynthia Elliott
Donna McEachre, Martin McEachre, Diana Lulisko
Arthur Lulisko
Francis Pandolghi

Remembrances

Douglas Rice
Sheldon Lulisko
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The Opening Sentences

Psalm of the Chapel Bell

Prelude

The Lesson

Psalm 23 King James Version

A Prayer for Osborne Elliott

Hymn numbers refer to the red Book of Common Prayer in the pews. The hymns are in the blue hymnals.

October 23, 1924 - September 28, 2008

OZ
He believed that happiness in life comes from doing what you love and loving what you do. He enjoyed each day to its fullest and insisted that rainy days were just as important as sunny days since rain was much needed for the garden. He loved to tell stories of life on the farm as a boy and his many adventures in the Navy to all his friends and family members.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Theresa M. (Romano) Ellis; his children, Jean M. Jones, Tina R. Jeter, Paul A. Romano, Caroline Anne Ellis, Eileen R. Ellis, Michael Glenn Ellis, Glenda Panciera, Jon Mark Ellis, Betheny McKnight, Amy T. Berghman, and Eve M. Ellis; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. Glenn is also survived by three "adopted" sons, Steven Lanchance, Joseph Williams, and Peter Bargmann.

Glenn was predeceased by three sisters, Nettie Cohn and Dorothy Marsak, both of Springfield, Ill., and Betty Huff of Wichita, Kan.; and a brother, Claude John Ellis of Gales Ferry.

The family would like to send special thanks to Beacon Hospice and Lighthouse Home Care for their compassionate care and support of Glenn and all his family members during the past week, allowing for a gentle time of peace and reflection in honoring Glenn's life.

As per Glenn's wishes, there will be no calling hours and a private burial.

To honor Glenn's memory, it is never too late to start your own garden and to just enjoy each day to its fullest. Memorial donations may be made to the Lord's Point Garden Club, c/o Lord's Point Association, 29 Ashworth Ave., Stonington CT 06378, or Work Vessels for Veterans, 145 Pearl St., Noank CT 06340.

The Mystic Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.
Groton — Thomas J. Ellis Jr., 97, of 425 Drozdyk Drive, Groton, passed away on Monday evening, Nov. 12, 2012, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London.

He was born in New London, on Sept. 15, 1915, the son of Thomas J. and Anastasia (Maroney) Ellis.

Tom married Barbara Dupuis on Sept. 12, 1944, in Groton; she predeceased him.

Tom was brought up in Mystic and was educated in the Town of Stonington school system. He graduated from Stonington High School in the class of 1933. While at Stonington High, he participated in school sports as a member of the cross country and track teams, and, in his senior year, the football team. During that particular period with no facilities available, sports were limited to four activities including baseball.

After graduation, he worked for five years at the former local branch of Sonoco Products Co., in Mystic. Subsequent to the Hurricane of 1938, the building suffered considerable damage and the branch was relocated to Garfield, N.J.

In May of 1941, he entered government civil service and employment at the U.S. Naval Submarine Base. In November 1944, he was drafted by the U.S. Navy and assigned duty at Photographic Interpretation Squadron II on the Island of Guam. He was released from duty in April of 1946 and returned to employment at the Naval Submarine Base, retiring on May 31, 1971, after 30 years of service. During that period he progressed to several supervisory positions, senior storekeeper, stock control branch supervisor, disposal division supervisor, and ending his career as a supervisory general supply officer in the Supply and Fiscal Department, Material Division. He was employed for several years at the former Community Service Credit Union. In 1989, he entered employment of the Town of Groton as director of Bridge Programs at the Senior Center, retiring in August 2005.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Church in Groton, Veterans of Foreign Wars Murphy Rathbun Post 189 in New London, and the Groton Lodge of Elks 2163.

He was predeceased by his wife, Barbara, on Feb. 1, 2007, after 62 years of marriage.

He is survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17, at Sacred Heart Church, Sacred Heart Drive, Groton. Interment will be in St. Mary Cemetery, New London.

Donations in his memory may be directed to Sacred Heart Church.

Please visit www.byles.com for directions, to sign the guest book, or share a memory.
Virginia Ely

Mystic — Virginia Corning Ely died Nov. 7, 2011, at Stoneridge in Mystic. She was proud to have recently celebrated her 90th birthday with many friends and relatives.

She was the wife of the late Robert J. Ely.

She is survived by her daughter, Marcia Bechtold of Orleans, Mass.; son, Jeff of Munich, Germany; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her sister, Nancy Peck of Branford.

Ginger lived for many years in Suffern, N.Y., and Niantic, where she was involved in many community and charitable activities.

Those wishing to honor Ginger could send a donation to The Children’s Museum of Southeastern Connecticut, 409 Main St., Niantic, CT 06357 or the Thomas Lee House, c/o East Lyme Historical Society, Box 112, East Lyme, CT 06333. She devoted many hours to each of them.

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

To share a note of remembrance/condolence, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
William Emberton
Stonington — William Emberton, 72, of North Water Street, died Feb. 9, 2012, as a result of a ski accident in Colorado two days earlier. His wife, family and friends were at his side.

Born in Dorset, England, he was the son of the late George Percy Emberton and Marjorie (Webb) Emberton, and brother of the late Richard Emberton. He attended Blundells School in Devon, England, and Imperial College of Science and Technology at London University. He went on to spend over 40 years in the computer industry, working for such companies as NCR, Data Terminal Systems, Digital Equipment Corp., and retiring from Fidelity Investments in 2005, where he was vice president of Enterprise Architecture, and he was a computer science patent holder.

