Sarah H. Kaanta,
Sointu W. Kaanta

Sarah H. Kaanta, 87, of Lantana, Fla., died on Aug. 21, 2003. Her husband, Sointu William "Bill" Kaanta, also of Lantana, died April 26, 2003. They were married on April 16, 1938, and for many years lived on Mayflower Avenue in Pawcatuck.

Sarah was born in Fitchburg, Mass., on July 6, 1916, the daughter of John Ranta and Hilda Mary Lampinen. She was a homemaker most of her life. She was predeceased by a sister, Helen Nichols, and a brother, Norman Maki.

Bill was born in Fitchburg, Mass., on March 27, 1918, the son of Erkki Kaanta and Selma Kangas. He worked for Hamilton Propeller during World War II, then for Monsanto and American Velvet. He was very involved in various sports activities in the Pawcatuck area for many years including the Pawcatuck Little League, Stonington Men's Softball, as director of the Stonington Junior Basketball League and as a softball umpire. Bill was a member of Pawcatuck Lodge #90 of Free Masons for 56 years.

He is survived by a brother, Jeffrey Kaanta of Leominster, Mass.

He was predeceased by a sister, Laila Lahtinen.

Surviving both Sarah and Bill are a daughter, Diane Knight of Pawcatuck; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held on Oct. 12, at 2 p.m., in River Bend Cemetery, Beach Street, Westerly.
Ruth Kalatucka

Mystic — Ruth R. Kalatucka of Mystic died Tuesday, June 7, 2016, at Apple Rehab Mystic.

She was born in New Haven, the only child of Tom and Ruth (Scofield) Rider. In her early years, she traveled with her parents who were theatrical singers and dancers.


Ruth lived for many years in Delaware County and Bucks County, Pa., where she was active in music and theater. She was a soprano soloist with the Delaware Valley Philharmonic and Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Choir, performing many cantatas, oratorios, and choral works. As a performer and later as a director, she worked for Neshaminy Valley Music Theatre, Mercer Music Theatre, Studio “Y” Players, Huntingdon Valley Dinner Theatre, Theatre-in-the-Park, Valley Forge Music Fair, Westbury Music Fair and was resident artistic director at Bucks County Playhouse in New Hope, Pa.

She was employed at the Livelgrin Foundation in Bucks County and served in various positions as intake, detox, and primary care counselor. Before moving to Mystic, she was the DUI coordinator for Bucks County, acting as liaison between the courts and alcohol and drug education and rehabilitation.

Locally, she was active with the Stonington Players and other theater groups and received several O’Neill awards for producing and directing.

She was a member of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Mystic.

Ruth is survived by a daughter, Constance Steffes and her husband, James, of Groton; and two sons, Ralph of Reseda, Calif., and Stephen and his wife, Elaine, of Hammonton, N.J. She is also survived by her three grandsons, James Steffes and his wife, Julianna, and their son, James Paul of Ledyard, Gregory Steffes and his wife, Molly, of Boston, and John Kalatucka of Hammonton, N.J.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her eldest son, Joel, who died in service with the U.S. Army.

Ruth’s family would like to thank Fr. Adam Thomas and the parish family of St. Mark’s for their prayers and continuous visits; Brian Henry and the Visiting of the Sick Ministry of St. Patrick Church for their continuous visits and prayers; the staff of Apple Rehab for their care, love and support; Mystic River Homes for her care while she was a resident; and Hospice of Southeast Connecticut. Donations in her memory may be made to any of the above.

Funeral services and burial will be private for the family.
Joseph Kaminski

Stonington — Joseph J. Kaminski, 92, of Stonington, formerly of Willimantic, husband of the late Arlene (Peters) Kaminski, died Wednesday Nov. 26, 2003, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London.

He was born Sept. 27, 1911, in Willimantic and was employed for 40 years at the former Willimantic Lumber and Coal Company. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a life member of the Willimantic Elks Lodge #1311 and Gold Star Post #1724 V.F.W.

He is survived by a son, Michael Kaminski of Stonington; a sister, Stella Crawford of Paxton, Mass., 2 granddaughters, Kathleen and Joanna Kaminski, both of Mystic; a nephew, Harold Crawford of Paxton, Mass.; and a niece, Barbara Lawson and her husband Harold of Middletown.

He was predeceased by a sister, Helen Novak.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Potter Funeral Home, 456 Jackson St., Route 195, Willimantic. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery, Windham. His family will receive friends at the funeral home for one hour prior to the service.

Please visit www.potterfh.com for directions and online expressions of sympathy.
Betty Kanges
11-7-18

Stonington — Betty Faith Kanges, 92, of Summerfield, N.C., formerly of Stonington and Pawcatuck, passed away at Hospice of Greensboro Beacon Place location, on Monday, Nov. 5, 2018, after a long battle with dementia and gastrointestinal issues.

Born in Bayshore, Long Island, N.Y., on March 23, 1926, she was the daughter of the late Gustaf Clarence Johnson of Astoria, N.Y. and Ruby May (Church) Johnson of Greensboro, N.C. She was married to Nicolas Kanges from 1944-1978. She was previously married to the late Manuel Paul of Stonington.

She is survived by her three children, Mark William Paul of Englewood, Fla., Debra Ann (Paul) Marino and her husband, Glenn Marino of Summerfield, N.C., and Chris Paul with his wife, Barbara Paul, also of Summerfield, N.C., and formerly of Pawcatuck. She was predeceased by her eldest daughter, Janet Faith (Paul) Vogelsberg. She leaves behind six grandchildren, Brittany Marino, residing in London, England, a student at the Royal Veterinary College of London, Justin Marino of Raleigh, N.C., Garrett Paul of Norwich, Ashley Paul, a student at East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C., Brianna Paul of Summerfield, N.C., and Rachel Vogelsberg of Pennsylvania.

Betty had a strong devotion to her Catholic faith. She loved her family, friends and neighbors, and was always willing to put her pain and suffering aside to help others. She gave her family, life, love and faith, priceless gifts that will cherish forever.