Bill had a lifelong love of the water and was an early member of the Stonington Harbor Yacht Club. His community service included leadership positions at the Stonington Village Improvement Association, the Merrill House Committee and the Stonington Historical Society. Bill was noted for his intellectual brilliance and researched and lectured on literary and historical topics for both the Historical Society and the Stonington Library.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Holland of Stonington and by two daughters, M. Anne Emberton of Centerville, Ohio, and Alesha (Emberton) and her husband, Russell Stringfellow, of Beaver Creek, Ohio. He leaves three grandchildren, Amanda Reardon, Heather Stringfellow and Alex Young, and a great-granddaughter, Maria Reardon. He will be sadly missed by the Holland families, William and Amy Holland of Needham, Mass., Joan (Holland) and Arthur Zweil of Georgetown, Mass., and Susan (Holland) and Walter Curry of Atlantic Highlands, N.J.; and many friends.

A service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25, at Calvary Church, Stonington Borough.

Memorial gifts may be made to the William Emberton Scholarship Fund, in care of the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut, 147 State St., New London, CT 06320 or at www.cfecf.org.

2/18/12
Stonington man dies at ski resort

A Stonington man died Thursday as result of injuries sustained while skiing in Lakewood, Colo.

Summit County Coroner Joanne Richardson said William Emberton, 72, of Stonington died Thursday afternoon at a suburban Denver hospital. He was taken to the hospital Tuesday after being found face down at Keystone Resort.

Richardson says Emberton had a broken neck and an anoxic brain injury. He was wearing a helmet.

Emberton had made presentations on maritime history on behalf of the Stonington Historical Society and was a docent at the Palmer House.
HYMN 16 "Come down, O love divine"

memories of community service from a fellow community leader

- Rowie Stimson
Christian virtues - memories of adventurous Bill's from a good friend
- David Redford
- Afternoon memories from a childhood schoolmate
- Alyse Shingley
- Family memories from a daughter

REVERENCES

HYMN 63 "Dear Lord and Father of mankind"

Read by Granddaughter, Heather Shingley

- Gospel: John 14:1-3, 6

Read by niece, Alison Zwaal

PSALM 121

Read by brother-in-law, Bill Holland

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 6:1-3

Old Testament

Read by Good Friend, Emily Whitton

A Selection from The Psalms (portion of Psalms 121)

A PRAYER FOR BILL EMBRITION

HYMN 690 "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"

Communion

BCP p. 469

OPENING ANTHEM (all stand)

Julie Massenet

W.A. Mozart

SERENAL KAHMANN

C.F. Handel

Prelude: "Sonata in E Major"

Hymns are in the blue hymnal.

HYMNS

Page numbers refer to the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer. The

- December 9, 1939 - February 9, 2012
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- A Celebration of Life of

* THE PRAYERS

POSTLUDE: "In Paradisum" (see bulletin insert)

* RECENSIONAL HYMN (see bulletin insert)

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THE COMMISSION AND BLESSING

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A private interment is planned for later.
Charles Emery

Old Mystic — Charles F. Emery, 79, of Old Mystic, passed away Wednesday at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

He was a life member of Old Mystic Reliance Fire Company, Scout Leader of Troop 37 and was also involved in Troops 35 and 76. He was an avid fisherman and could also be found on most Saturday’s in Turn 1 at Waterford Speedbowl.

He was born in Rockland, Maine, on Aug. 14, 1929, the son of Harold E. Emery and Andora Williams Emery. He married Margery S. Russell, who predeceased him in 2004.

He is survived by three sons, Vernon (Mary) Emery of Troy, Maine, Fred Emery of Ledyard, and Hoyt (Janet) Emery of Ledyard; a sister and brother-in-law, Caroline and Bert Williams of Griswold; eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and a special fishing buddy.

He was predeceased by a sister, Alberta Libby; a granddaughter, Denise Emery, and a nephew, “Rusty” Richardson.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

Donations may be made to Old Mystic Fire Department, 235 Cow Hill Road, Mystic, CT 06355.

For additional information, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Nancy (Turrisi) Emilio, beloved wife of Albert P. Emilio, of Stillman Avenue, Pawcatuck, passed away at The Westerly Hospital on Wednesday, March 2, 2011.

Born in Pawcatuck, she is the daughter of the late Anthony and Rose Turrisi.

Nancy was employed as a case supervisor for the State of Connecticut Dept. of Children and Youth Services for 27 years until her retirement in 1975. She was a graduate of Stonington High School, Pembroke College, and Brown University where she received a BA in 1947. She worked for one year as a librarian at UConn, Ft. Trumbull Branch, prior to her work with the State of several leagues, an avid sportswoman both as a participant and spectator, and a loyal Yankees baseball fan.

In addition to her husband, her survivors include several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a brother, Benjamin Turrisi.

Visiting hours are omitted. A private service for the family will be held in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Private burial will take place in St. Sebastian Cemetery, Westerly. Contributions in Nancy's memory may be made to an Alzheimer or Hospice organization. For online condolences, go to www.gaffneydolanfordalhome.com.
STONINGTON — Robert Emmet Jr., 63, of Quanaduck Cove, died Wednesday, Oct. 6, at his home.

He was born Feb. 25, 1936, in Westerly, the son of the late Robert and Margaret Shaw Emmet. He graduated from Stonington High School and attended the Bentley School of Finance and Accounting in Boston. He also served in the Army with the Finance Corps.

Mr. Emmet and his father founded the Emmet Oil Co. in 1956. He was also the owner of the Gencarelli Oil Co., the Nat Lewis Oil Co., and the Pavilion One/Ten Interiors. Most recently he operated Emmet/Geswell Associates, a commercial interior design firm. He was also noted for the construction and restoration of local homes and estates in Westerly and Watch Hill.

Mr. Emmet was a member of the Watch Hill Yacht Club, a 25-year member of the Misquamicut Golf Club, the Pawcatuck Lodge of Masons, the Westerly Public Library and a former incorporator of Peoples Bank of Rhode Island.

Mr. Emmett is survived by his companion, Walter Geswell of Stonington; two sons, David Norman Emmet of Bartlett, N.H., and Robert Emmet III of Annapolis, Md.; and an aunt, Agnes W. Shaw of Watch Hill. He was predeceased by a sister, Sally Emmet Anderson.

Services were held Saturday. Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, Westerly, was in charge of arrangements.

Gifts in Mr. Emmet's memory may be made to The Westerly Hospital, 25 Wells St., Westerly, RI 02891.
Lucy Enos

Stonington — Lucy Paul Enos, 84, of 16 Temple St., died Tuesday at her home.

Mrs. Enos was born Oct. 23, 1911, in Stonington, the daughter of Manuel and Emily Costello Paul.


She grew up in Cambridge and was a graduate of Sacred Heart School and the Cambridge Latin School. She studied child psychology at the University of Connecticut.

Mrs. Enos worked as a supervisor at the former Mystic Oral School for over 25 years, retiring in 1978. She previously worked at the Long Lane School, Middletown.

She was a communicant of St. Mary's Church, Stonington, a member and past regent of the Nina Circle Daughters of Isabella, and a member of Our Lady of Fatima Society.

Mrs. Enos is survived by two daughters, Barbara James of Stonington and Judy Beatrice of Groton; one sister, Emily O'Neill of Cambridge; and four grandchildren.

The funeral will assemble at 9:15 a.m. Friday at Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, and will proceed to a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, Stonington. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery. Calling hours are 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center, 27 Chase St., Pawcatuck, Ct., 06379, or to the Edmundite Seminary Guild, P.O. Box 399, Mystic, Ct., 06355.
Mary (Palmer) Eppler, 85, of Vernon, beloved wife of Richard E. Eppler, died peacefully on Thursday, August 23, 2019, at her home on Westway Avenue in Vernon. She was a graduate of St. John's High School and a registered nurse. She was the daughter of the late Lillian N. (Nason) Palmer and James N. Palmer.

She was married to Richard E. Eppler, the love of her life, who preceded her in death on August 3, 1992. They were married for 34 years. She is survived by her children, Richard E. Eppler, Jr. and Eileen Eppler, her grandchildren, John, James, and Elizabeth, and her great-grandchildren.

Mary was born in Suffern, N.Y., and lived her entire life in the area. She was a dedicated nurse and worked as an executive assistant at Rockland Hospital. She was an extraordinary woman who was dedicated to her family and deeply valued relationships. Mary worked at the St. John's Lutheran Church, where she volunteered for many years. She was a member of the American Heart Association, and she was proud of her membership in the National Honor Society.

Mary was a woman of many talents, and she was beloved by many. She was always there for her children and grandchildren, and her kindness and generosity touched the lives of many. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

A visitation will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, August 26, at the St. John's Lutheran Church, followed by a service at 2:00 p.m. Interment will be at Fair Lawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

Ragsdale, Turlington, Purvis & Carbin Funeral Home, Horsebarn Rd., Route 933, Suffern, N.Y. 10901-3099.
Lillian Erb

Groton — Lillian E. Erb passed away, surrounded by family, on Dec. 17, 2008, after a very brief battle with cancer. Lillian was born on July 28, 1922, and was a longtime Noank resident. Lillian had a long list of accomplishments over her 86 years; she was born in Stonington and survived the 1938 Hurricane in the basement of the Borough School; she moved to Noank at a young age and was the first paper "girl" in the region. She lived through the Great Depression and was the sole provider for her large family.

After graduating from Stonington High School, she married David "Ray" Erb, and they moved to Noank in 1943. Lil and Ray enjoyed bowling at the Mystic Bowling Lanes, and Lil was very proud of her many championship trophies. During World War II, while Ray was in the service, Lil worked at Colt Firearms, assembling and inspecting machine guns for the war effort.

After returning from the war, Ray went to work at Electric Boat, and Lil pursued a political career and eventually became the first woman Republican assistant minority leader for the State House of Representatives. She ended her political career as Groton Judge of Probate. Throughout her career she also worked for and supported the Child and Family Agency, which was very dear to Lil's heart, and she took great pleasure in helping others. One of Lillian's many dreams was to attend college, and finally, at the age of 77, she graduated cum laude from Eastern Connecticut State University. At the time, she was the oldest graduate in school history.

Lil loved boating on Fishers Island Sound and spent many days with her family and friends at Watch Hill, Mystic Island, and Fishers Island. Many days and nights were spent at Watch Hill exploring the beaches with her family.

During her days as a state representative, she became known as "Lobster Lil" as she kept several lobster pots in the Noank Harbor and would bring lobsters to her co-workers at the Capitol. Lil was no stranger to The Race and loved all types of fishing; she especially liked the good fight of a bluefish.