She grew up primarily in the Rego Park, N.Y., area, but lived in Aiken, S.C. during the summer months. Her mother was a nanny for several wealthy families from N.Y. and she traveled with her to their various estates growing up. She witnessed firsthand the impact of the Great Depression and World War II. She worked for Pepsi Cola in lower Manhattan for several years. She went on to be hired as a model for Hollywood Modeling in NYC. She attended Forest Hills High School in Queens, N.Y., and graduated from the Adult Alternative Education program at Ledyard High School in 1983.

As a result of this achievement, she became a Certified Nurse who worked for the Stonington Visiting Nurses in Stonington for many years. She loved other people and wanted to help bear their crosses by caring for the sick and dying. She loved animals and children and was passionate about studying her Catholic faith.

She was a Sunday school teacher for St. Mary's Church in Stonington for many years and was an active member of the Charismatic Movement of the Church in Ender's Island, Mystic. Upon moving to Greensboro, N.C., in the early '90s, she became very active with St. Paul the Apostle Church and volunteered with the Outreach Ministry in preparing food and other needs for the poor and homeless.

She attended church daily and loved endlessly.

Her middle name, "Faith," was the essence of her life. She lost two husbands, raised four children, helped raise her grandchildren and was always there for those in need. Her love, faith and determination in making this world a better place, most definitely, has gained her eternal life and peace with our Lord Jesus Christ. Although, she will never be canonized by the Catholic church as a saint, she carried out much love and devotion to our Lord and to others that she will always be a saint to all she reached out to and helped along her life's journey. She is now home with the Good Lord and will forever experience his perpetual peace and love. We pray the day when we will meet her again. Mimi, mom, may God continue to shine his grace and perpetual love on you always and forever.

Calling hours will be held from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Mystic Funeral Home on Route 1 in Mystic. A funeral Mass will be at St. Mary
Werner Kappeler

Mystic — Werner Heinrich Kappeler, 80, died on Feb. 22, 2011, from complications of a pulmonary embolism.

Werner, the son of Raphael and Johanna Kappeler, was born on Feb. 5, 1931, in Tubingen, Germany. He immigrated to the United States in May 1953, and in February 1954, he was drafted into the 1st Infantry Division of the U.S. Army.

In Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1956, Werner married Marianne, who became his loving wife of 54 years.

In 1957, Werner began his career with the Brooklyn branch of Charles Pfizer and Co., retiring as a scientist from the Groton branch after 36 years of service.

Werner was a 32-year member of the German Cultural Society and a steward and lifetime member of the Mystic Rod and Gun Club. He was kind, generous man and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Along with his wife, Marianne, Werner is survived by his identical twin brother, Klaus, of Haigerloch, Germany; his three children, Trudy, Roy and Cindy; his four grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and many friends and family here in the United States and in Germany.

A funeral service with full military honors will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, at the Middletown Veteran Cemetery Chapel, 317 Bow Lane, Middletown. All are welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Boy’s Town of America (www.boystown.org), one of Werner’s favorite charities.

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

To share a message of condolence or remembrance with his family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Benjamin Kargul

Pawcatuck — Benjamin Kargul, 90, formerly of Prospect Street, Pawcatuck, died peacefully on Saturday, April 26, 2008, at Pendleton in Mystic, after a short illness.

He married Grace C. (Barber) Kargul at St. Mary's Church in Jewett City, on May 1, 1950; sadly, she predeceased him on July 18, 2007.

Born in Jewett City, on Feb. 27, 1918, he was the son of the late Anthony and Anna (Rogala) Kargul.

Mr. Kargul was a textile engraver for several textile mills, and he also worked at Pratt and Whitney before retiring from Electric Boat.

Benjamin was a communicant of St. Michael's Church in Pawcatuck and a member of the Knights of Columbus #2394 Council in Jewett City.

Benjamin was an avid Boston sports fan and a loyal and dedicated Boston Red Sox fan. He also was an avid golfer.

Mr. Kargul will be sadly missed by his son, Anthony Kargul of Gales Ferry. He also leaves his sister, Irene Kestner of Jewett City, and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his sisters and brothers, Sophie Gadue, Josephine Swanson, Christine Thibeault, Frank Kargul, and Bolek Kargul.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. Michael's Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. There will be no procession from the funeral home. Burial will follow in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Calling hours are from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center, 27 Chase St., Pawcatuck CT or St. Michael's Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck CT 06379.

Grace C. Kargul

Grace C. Kargul, 84, of 44 Inch Cliff, Gales Ferry, Conn., formerly of Prospect Street, Pawcatuck, died Wednesday, July 18, 2007, at the Pendleton Rehab in Stonington. She was the wife of Benjamin J. Kargul.

Born Aug. 17, 1922, in Stonington, a daughter of the late Jessie Barber and Ruth (Wheeler) Barber-Paterson.

Mrs. Kargul was a homemaker most of her life. During World War II, she worked for Hamilton Standard in Pawcatuck and for Bostitch in Pawcatuck and East Greenwich.

She loved to dance, play bingo and was an avid New York Yankee fan.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Anthony Kargul of Gales Ferry; and several nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Jessie, Donald, Arthur and Howard Barber; and a sister, Florence Barber.

Funeral services will be held in the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly, Friday at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck. Calling hours are Friday 9 to 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Hospice of Southeast CT.
He leaves his five children, Charles L. Karnolt and his wife, Nancy, of Goshen, Di-anne B. Casper and her husband, William, of Malvern, Pa., William R. Karnolt and his wife, Amy, of Powhat-ton, Va., Alan E. Karnolt and his wife, Catherine, of East Hampton, and Joel K. Karnolt and his wife, Marie, of Manchester; his sister, Frances Cully of Guilford; 15 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Janet Rand of Jupiter, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to noon prior to the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Groton Senior Center, 102 Newton Road, Groton, CT 06340, where he'll be remembered for his smiles, laughter, and his card playing.

The family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneral-home.com for the online register book and directions to the funeral home.
Frances Karvelis

Pawcatuck — Frances Claire (McEntarfer) Karvelis, 80, widow of the late William Karvelis Jr., passed away Thursday, May 11, 2017.

She was the daughter of the late Owen and Ida (Sutter) McEntarfer. Mrs. Karvelis had worked as a dental assistant for Hebron Dental for many years before her retirement.