Lil started skiing at the age of 50 and spent several years traveling to Vermont, Maine, and New Hampshire to ski with her family. Lil and Ray's favorite ski area was King Ridge in Vermont, and they loved to chase each other down the slopes. Lil continued to ski for many years, even after having both knees and hips replaced. Over the past ten years, Lil and Ray spent winters in Siesta Key, Fla., and developed many winter friendships in the warm weather. Lil's favorite beach pastime was shelling, and there was always a competition to see who could find the biggest lettered olive. Lillian was preceded by her son, Geoffrey; brothers, Arthur and Edward Edgar; and a sister, Eleanor Comfort.

She is survived by her brothers, Thomas and William Edgar, and her sister, Ruth Celico. Lillian is also survived by her husband of 67 years, David "Ray"; daughter, Dana Kubachka and husband, Joseph; son, David and wife, Joann, and son, Gregory and wife, Shelley; grandchildren, Jodie and John Kubachka and Amy Veilleux, Ryan and Amanda Erb, Jacob and Jason Erb; and great-grandchild, Kendall Kubachka.

She was greatly loved and respected by her family and was always available for advice and comfort. She will be sadly missed and fondly remembered.

The family will hold a small private service to honor Lillian's memory. There will be a memorial reception to celebrate Lillian's life from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, at the Ram Island Yacht Club in Noank, and the family invites all friends to attend.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Child & Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut, 255 Hempstead St., New London CT 06320.

Please visit the Mystic Funeral Home's website at www.mysticfuneralhome.com to post remembrances for the family.
Carol Erfe

Stonington — Carol Ann Erfe, 77, of Pawcatuck, died Tuesday, July 12, 2016. Her beloved husband, Rodrigo Erfe, predeceased her in 2014. She was born in Erie, Pa., the daughter of Eugene and Mildred Eger. She worked for 38 years as a secretary with Electric Boat, retiring in 1998. All funeral services will be private for the family. The D'Inoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is assisting the family.
Rodrigo Erfe

Stonington — Rodrigo "Rudy" Erfe of Pawcatuck passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2014, at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital, with his family at his side.

Rudy was born on March 13, 1934, in Iloilo, Philippines, to Santiago and Felicitacion Erfe.

He is survived by his mother, and by his wife of 54 years, Carol Erfe; sons, James and Scott; grandchildren, Benjamin, Stephanie, Jeffrey and James "Jay." He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Jean Eger; and a niece and nephews here and in the islands.

Rudy was retired as master chief (U.S. Coast Guard) and a commissary supervisor in the Department of Correction at Niantic. His passions were his family, gardening and bowling.

The family would like to thank the staff at L+M ICU and his many doctors for their expert compassionate care.

All services in the Philippines are private.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 825 Brook St., 1-01 Tech Center, Rocky Hill, CT 06067.

The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is assisting the family.
Kenneth E. Ericson, 86, of Mystic, Conn., passed away at Avalon Healthcare on Friday, May 21, 2010. He was the husband of Virginia (Hallett) for 60 years.

Born in South Windham, Conn., son of John and Ann Ericson, he earned an engineering degree from Hillyer College in Hartford. He was in the 12th Armored Division during World War II. He worked as a mechanical engineer in appliance, cosmetic, armament and industrial air handling system industries.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his sons, Paul and his wife, Pam, of San Diego, Calif., and Jon and his wife, Ann, of Richmond, R.I.; and his grandchildren, Lauren and Lars. He also leaves a sister-in-law, Barbara Beaupre, of Hyannis, Mass., and his nephews, Steven and Gary Beaupre. Ken and Virginia lived in Kensington, Conn., for 43 years, Westerly, R.I., for six years and then Mystic. After retiring, they spent 20 years in Palmetto, Fla. for six months a year.

Ken was an avid boater and member of Westerly Yacht Club. He was active in the United States Power Squadron for over 50 years, serving as District 1 Commander from 1984-86. He taught boating classes in Berlin, Conn., Palmetto and Bradenton, Fla., and Westerly.

His funeral will be held at the United Church of Stonington, 67 Main St., Stonington, on Thursday, May 27 at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at the Windham Center Cemetery with full military honors. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, May 26 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Mystic Funeral Home, 51 Williams Ave. (Route 1), Mystic.

Donations may be made in Ken's memory to the United Church of Stonington, 67 Main St., Stonington, CT 06378, or to a charity of your choice. The family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to share an online message of condolence.

Mystic Funeral Home
Virginia Ericson

Mystic — Virginia "Ginny" M. Ericson, 92, of Mystic, beloved wife of the late Kenneth E. Ericson for 60 years, died unexpectedly at home Friday, May 26, 2017.

Born in Manchester, she was the daughter of the late Francis and Dorothea (Miner) Hallett. Her parents later moved to Cummaquid, Mass. on Cape Cod, where she spent her teenage years. Ginny and Ken raised their family in Kensington, enjoyed their winter residence in Bradenton, Fla. after retirement, and then moved to the Stoneridge Retirement Community in Mystic.

Ginny was the executive secretary with the Town of Berlin Board of Education before retiring in 1987.

Ginny loved boating, was a lifetime member of the Westerly Yacht Club, and was active in the United States Power Squadron, where she gained lifelong friends.

She is survived by her two sons, Paul and his wife, Pam, of San Diego, Calif., and Jon and his wife, Ann, of Westerly; grandchildren, Lauren and Lars; her sister, Barbara Beaufre; and nephews, Steven and Gary Beaufre.