The family will receive guests starting at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 16, at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Road, Colchester, before an 11 a.m. chapel service. Burial will follow in the New Hebron Cemetery.
Ronald Kaschel
Is Found Dead

STONINGTON — Ronald A.
Kaschel, Jr., 18, of Rt. 49 was
found dead Wednesday on the
grounds of Wheeler High School.
Mr. Kaschel had been in the
Army for about three months.
State Police refused comment
on reports that his body was
found in a car.

An autopsy was conducted
Wednesday afternoon at Law-
rence Memorial Hospital. Medi-
cal Examiner H. A. Engelke
was unavailable today to give
the cause of death.

Mr. Kaschel was born in
Westerly Sept. 12, 1964, the son
of Ronald and Madeline Pont
Kaschel of North Stonington.
A lifelong resident of the
area, he had attended Wheeler
High School. He was employed
at Arbor Acres before joining
the Army. He was stationed at
Fort Dix, New Jersey.

He was a member of the
North Stonington Volunteer Fire
Department and St. Thomas
Moore Church, North Stoning-
ton.

Besides his parents, survivors
include three brothers, Donald,
David and Scott Kaschel, all at
home; four sisters, Mrs. Betty
Laham of Mystic, and Mar-
jorie, Marie and Tina Kaschel,
all at home; his paternal grand-
mother, Mrs. Mary Kaschel of
North Stonington, and his mat-
ternal grandparents, Mr. and
Mrs. Michael Pont of Mystic.

The funeral will be at 8:30
a.m. Saturday from Shea-Wil-
liams Funeral Home, Pawca-
tuck, to a Mass of Christian
Burial at 9 at St. Mary's
Church, Stonington. Interment
will be in St. Mary's Cemetery
there.

Calling hours are 7 to 9 to-
night and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.
Friday.

DEATH NOTICES

KASCHEL. — In North
Stonington, Conn., Jan. 24, 1973,
Ronald Arthur Kaschel Jr., aged
18, of Route 49, North
Stonington.

Funeral will be held from the
Shea-Williams Funeral Home,
110 West Broad St., Pawcatuck,
Saturday, Jan. 26, at 8:30 a.m.
with a Mass of Christian burial
at St. Mary's Church,
Stonington, at 9 a.m. Interment
in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home
Thursday, 7 to 9, and Friday, 2 to
4 and 7 to 9 p.m.
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Mrs. Frances Keane Dies at 77; Operated News Office Many Years

STONINGTON—Mrs. Frances Irene Tanner Keane, 77, of 12 Grand St., who for many years operated Keane's News Office, Water St., with her son, Francis M. Keane, died yesterday at her home. She was the widow of Michael E. Keane.

Although she had been in ill health for about five years after amputation of her leg, her death was unexpected. Her body was found by her son when he went to their home from the store yesterday.

Mrs. Keane, known as Fannie, was born in Manchester, Aug. 19, 1888, the daughter of William and Elizabeth McCormick Tanner. She had lived in Stonington most of her life.

She was an avid sports fan with her chief love the Boston Red Sox, whose fortunes she followed daily on radio. She was a communicant of St. Mary's Church and a member of Nina Circle, Daughters of Isabella.

She also leaves a daughter, Mrs. Carl H. Johnson, Newport, R. I., and eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted from the Williams Funeral Home, Mystic, at 9:30 a.m. Friday to a Requiem High Mass at St. Mary's Church, Stonington. Interment will be at St. Michael's New Cemetery, Pawcatuck. Friends may call at the funeral home from 7 to 9 tonight and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. tomorrow.

KEANE—In Stonington, Conn., January 18, 1965, Frances Irene (Tanner) Keane, aged 77 years, of 12 Grand St., Stonington, wife of the late Michael E. Keane.

Funeral will be held from the Williams Funeral Home, 19 East Main St., Mystic, Friday January 18, 1965, at 9:30 a.m. Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church, Stonington, at 10 a.m. Interment will be in St. Michael's New Cemetery, Pawcatuck. Friends may call at the funeral home 7 to 9 tonight and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. this Thursday. Contributions may be made in her memory to St. Mary's Church, Stonington.
Frankie Keane, borough’s ‘walking encyclopedia,’ dies at 90

By CHARLES E. POTTER JR.
Day Staff Writer

Stonington — Francis M. “Frankie” Keane, 90, a longtime operator of a news store that served as a meeting place for Stonington Borough residents, and a “walking encyclopedia” of the village’s history, died Wednesday at the Westerly Hospital, where he was admitted Sunday.

Keane, of 107 Water St., lived in the borough for more than 80 years and was a friend to peers, their children and grandchildren, who came to know and love his warm character and storytelling.

Mr. Keane was born in Westerly on June 1, 1910, to the late Michael and Francis Tanner Keane. He came to Stonington at the age of 2, and was a graduate of Stonington High School. For 52 years, he operated Keane’s News Office.

The store was a place to gather and discuss local news as well as to purchase newspapers and incidentals. Part-time and summer residents made it a point to stop in the store to pick up the local papers, and to learn of all the local news that never made it into print. The store was sold to Tom Rezendes in 1997, after Keane’s relatives managed it for a year after his retirement.

Mr. Keane was a communicant of St. Mary’s Church in Stonington. He has served on the Stonington Democratic Town Committee, the board of the Salvation Army and the Town Draft Board. He was a member of the Stonington Players and had performed in old minstrel shows. Mr. Keane served on the Jury Committee and was a member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Westerly-Pawcatuck.

He was serving as a constable for the town of Stonington at the time of his passing.

Rezendes was a teen-ager when he started working in the store after
Frankie Keane, a borough institution, dies

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Mr. Keane suffered a heart attack.

"I would help him carry in the bundles of newspapers every morning at 6:45," Rezendes said. "I remember showing him the computer. When the computer asked, 'You've got mail,' he'd say, 'You've got Mail,' and he'd laugh."

Rezendes remembered Mr. Keane's curiosity when the automatic teller machine was put in the store. "When he heard money come out he would rub his fingers together: 'Somebody's getting money,' he would say."

State Rep. Rob Simmons never knew his grandfather, who died in 1926, but Mr. Keane's stories about how he helped him paint a picture in his mind.

He spent hours in the store talking about local issues and local history with Mr. Keane.