A calling hour will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. on Friday, June 2, 2017, followed by a service at 10 a.m., at the Mystic Funeral Home on Route 1 in Mystic. Burial will follow at the South Windham Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ginny’s memory may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association (www.alz.org).
Karl Erickson

Stonington — Karl W. Erickson, 60, of 32 Golden Road, Stonington, formerly of Ledyard, died Tuesday morning, Aug. 2, 2005, at his residence.

He was born in Belfast, Maine, on Jan. 23, 1945, the son of Shirley Glidden Erickson, of Groton and the late John Erickson.

Karl was married to Kathleen Berry on Sept. 5, 1970, in Groton.

He was a graduate of Robert E. Fitch Sr. High in Groton.

He was an Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War. He then worked as a cable technician for SNET, retiring in 1995.

Karl was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America and a former member of the Groton Lodge of Elks.

Besides his wife and mother he is survived by a son, Todd Erickson, of Uncasville; two daughters, Nicole Erickson of Mystic and Denise Erickson of Groton; two sisters, Sonja Arsenault and Linda Leuchner, both of Noank; and a granddaughter, Mikayla Erickson.

A memorial service will be held Saturday morning at 10:30 at the Byles Memorial Home, 95 Huntington St., New London. Interment will be private. There are no visiting hours.

Donations in his memory may be directed to the American Heart Association, 5 Brookside Dr., Wallingford, CT 06492.
Laura Ernest  

Laura (Palmer) Ernest, 94, of Collins Road, Stonington, widow of George Ernest, died Monday at her home.

Mrs. Ernest was born in Stonington July 29, 1892, a daughter of the late Jerome S.A. and Lucretia (Sisson) Palmer.

She graduated from the former Chapman Tech High School in New London in 1913.

She and her late husband were married in 1920 in Paterson, N.J.

From 1921 to 1944 she and her sister, the late Lois E. Palmer, operated Palmer’s Homemade Candies in Stonington.

Mrs. Ernest is survived by a daughter, Lucretia Tubbs, with whom she made her home.

Funeral and burial will be private. There are no calling hours. Thomas L. Neilan and Sons Mystic Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

ERNEST - In Stonington, Dec. 22, 1986, Laura (Palmer) Ernest, aged 94, of Collins Road, Stonington, widow of George Ernest and mother of Lucretia Tubbs.

Funeral and burial are private. There are no calling hours. Thomas L. Neilan and Sons Mystic Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
Beatrice Palmer Erskine, 90, of Stonington, died Wednesday, May 10, 2006, at Mystic Manor Rehab & Nursing Center where she had been a resident for some time. 

She was born in the Pawcatuck section of Stonington on Feb. 21, 1916, the daughter of Henry and Catherine Moore Palmer. A lifelong resident of this area, she attended Stonington High School graduating with the class of 1933. She married Samuel B. Erskine at St. Mary Church, Stonington, on Oct. 19, 1940. They were married for 45 years when sadly he predeceased her on Oct. 27, 1985.

Her home and family were always most important to her; and her hobbies included quiet times in her garden or reading. She was always active in the community. She worked as an aide at the Stonington Borough and West Vine Street schools. She held the position of treasurer for the Stonington Fire District for a time. She served as a den mother for the Stonington Cub Scouts, volunteered during Red Cross blood drives, helped out through the years at the Stonington Community Center, was a member of the Stonington Parent Teacher Association, and helped with the Mystic Little League. These were some of the things through the years that brought her much happiness. She was also a member of St. Mary Church in Stonington.

She is survived by two sons and their wives, Chief David P. Erskine and his wife Marcia of Pawcatuck and Douglas B. Erskine and his wife Suzanne of Madison, Conn. Her sister, Dorothy Godomsky of Mystic survives her as well. She has four grandchildren, Lora Morrone and her husband Gerard, Scott Erskine and wife Helina, Kathleen Erskine and Meghann Erskine; and four great-grandchildren, James, Vaughan, Amanda Vaughan, Samuel Erskine and Aloc Erskine.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her parents and her three brothers, Harry, Donald and Kenny Palmer.

A funeral will be held from Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, on Saturday, May 13, at 9:15 a.m. with a Funeral Mass at St. Mary Church, Stonington, at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in Stonington Cemetery. Relatives and friends are invited to attend and also may call at the funeral home on Friday evening from 4 to 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, her family suggests memorial contributions be made in Beatrice’s memory to the Mystic Manor Patient Recreation Fund, 475 High St., Mystic, CT 06355.

The Erskine family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for obituary information, directions and an online memorial registry to leave a note of condolence.
Died:

Diana L. Espitia

Freddy H. Espitia

Obituaries
Borough loses its beloved UPS driver

Weekend car crash claims deliveryman, his wife

By JOE WOJTIAS
Day Staff Writer

STONINGTON — Fred Espittia did much more than drop off packages.

As word spread through the borough Monday about the weekend car crash that killed the popular UPS deliveryman and his wife, Diane, residents and business owners cried and comforted each other. They talked about how the slightly built man with the small face always had a big smile, knew everyone's name and took the time to talk despite a busy delivery schedule.

'He cared about you. You just weren't a person he delivered to. Fred is part of the borough. This town will never be the same without him.'

Daniel Mieczynski

was soon back. "This is like losing one of your own. He always had a smile and a good word to say to everybody. Even though he was rushing, he always took the time to talk to you," said Noreen Koppie, the nursery school teacher at the Stonington Community Center. "He added a bright spot to everybody's day."

First Selectman Donald Maranelli said the town would fly its flag at half-staff today in Espittia's memory.

Dave Pellerin, Espittia's supervisor, delivered his packages Monday, breaking the news to customers.

"I never thought a UPS driver could have an impact on the com-

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"Community like he did," he said after returning to the Boxborough delivery center where Espitia worked.

Whenever the UPS truck was late or packages were left in the wrong place, his customers knew Espitia was on vacation. When customers saw Pellerin Monday, they thought Espitia was still on vacation.

The 44-year-old Espitia, who lived in Boxborough, had taken last week off. He and his wife Dianne, 43, had driven over the weekend to a bed and breakfast in Dorset, Vt. The couple had made the post-Thanksgiving trip a tradition; a way to get away before Fred faced the holiday rush.

On Sunday, the couple were in their pickup truck heading south on Route 30 in Jamaica, Vt., a small town about 25 miles northeast of Brattleboro. About 11 a.m. it began raining and the temperature dropped, coating the roads of Windham County with ice. Numerous accidents were reported.

At 11:30 a.m. Espitia lost control of the truck on a patch of ice and spun sideways into the northbound lane, bouncing off a guardrail. The truck continued back into the road and struck broadside by a sport utility vehicle driven by a New Jersey man. Both Espitia and his wife were killed instantly, police said.

A passenger in the other vehicle suffered severe trauma and was hospitalized. The driver suffered a broken wrist and chest injuries. The investigation is continuing.

The Espitiass leave two children, an 18-year-old son, Jesse, and a 10-year-old daughter, Jenna. Funeral arrangements have not been set.

In Boxborough, Pellerin said that although Espitia was the best, he was rare for drivers to build up close relationships with their customers because they move around to different routes.

"He was a great employee and an even better person. I've met very few people like Freddie in my life," he said. "He took care of his customers better than anyone.

Co-worker Randy Clark remembered when he was the man who replaced Espitia in the borough for a short time. "I'll tell you the people didn't want me there," he recalled. "They wanted Freddie."

One of those who will miss Espitia the most is Angelo Koukoularis, the owner of Stonington Pizza Palace.

When his shift ended each day at 5 p.m., Espitia would stop in for a soda and sometimes something to eat. He'd talk about work, his family, projects he planned around his house and politics. Customers knew that if they had a late package they could drop it off at the pizza restaurant.

Koukoularis and Espitia became close, spending time with each other's families and occasionally having dinners and celebrating special occasions together. He said Espitia recently bought a home computer and had immersed himself in learning how to use it. He came in the restaurant with a manual and read and asked Koukoularis' customers questions.

The two talked last Tuesday when Espitia called while on vacation. "The guy took a week off and we were missing him. Now we'll never see him again," Koukoularis said Monday.

Standing behind his counter looking out into the parking lot he said he has watched passing UPS trucks all day expecting to see his friend.

"When it's five I'll be looking for him," he said.

"He was always so happy. He was never down. He'd tell me, 'Dan don't sweat it. Things aren't so bad,' " he said, starting to cry, "It's funny because today I need him more than ever to tell me that."

When UPS workers went on strike earlier this year, Mieczynski said Espitia apologized for the inconvenience when he returned.

"He'd say, 'Meet me after work for a soda.' He cared about you. You just weren't a person he delivered to," he said. "Fred is part of the borough. This town will never be the same."
Frances Etheridge

Mystic — Frances (Rose) Etheridge, 91, formerly of Sisk Drive, Pawcatuck, and Rossie Street, Mystic, died Monday at the Westerly Health Center after a lengthy illness.

She was born in Stonington on Oct. 19, 1910, the daughter of the late Louis and Mary Victoria Rose.


Prior to her retirement, Mrs. Etheridge had been employed in the production department of the former American Velvet Co. in Stonington.

She was a member of Local 110 Textile Workers Union AFL - CIO.

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

She is survived by one brother, Antone Rose of Ledyard; and nine nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary Church in Stonington. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Private burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery. There are no calling hours.

The Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, is in charge of the arrangements.
Neil Bruce Eustace

Neil Bruce Eustace of Stonington died Saturday, April 29, 2006, at Mariner Health at Pendleton in Mystic. He was born July 8, 1922, in Dalton, Mass., to the late Edward and Helen (Barton) Eustace. He was a veteran of World War II and a former resident of Canton. He worked in the family business, E.W. Eustace and Sons, for several years. Most recently he had his own antique business in Stonington. He leaves a sister, Ruth Ross of White River Junction, Vt., and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two brothers, Junior "Shine" Eustace and Robert Eustace; and sister, Mildred "Midge" O'Neill.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family. Vincent Funeral Home, Canton, has charge of the arrangements.
Mystic — Jean Noyes (Beucler) Evans, known as Jeanie to many, passed from this life to more life on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016, after a valiant five-year battle with multiple myeloma before succumbing to ovarian cancer.

She was born in Englewood, N.J., to Margery and Douglas Beucler on Dec. 22, 1946, and was raised in Leonia, N.J. A graduate of Leonia High School, she helped celebrate her 50th reunion last fall by compiling and emailing classmates’ bios, helping to build momentum for the reunion.