"My grandmother had a vegetable garden, and Frankie used to go over there every week when he was a boy and weed her garden. Nobody asked him to. He just did it. And he told me how every week my grandmother would come out to the garden in her white dress, with a dish of ice cream and a shining silver spoon, asking, 'Frankie, would you like a dish of ice cream?'

"I have that image of my grandmother. The way Frankie described it made it real and alive for me. He did that for many people in many different ways. He had a history of people, place and events that made him a walking encyclopedia for the people who lived in this village for many years," Simmons said. "It's hard to describe the social and personal importance of the role Frankie Keane played in this community."

Rezendes said that even though Keane retired from the business, he was still a part of it.

Francis M. "Frankie" Keane

Francis M. "Frankie" Keane, 90, of 107 Water St., Stonington, died Wednesday at The Westerly Hospital where he had been admitted on Sunday.

Born in Providence, June 1, 1910, a son of the late Michael and Frances (Tanner) Keane, he came to Stonington at the age of 2. He graduated from Stonington High School.

Mr. Keane operated Keane's News Store in Stonington Village for 52 years. He influenced the name being that you could get the news as well as the newspapers. He sold the store to Tom Rezendes in 1997.

He was a communicant of St. Mary Church, Stonington. He had served on the Stonington Democratic Town Committee, on the board for the Salvation Army, and on the Draft Board. He was a member of the Stonington Players and had been an End Man in the old minstrel shows. He also served on the Jury committee and was a member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Westerly-Pawcatuck.

Mr. Keane was currently serving as a constable in Stonington.

He is survived by four nephews, Carl H. Johnson Jr. of Pawcatuck, Michael Johnson of Westerly, John Johnson of Raleigh, N.C., and Patrick Johnson of Newport, and three nieces, Rhandi Whewell of South Carolina, and Kerry Edwards and Margaret Souto, both of North Carolina.

He was predeceased by a sister, Margaret Johnson.

A memorial Mass will be held in St. Mary Church, Stonington, Saturday, Sept. 1, at 10 a.m. Private burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck. There are no calling hours. The Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.

Contributions may be made in his memory to the Stonington Ambulance Corps, P.O. Box 242, Stonington, CT 06378; or the Visiting Nurse Association of S.E. CT, P.O. Box 264, Waterford, CT 06385.
Life without Frankie Keane

What will Stonington borough life be like without Frankie Keane, the erstwhile news store operator who died Sunday at age 90 in Westerly?

Unlike the borough in which he worked, Mr. Keane was without pretension. He greeted everybody with humor and good nature, as he surveyed magazines and newspapers for 52 years at Keane's News Office.

The blue-haired lady comes to mind who walked in one day and said in a borough accent, "Frankie, you missed the last of the Lenten luncheons at Cavalry Episcopal."

"Whadja have?" Frankie inquired.

"Crabmeat lasagna," the woman replied.

"Oh, heck. I went home to lie down for awhile."

All I got for lunch was a tough old chicken leg," said Frankie.

For his humor and his simple, down-home style, Mr. Keane became much beloved to hundreds of customers who dropped in, mostly in the early morning, to obtain their favorite reading materials. No matter the person or the conversation, Mr. Keane remained unflappable, so laid back that the Russian Navy could have landed at Stonington Point and the gentle news shop proprietor would have invited the crew over for chowder and thought nothing of it.

Frankie Keane was a true personality of a unique place in a time that increasingly values tradition. He was a pleasure to know.

Beloved fixture in borough will get permanent seat

By JOE WOJTAS
Day Staff Writer

Stonington — Before he died last month, Frankie Keane could be found every day sitting on a bench in Wadawanuck Square. He was always smartly dressed, even in the heat of summer.

As residents walked or drove past, Keane would wave or chat with them. He became as much a fixture in the park as he had behind the counter of Keane's News Office, which he had run for 52 years before retiring in 1996.

In the days after the 90-year-old Keane died on Sept. 23, people kept telling Tom Rezentes that they couldn't believe Keane was gone, especially since they had recently seen him sitting on the bench at the southwest corner of the square. So Rezentes, who took over the news office when Keane retired and changed the name to Tom's News, decided it would be appropriate to place a bench and marker on the spot.

"Everyone remembers going by and waving to him while he was sitting there," Rezentes said Monday.

Ronnie and Janice Ablanoni, who had run a market in the borough in the past, have donated the bench. Rezentes said he plans to order a marker that will be placed under the bench. Both will be next to the bench where Keane used to sit.

He said the marker will say something simple like "Frankie Keane hung out here."

Donations for the marker can be brought to Tom's News and any extra money will be donated to the Stonington Free Library in memory of Keane, who loved to read. Rezentes said a dedication ceremony will be held when the marker is completed.

Rezentes said he cannot go through the day without thinking about Keane. The bench Keane used to sit on when he visited Rezentes each day at the store still sits behind the counter.

"There will always be something reminding me he's still around here," Rezentes said.
John William “Bill” Keane

WESTERLY — John William “Bill” Keane, beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend, passed away at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at the age of 89. He was the husband of the late Patricia (Curley) Keane, who predeceased him on February 12, 2016.

Born in Westerly, he was the son of the late John V. and Rosé Keane.

After graduating from Stonington High School in 1947, Bill served in the US Army for four years during the Korean War, earning the rank of Sergeant. He then worked for AT&T, and later, Electric Boat in Groton until his retirement in 1994. He was also a longtime co-worker at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home where “K-man’s” salty humor and loyal friendship were held in the highest regard and will be sorely missed.

He was a communicant of St. Michael Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Calabrese Society.

Bill spent his summers days at the beach reading, and he especially enjoyed traveling to Marco Island with his late wife Pat. He liked gardening and was an avid Patriots and Red Sox fan.

He will be remembered fondly for his sharp wit, keen intellect, and love for his family.

Bill will be deeply missed by his daughter Kerry Keane Carlini of Westerly; his two sons, James of Pawcatuck and John and his wife Julie of Nevada; his six cherished grandchildren, Kristen Keane Nigretti and husband Anthony of Milford, CT, Billy Keane of Pawcatuck, Shannon Weinstein and husband Jason of Killingworth, CT, Meredith Keane of Gloucester, MA, Meagan Castor and husband Jason of Nevada, and Caitlin Carlini of Charlestown, RI; and two great-grandchildren, Kylie and Sawyer Nigretti. Bill is also survived by his brother Donald Keane of Coventry; daughter-in-law Donna Keane; former daughter-in-law Karen Petrowski Keane; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son Michael Keane; his grandson Sean Keane; and his sister Marybell Petrosinelli.