Jean graduated from Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio, in 1968 with a bachelor’s degree in education. She was a member of the Kiana Club, whose sisters and those of rival sororities provided her with lifelong friendships. She taught elementary school for 50 years beginning with third grade in Haverford, Pa. After taking a break to raise her two children, she resumed teaching in Granby. She completed her master’s degree in 1990 at St. Joseph College, West Hartford. Jean taught second, third and fourth grade, completing her career with kindergarten, but her favorite was third — which David saw as her calling because the children were old enough to get her humor.

While living in Simsbury, Jean was active in community affairs, including years as an American Heart Association volunteer, Sunday school teacher, Blue Bird troop leader, GLP Yacht Club board member and puppet show entertainer.

Following early retirement to Mystic in 2003, she was busier than ever, playing tennis and golf, honing her bridge game and starting a book club and bridge group at Stonington Country Club. It went from being “David’s golf club” to plain SCC as she became active. Jean enjoyed the club all the more, given it was just down the road from the 1635 ancestral farmhouse that her grandmother inherited in 1906. She spent summers there until it left the family in 1974.

Jean began to focus on the family history handed down from her grandmother and mother. She wrote various historical articles for Mystic River Press, combed through her family archives and began her passionate interest in her Denison family heritage and the Denison Homestead. Starting as a volunteer education coordinator, she joined the board and served as president from 2006 to 2012. She immersed herself in the task of preserving the Homestead and ensuring that its unique gift of 120 undeveloped acres would remain for all to enjoy. While much remains to be done, she leaves the organization much stronger than she found it.

Jean met her husband, David, when she was the first woman to arrive at Muskingum in September 1965, and he was tasked with carrying her bags into her freshman dorm as part of the Sophomore Men’s Honorary. Her father loved to tell the story that David was also there to carry them out when she graduated. They were married for more than 47 years, but saw each other almost daily for 21 years thanks to those college years.

Of all that she accomplished, she was most proud of being a wife and mother to Dan and Becky. She welcomed our son-in-law, Rob, with open arms as he joined our family eight years ago and was thrilled these past three years to be a loving grandmother to Rowen.

Most of all, Jean tried to live a life of kindness to all — a lesson she taught to all of her students. She felt that her last kindness was to try to live courageously with her cancer, to not complain, to keep her sense of humor and to offer encouragement to others to be brave in the face of adversity. And accomplish this she did! And regarding kindness, she wanted to thank everyone who has shown kindness to our family in so many ways.

Jean is survived by her husband, David; her son, Daniel “Dan”; her daughter, Rebecca “Becky”; her son-in-law, Rob; and grandson, Rowen; her brother, Dwight and his wife, Barbara; and niece, Linda; and nephew, Geoffrey.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 10, at Mystic Congregational Church on East Main Street, Mystic. A reception will follow at Clark Hall in the Groton Long Point Casino on Beach Road in Groton Long Point.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Denison Homestead, 120 Pequotsepos Road, Mystic, CT 06355 (www.denisonhomestead.org) or the Center for Hospice Care/Hospice House, 227 Durham St., Norwich, CT 06360 (www.hospicehousect.org).

The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is assisting the family.
Robert Evans

Robert Raymond Evans, 80, of Stoughton, Mass., formerly of Monroe, Mass., passed away peacefully on Jan. 13, 2018. He is survived by his son, Todd Evans of Hadley, Mass., and his daughter, Sue Evans of Brookhaven, N.Y.

A former resident of Brookhaven, N.Y., and a graduate of the University of Connecticut, Evans had a long and varied career in the field of education.

Evans was born in 1938 and attended Bates College in Maine before transferring to Harvard University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in economics in 1960. He then attended Princeton University, where he received his master's degree in environmental engineering in 1965.

In his early years, Evans worked as a systems analyst for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management, where he was involved in the development of environmental policies and regulations. He later joined the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, where he served as a member of the board of directors for the city's waste management program.

Evans was an active and committed member of the community, serving as a volunteer at the Stoughton Congregational Church and as a member of the Stoughton Historical Society. He was deeply involved in the life of the church, where he served as a deacon and a member of the Vestry.

In later years, Evans enjoyed fishing, gardening, and spending time with his family and grandchildren. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind a legacy of dedication and service to his community.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018, at the United Church of Stoughton. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Mr. Evans' name to the United Church of Stoughton.
Viola Evans
Stonington — Viola W. Evans, 53, beloved wife of Darryl Evans, of 31 Deer Ridge Road, Stonington, entered into eternal rest on Friday, April 20, 2007 at Hartford Hospital.

Born in Charleston, S.C., the daughter of the late Edward J. and Jane Rivers Owen, she was a sales associate for the Submarine Base for more than 10 years. She attended Shiloh Baptist Church.

Besides her beloved husband of 26 years, she leaves, to cherish her memory, a son, Jason Walker; her grandchildren, Danisha and Jamirah Walker; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The Funeral Service will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m. at Shiloh Baptist Church, 1 Garvin St., New London. Interment will be in Elm Cemetery, Mystic. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, her request was that donations maybe made to Sickle Cell Disease Association of America/Connecticut Chapter, Inc., New London Regional Office, 219 Bank Street, 2nd Flr., New London, CT 06320.

Arrangements are entrusted to the Lester Gee Funeral Home, 108 Blinman St., New London.
Joyce Everett

Mystic — Evelyn Joyce (Friend) Everett passed to her eternal rest on July 11, 2011.