With respect to Bill’s wishes, visiting hours are omitted. Funeral service and burial will be private and held at the convenience of the family. Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly is in charge of the arrangements. For online condolences please visit www.gaffneydolanhomes.com.
Kenneth Kearsch

Pawcatuck — Kenneth Robert Kearsch, 75, went home to his heavenly Father on Aug. 10, 2018. Born in Hempstead, N.Y., he was the son of the late Roland and Dorothy Kearsch.

Kenneth was a deep sea diver while in the U.S. Navy for 20 years, and had also worked as a welder for Electric Boat in Groton until retirement. He was a volunteer EMT for Stonington.

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years; two children; seven grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Second Baptist Church, 12 Stillman Road, North Stonington. Fellowship to follow. In celebration of his life, no flowers, but please wear bright clothes to the memorial.

Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home in Westerly is in charge of arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com.
Mr. Kearsley joined Electric Boat Division in 1959 in the research and development department and retired as Principal Engineer and Program Leader in 1989. He took part in numerous company and Navy sponsored studies involving new submarine concepts and submarine combat system effectiveness. For 12 years prior to his retirement, he headed Electric Boat’s division on site participation at the Naval Underwater Systems Center in New London. He was a member of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers.

He was an active member of the Mystic Congregational Church since 1957, where he had served on the Board of Trustees and sang in the choir. Over the last several years he volunteered with the church in Stonington’s Meals on Wheels program.

His death was preceded by his wife’s on Oct. 12, 2001.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Herbert J. and Maria Kearsley III of Centreville, Va.; his daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer Bietre Kearsley and Darren Singer of East Hartford; his brother, Dr. Richard B. Kearsley of Norwell, Mass.; and three grandchildren, Sarah, Isabel and Ethan.

A memorial service will be held at the Mystic Congregational Church, East Main Street, Mystic, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 8, 2004. Relatives and friends are invited to attend and also may call at Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, on Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. and from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday prior to his service. There will be no procession from the funeral home. A private burial will take place at Massachusetts National Cemetery on Cape Cod later in the week.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Massachusetts Maritime Academy Alumni Foundation, 116-120 West Fourth Street, South Boston MA 02127.

Herbert Kearsley, Jr.
Stonington — Herbert J. Kearsley Jr., 76, a retired principal engineer at Electric Boat in Groton, where he worked for 30 years, died on Aug. 6, 2004, from mesothelioma in Stonington.

He was born in Boston, Mass., on May 7, 1928, the son of Herbert J. and Jeanne Bietre Kearsley. He spent his early life in Plymouth, Mass., living on Priscilla Beach where he fished and raised Irish moss during his summers. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1946 and Massachusetts Maritime Academy in 1949. He completed further undergraduate studies at Georgetown University and Boston College. He held a B.S. degree in marine engineering and marine electrical engineering.

He served as a Naval Officer aboard surface ships during the Korean War, and upon discharge in 1964, he worked for five years at the Martin Aircraft Company in Baltimore, Md. He was a senior engineer in the hydrodynamics department and was in charge of waterborne flight test evaluation of the Martin-built PSM Seamaster, the first pure jet, multi-engine seaplane ever flown. During his time at Martin, he met Mary Lou A. Weiskittel, a mathematician, and they were married in Baltimore on April 26, 1953.
Raymond J. Keegan

Stonington — Raymond J. Keegan, of Stonington and Seabrook Island, S.C., died at the age of 82, Sept. 17, 2019. He was born March 8, 1937, in the Bronx, N.Y. and attended Saint Barnabas Elementary School and Cardinal Hayes High School. He graduated from Iona College in 1958 and went on to graduate from UConn Law School in 1963. Ray was married to his college sweetheart, Judy Henry, in 1959.

Ray's long and distinguished career as a trial attorney was marked by many successful verdicts where he obtained substantial jury awards for his clients. Many of his cases included complex personal-injury litigation requiring extensive research and knowledge of the law. His expertise in this area led to him being nominated and admitted as a Fellow of The American College of Trial Lawyers. He was quoted as saying, "Litigation is all about passion for the right cause. Faith in your ability and belief in the cause is essential." He retired from the practice of law in 2009.

Ray was a member of the American Association for Justice, the American Bar Association, the New York State and Westchester County Bar Associations and he was founder and past chairman of the Trial Lawyers Committee. Additionally, he served on the Westchester County Leadership Prayer Breakfast committee, the board of the White Plains YMCA and was a member of the boards of two colleges.

Ray was generous, committed and passionate about many causes. In 2014, he and his wife attended Mooseburg Clown Camp in Minnesota, and volunteered as clowns at area hospitals in South Carolina. He was a lifelong student and he always enjoyed the challenge of learning something new. Whenever he set his mind to do something, there was no stopping him.

His family will remember him as a dedicated, loving husband, father and grandfather. His memories, words of wisdom and his love will always remain in their hearts.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his five children, Jeanne Alo (Joseph) of Trumbull, John Keegan (Faith) of Stamford, Jeffrey Keegan (Maureen) of Clarks Summit, Pa., Jennifer Keegan of North Salem, N.Y., Jocelyn Cisneros (Ric) of White Plains, N.Y., and four grandchildren, Joe, Jessica, Madeline and Thomas.

Friends and family will be received from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, at Mystic Funeral Home, located on Route 1 (St. Williams Avenue) in Mystic. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. His burial will follow the Mass at St. Michael Cemetery in Pawcatuck.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to charitable organizations in honor of Ray's life of service to others.
Scott Keeler
Old Mystic — Scott William Keeler, 53, of Old Mystic, died Monday, Aug. 20, 2018 at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital. He was born on May 18, 1965, the son of Heather (Orkney) Shortman and Charles Carroll Keeler. He attended Robert E. Fitch Senior High school. He was self-employed in the sheet metal business.

Scott is survived by his nephew, Steven C. Keeler Jr.; two nieces; and his former wife, Donna.

In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by his brother, Steven C. Keeler Sr.; his sister, Laurie Ann Benshoof; and his uncle, Bob Keeler.

Scott's family will greet relatives and friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, at the Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic. A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 31, in Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic.
George Keith

Mystic — George Gregory Keith, 72, of Mystic, died Wednesday in New London.

Born in Manchester on Feb. 6, 1928, he was the son of Warren Irving and Edith Cadie Keith.

He married Helen Haynes on Aug. 11, 1951, in Stonington.

Mr. Keith attended Manchester High School and graduated from the Choate School in Wallingford and Wesleyan University in Middletown.

He was an Air Force veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Keith worked in various local industries. He owned and operated The Finishing Touch, a furniture restoration and refinishing business, and The Yankee Artisan, a retail store featuring antiques and handcrafted items.

He was a charter member of the New London Chapter of the Society for the Preservation of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America and a past president of the Mystic Academy PTA. He was a Red Cross disaster relief chairman in the 1950s, participated in the high school foreign exchange program with the American Field Service, and was a member of the board and chairman of the Mystic River Historical Society’s Building and Grounds Committee. He was also a strong supporter of Pitch Senior High School athletics and musical programs.

Mr. Keith raised Airedales and enjoyed woodworking, gardening, bridge, reading, and traveling.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Donna K. Baron of Hebron and Katherine K. VonRump of Mystic; two sons, Bruce H. Keith of White Plains, Md., and Douglas S. Keith of North Wales, Pa.; a brother, W. David Keith of Manchester; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Dec. 16, at St. David’s Episcopal Church, Gales Ferry. Burial will be private.

There are no calling hours.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mystic River Historical Society, Building Fund, P.O. Box 243, Mystic, CT.

The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.
A resident of Mystic since 1953, Helen was an avid gardener and active in her community. Over her lifetime she served as a longtime Mariner Girl Scout leader, a nursery school teacher and director with Nancy Soderburg and at St. Mark's Nursery School, a member and past president of the Mystic Garden Club, a member, past president, volunteer, and staff member of the Mystic River Historical Society, a life member of the Denison Society, and a parishioner and altar guild member of St. David's Episcopal Church, Gales Ferry.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Mystic River Historical Society, Collections Conservation/Acquisition Fund or the St. David's Episcopal Church Building Fund.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 18, at St. David's Episcopal Church, Gales Ferry. A reception in the church hall will follow. Burial will be private.

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

Norwich — Daniel “Bill” W. Kelleher Jr., of 34 Thomas Ave., passed peacefully on Thursday evening, Aug. 13, 2015, at his home surrounded by his family.

He was the loving husband of the late Patricia Anne (Higgins) Kelleher for 30 years. Born in Westerly, he was the son of the late Daniel W. Kelleher Sr. and Mary Agnes (Murphy) Kelleher.

Bill graduated from Stonington High School in 1949 and Providence College in 1953 where he received a bachelor’s degree.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1955 (PFC). In 1961 he began working at Norwich (Eastern) Savings and Loan. By 1971 he was promoted to bank president, a position he held for 24 years. During his career he held many positions in the financial field and community development. He was director of the New England League of Savings Institutions, president of the Connecticut League of Savings Institutions, director of the Norwich Community Development Corp., and chairman of the Norwich Downtown Development Committee.

In 1984, he was named Citizen of the Year by the Norwich Chamber of Commerce for his work and effort in preserving the history and guiding the development in downtown Norwich. Bill also was a founding member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and held memberships in several other social organizations. Bill enjoyed skiing and spending time with family at his cottage on Mountain View Lake in Sunapee, N.H. He also enjoyed attending Providence College basketball games and going to see the Red Sox.

Ireland held a special place in his heart, and he enjoyed visiting there many times in addition to acquiring his dual citizenship. His labor of love was maintaining his yard, and he especially delighted in hosting many get-togethers with family and friends.

Bill is survived by his daughters, Kathleen Marie Dudevoir and husband, Douglas, of Kailua, Hawaii, and Maureen Anne Taylor and husband, David, of Nederland, Colo.; his sons, Daniel W. Kelleher III and wife, Christine, of Manchester, Vt., Timothy James Kelleher and wife, Mary Kay, of Yantic, and Michael Charles Kelleher and wife, Jennifer, of Sunapee; and 13 grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his sisters, Mary Stillman, Grace Collins, and Helen Cavanaugh.

Bill’s family would like to thank hospice and Lighthouse Homecare; in particular Hermín, Faustina, and Jackie, whose loving care helped keep Bill comfortably in his home. Also a special thanks to his son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Mary Kay Kelleher and their family for all the care, love, and sacrifices they made over his last years.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Bill’s family from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, 2015, in the Cummings-Gagne Funeral Home, 82 Cliff St., Norwich. The Funeral Mass and burial will be private.

Memorial donations may be made to Masonicare Home Health & Hospice, 339 Flanders Road, Suite 215, East Lyme, CT 06333.

Please visit www.cummings-gagnefh.com for the memorial guest book.
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Vivien Kellems, noted IRS opponent, former Stonington resident, dies at 78

Judge Graydon Withey ruled that the application of single return rates to her taxable income was not a violation of her constitutional rights. She appealed the decision to the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The case was pending at the time of her death. Miss Kellems' secretary said no final decision has been made on whether the case would be pursued, but she thought it would be.

After Withey ruled, Miss Kellems said that "under the present law a widow with three children pays a higher tax than a married couple with no children in the same income tax bracket. I'd like to ask the judge if he thinks that's fair and constitutional."

Miss Kellems was married once, at the age of 18, and was divorced a year later, her secretary said.

Miss Kellems also opposed the state taxes on dividends and capital gains. She had refused to pay her 1971 and 1972 dividend taxes, claiming they were "illegal."

The tax was repealed in the spring of 1973.

Miss Kellems will be buried in Los Angeles and services will be private, her secretary said.

Gov. Ella Grasso issued a statement Saturday, saying "Vivien Kellems represented that rare combination of excellence and elegance that novelists..."