She was born July 16, 1938, in Morgantown, W.Va., to Dr. Albert W. Friend and Evelyn Augusta (Hall) Friend. She graduated from Bryn Mawr College (B.A., 1959), Harvard Graduate School of Education (M.A., 1960), and Rensselaer Polytechnic (M.S. 1985).

On Nov. 25, 1961, she married William Carter Everett, who survives her.

She is also survived by her brother, Capt. John R. Friend (U.S.N., Ret.); her three sons, William Carter Everett Jr., James Boyd Everett and Robert Friend Everett; and by three grandchildren as well as by numerous cousins.

Although trained as a teacher, Joyce became a travel agent, first with Stonington Travel, and then with Trek Tours of Westerly, when Trek Tours bought Stonington Travel. She richly enjoyed planning trips for her clients and was once described by her client as "the best travel agent in Southeastern Connecticut." On one occasion she organized a tour for the entire work force of Quimper, a French pottery company whose owner gave his workers a tour of the United States as a present.

She was involved with the Mystic River Historical Society from its inception 35 years ago, and served as its president for nine years. More recently she was chairman of special events, in which post she organized and led tours for members twice yearly to historical places all over the Eastern United States and Canada.

Her memorial service will be held at St. Marks Episcopal Church, Pearl Street, Mystic, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 16, 2011.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Mystic River Historical Society, Box 245, Mystic CT 06355.

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

Mystic — Virginia Pultz Ewalt of 31 Money Point Road, Mason’s Island, died Monday at Mariner Healthcare at Pendleton after a brief illness.

Mrs. Ewalt was born in Greensburg, Pa., the daughter of Charles and Christine Barnard Pultz.


She graduated from Greensburg High School. She attended Margaret Morrison College at Carnegie-Mellon University.

Mrs. Ewalt wrote a daily column for Buffalo (N.Y.) Courier Express. After moving to Mystic, she served as assistant to the director of public relations at Mystic Seaport Museum.

After retiring, she took courses in landscape architecture and won prizes for floral arrangement in local flower shows.

She was an honorary member and past president of the Mystic Garden Club, a member of Mystic Congregational Church, Mason’s Island Yacht Club and the Putnam Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a volunteer for the American Cancer Society.

Mrs. Ewalt is survived by two daughters, Arden E. Leach of Mason’s Island and Christine E. Holme of Barrington, Ill.; a son, Walter C. Ewalt of Phoenix, Md.; two brothers, Frank Pultz of Greensburg and Lewis B. Pultz of Windsor Locks; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted at 3 p.m. Friday at Mystic Congregational Church. Private burial will be in Greensburg. There are no calling hours. Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, Eastern Connecticut Regional Office, 238 West Town St., Norwich, 06360; or Mystic Congregational Church, Mystic, 06355.

Virginia Ewalt

Past president of Mystic Garden Club

MASON’S ISLAND — Virginia Pultz Ewalt, of Money Point Road, died Monday morning, June 9, at Mariner Healthcare at Pendleton in Mystic, after a brief illness.

She was born in Greensburg, Pa., the daughter of Charles and Christine Barnard Pultz. Raised in Greensburg, she attended local schools and graduated from Greensburg High School. She attended Margaret Morrison College at Carnegie Mellon University.

She married Newton Ewalt in Greensburg on Sept. 4, 1929. Mr. Ewalt died Oct. 1, 1980.

Mrs. Ewalt wrote a daily column, “Incidental Things,” for the Buffalo, N.Y., Courier Express. After moving to Mystic, she served as assistant to the director of public relations at Mystic Seaport Museum.

After retiring, Mrs. Ewalt took courses in landscape architecture and won several prizes for floral arrangement in local juried flower shows.

She served as president of the Mystic Garden Club, where she was named honorary member. She was a member of Mystic Congregational Church, Mason’s Island Yacht Club, and the Putnam Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution. She served a volunteer for the American Cancer Society.

Mrs. Ewalt leaves two daughters, Arden E. Leach of Mason’s Island and Christine E. Holme of Barrington, Ill.; a son, Walter C. Ewalt of Phoenix, Md.; two brothers, Frank Pultz of Greensburg, Pa., and Lewis B. Pultz of Windsor Locks; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nephews.

The memorial service will be Friday, June 13, 3 p.m., at Mystic Congregational Church. Burial will be private in St. Clair Cemetery, Greensburg. There are no visiting hours. Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial gifts in Mrs. Ewalt’s name may be made to the American Cancer Society, Eastern Connecticut Regional Office, 238 W. Town St., Norwich, 06360; or Mystic Congregational Church, East Main St., Mystic, 06355.
Thomas Eyles Jr.

Stonington — Thomas H. Eyles Jr., 82, of Stonington and Sarasota, Fla., died April 27, 2019, at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. He was the son of Thomas H. Eyles and Jane Brady Eyles and was married to Kathleen (Nichols) Eyles for 54 years.

He graduated magna cum laude from Boston University in 1958, and from Stanford Law School with a J.D. degree in 1961. He was licensed to practice law in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and the District of Columbia.

Tom began his law career in New London and then moved to Pawcatuck. He served as town attorney in the 1970s and was on the board of the community center.

For many years, he was president of Wheeler Library in North Stonington and a former member of the Thames Club in New London and a current member of the Wadawanuck Club in Stonington. In retirement, he was very interested in history, traveling, art and enjoyed gardening.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Robert Crown Law Library, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA 94305 or to David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Duke University, Durham, NC 27908.

Mystic Funeral Home has charge of his arrangements. Interment and a celebration of his life will be at the convenience of the family.