A PERSONAL ENCOUNTER — Internal Revenue Service Commissioner Johnnie M. Walters and the late Vivien Kellems meet in 1972 at the Connecticut Bar Association meeting in Norwich. The meeting turned out to be a pleasant occasion. The late Miss Kellems, a petite woman with a dynamic voice, had become widely known throughout the United States for her stand on "taxes and the single person."

East Haddam

Vivien Kellems, who battled the federal tax system as being discriminatory against single people, died early Saturday in a Los Angeles hospital, her secretary said. She was 78.

Miss Kellems was spending the winter in Los Angeles, as she had done in past years, and entered St. John's Hospital about 10 days ago, suffering from pneumonia, the secretary said.

An ardent protestor against the mandatory party primary in voting machines, Miss Kellems brought her cause to the floor of the Senate twice, staging sit-down strikes in 1964 and 1965 in Stonington and Mystic.

She spent the entire day in a Stonington voting booth Nov. 3, 1974 and intended to pursue the same tactic June 10, 1965. On that date she entered a Mystic voting machine during an election of delegates to a state constitutional convention with a cam of almonds, a small suitcase containing sewing material and two books on antique glass.

Minutes after she started her refusal to leave the voting booth, she was arrested by Stonington Police on a charge of breach of peace and whisked away to the station, where she posted a $5 bond for her release from custody.
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Betty Keller

Mystic — Betty A. (Waterhouse) Keller, 46, of Hartsville, Tenn., passed away on Jan. 9, 2015, after a courageous 14-month battle with cancer.

Born on Cherry Point Naval Base, N.C., she was the daughter of the late Frederick Waterhouse Sr. and Mary (Avery) Waterhouse.

Prior to living in Tennessee, Betty grew up in the Mystic and Stonington area and was a graduate of Ledyard High School.

Betty had a lifelong love for animals and was formerly employed with Rustic Glen Kennels and the Gales Ferry and Norwich animal hospitals. She will be missed by her loving family.

She is survived by her two children, Bonnie Keller of New Haven and Samuel Martakis of Hartsville, Tenn.; the love of her life, Darrell Bleichner; her six siblings, Frederick Waterhouse Jr. and his wife, Betty, of Stonington, John Waterhouse of Stonington, William Waterhouse and his wife, Ana, of Mystic, Richard Waterhouse and his wife, Tina, of Yuma, Ariz., David Waterhouse of Stonington, and Paula Perkins and her husband, Scott, of Ledyard; five nephews, three nieces, two great-nephews and two great-nieces.

Her family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 22, at Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 23, at the Peckham-Brown Cemetery for the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition.
Henriette led a full and active life, traveling the world, participating in sports, and was proud to still be able to attend daily exercise classes. An expert knitter, she shared her many handmade items with family and friends, and enjoyed her vast collection of sweaters. She will be greatly missed, and has left her family with many cherished memories.

She leaves her devoted daughter, Victoria Cornish and her husband, Robert, of Plainville; her son, William Keller of Florida; her grandchildren, Robert, Eben, and Ellis Keller and Jamie and Rob Cornish; and her great-grandchildren, Jack and Justin Keller, Charlie and Donovan Hall, and Danielle Willis; along with many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends may gather from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday at Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville. A celebration of Henriette’s life will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday at Bailey Funeral Home. Committal services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday at St. Mary Cemetery, Route 1, Stonington.

In lieu of flowers, Henriette may be remembered with contributions to Middlewoods of Farmington, 509 Middle Road, Farmington, CT 06032, who allowed her to maintain the high quality of life that she so well deserved.

For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.bailey-funeralhome.com

Henriette Keller

Farmington — Henriette (Lemmens) Keller, 97, of Farmington, formerly of Stonington and Groton, passed away peacefully, with her family by her side, on Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010, at John Dempsey Hospital. She was the wife of the late William Keller and the late Daniel Henson.

Henriette was born on April 30, 1913, in Belgium, where she was raised with her many siblings. She became a U.S. citizen at the age of 16, residing in Bronx, N.Y., but always maintained and stayed proud of her Belgian heritage. She had a love for the water, and resided in Stonington at Lords Point and in Groton, before recently moving to Farmington.

A strong-willed and independent woman, she was ahead of her time in many ways. She raised her loving family of two while working for Metropolitan Life, and in her earlier years, was an award-winning speed skater, a talent she passed along to both of her children, and competed with them throughout the United States.
James Keller

Mystic — James J. Keller, 39, of High Street, Mystic, passed away Monday, March 8, 2010, at his home.

Jim was born on Feb. 27, 1971, in New London, the son of Joyce Keller Scribner of Georgia and the late James T. Keller.

For over 20 years, Jim had worked as a self-employed fisherman and scalloper out of Stonington and New Bedford, Mass. He had also recently worked as an installer for Mystic Solar Co.

Besides his mother, he is survived by his maternal grandmother, Mary Venditti of Groton and Florida; two sisters, Jamie Alpha and her husband, Curt, of Groton and Megan Scribner of Denver, Colo., and her fiancé, Ben Kahn; and his stepfather, Guy Scribner of Old Lyme. He is also survived by three nieces, Lexy, Paige and Olivia Alpha.

He will be remembered for his contagious energy and spirit, as well as his ability to light up a room with laughter and endless funny stories.

Jimmy loved to go on spontaneous adventures, cooking for family and friends, spending time on the water, and listening to music. Jimmy was loved by many, many friends and extended family members. We will continue to hold a piece of his spirit in our hearts.

A Celebration of his Life will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 11, at All Soul's Unitarian Universalist Church, corner of Huntington and Jay streets, New London. His burial will be private, and there are to be no visiting hours.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be sent to All Soul's Unitarian Universalist Church, 15 Jay St., New London CT 06320.

Byles-Groton Memorial Home, 310 Thames St., is assisting the family with arrangements.

Please visit www.byles.com for the family's online registry.
KELLERS — In New London, Conn., January 24, 1971, Mrs. Mary (Mia) Thelen Kellers, aged 60, wife of the late Albert H. Kellers, of 12 Mistuxet Avenue, Mystic.

Funeral service will be held at the Shea-Williams Funeral Home, 19 East Main Street, Mystic, Tuesday, January 25 at 2 p.m. Interment in Elm Grove Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Monday afternoon.

Mary Kellers
MYSTIC — Mrs. Mary (Mia) Thelen Kellers, 60, of 12 Mistuxet Ave., died Sunday at Lawrence Memorial Hospital where she had been admitted Thursday after being stricken at work.

Mrs. Kellers was employed at the Mystic Seaport Stores, Mystic Seaport for three years and had previously been a store clerk in the area.

Born Sept. 18, 1910, in Duiken, Germany, she was the daughter of Carl and Maria Haupmans Thelen.

She had lived in Mystic since coming to this country in 1927. She was a member of the First Methodist Church and Group Three of the Church.

Her husband, Albert H. Kellers, died in May, 1966.

Survivors include a son, Albert C. Kellers of Mystic and one grandson.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Shea-Williams Funeral Home, Mystic. Interment will be in Elm Grove Cemetery.

Calling hours are from 7 to 9 tonight.

Mrs. Albert H. Kellers
MYSTIC

Mrs. Mary (Mia Thelen) Kellers, 60, of 12 Mistuxet Ave., died early Sunday in New London, where she had been ill since Thursday.

Mrs. Kellers, widow of Albert H. Kellers, was born in Duiken, Germany, Sept. 16, 1910, and lived in Mystic since coming to this country in 1927.

She had been employed at Mystic Seaport Stores at the Mystic Marine Museum for three years and previously worked as a store clerk in the area.

A daughter of the late Carl and Maria (Haupmans) Thelen, she was a member of the First Methodist Church of Mystic and also held membership in Group Three of the church.

Surviving is a son, Albert C. Kellers, of Mystic; and a grandson.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. from Shea-Williams Funeral Home, 19 East Main St., Mystic.

She was born on Feb. 12, 1910, the daughter of Manning and Elizabeth Bowditch Emery.

She was the widow Edmund S. Kelley Jr., who died in 1976.

In addition to her son, she is survived by two daughters, Anne R. Scott of Dartmouth, Mass., and Elizabeth K. Safe of Duxbury, Mass.; 10 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by a grandchild, Kenneth S. Safe III, a brother, Manning Emery Jr.; and a sister, Mary E. Bird.

A private graveside service will be held in Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham MA 01701.

J.S. Waterman & Sons Funeral Home in Massachusetts is in charge of arrangements.
John Kelley

Mystic &— John J. Kelley, 80, of Mystic, passed away at his daughter’s home on Sunday, Aug. 21, 2011.

He was born on Dec. 24, 1930, in Norwich, to the late John J. Kelley Sr. and Genevieve (Bellevue) Kelley.

He was married to Jacinta C. (Braga) Kelley for 50 years; she predeceased him.

John is a former graduate of the Bulkeley School, received his bachelor’s degree from Boston University, and continued on to receive his master’s degree at the University of Connecticut.

While in high school, he was the top schoolboy miler in the nation. John was a two-time Olympian. In 1959, he won the Pan American Games marathon. He was the U.S. national champion eight straight years from 1956 to 1963. In 1957, he won the Boston Marathon and placed second five times. He ran the Boston Marathon 32 times in total. He was inducted into the National Long Distance Runners Hall of Fame in 2002, in Utica, N.Y.

He is survived by his three daughters, Julia Washington and husband, Bing, of Mystic; Kathleen Gabriel and Ben Thomas of Pawcatuck, and Eileen Edwards and husband, Scott, of North Stonington; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandson. John is survived by his brother, Robert Kelley of East Lyme; sister, Ellen Knowles of Quaker Hill; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife, John was predeceased by his best friend and neighbor of 50 years, Daniel Strunk.

A service will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 25, 2011, at Union Baptist Church in Mystic. Burial will be private. At the family’s request, there are no calling hours.

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

The DiNoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is assisting the family.
Boston — A year after the 1995 Boston Marathon bombings, when 14 people died and more than 200 were injured, the city is still reeling from the tragedy that claimed the lives of those loved ones.

In the days following the attack, the city came together in a show of support and resilience.

But the pain and grief have not faded away.

"It’s been a year since that terrible day," said a survivor. "We’ll never forget.

On April 15, 1995, the bombs exploded near the finish line of the race, killing several people and injuring many more.

The city was in shock. People were coming together to pray, to help, to support each other.

"We lost friends," said another survivor. "We lost family."

During the past year, the city has been working to recover.

The Boston Marathon has been held on April 15 every year since the bombing, with a moment of silence at the finish line to honor those lost.

But the memory of that day continues to haunt the city.

"It’s a day we’ll never forget," said one of the survivors. "It’s a day that changed our lives forever."

The city is still recovering from the attack, but it’s also moving forward.

"We’re stronger now," said another survivor. "We’re more united."

Despite the pain, the city continues to heal.

"It’s been a long road," said a survivor. "But we’re getting there."
By FRANK LITSKY

John J. Kelley, a former high school English teacher who won the 1957 Boston Marathon and eight consecutive national marathon championships, died Sunday in North Stonington, Conn. He was 80.

The cause was a melanoma that spread to his lungs, said Amy Burfoot, an editor at Runner's World magazine and a former student of Kelley's.

Kelley, who lived in Mystic, Conn., was often confused with his friend, the unrelated John A. Kelley, who won the Boston race twice and who died in 2004. To distinguish between them, Boston sports writers called John A. "the Elder" and John J. "the Younger". John J. was amused by the coincidence of names, saying, "By a flip of teasing fate, I bore the monarch's name."

At 5 feet 6 inches and 128 pounds, Kelley ran his first Boston Marathon as a high school junior. Ellsworthy was not used to running, although he came second to his brother. A badly swollen knee forced Kelley to drop out halfway through the race, making his coach so angry that he ordered him to run a one-mile race the next day.

In Kelley's era, the most important marathons in the United States were in Boston and in Yonkers. In Boston, from 1956 through 1964, he finished second five times in addition to his 1957 victory. In Yonkers, he won the national championships from 1956 through 1963.

Kelley won the Pan American Games marathon in 1959 and national titles at 15, 20, 25 and 30 kilometers (the marathon is 42.2 kilometers). He ran in two Olympic marathons, finishing 21st in 1956 in Melbourne, Australia, and 19th in 1960 in Rome. His fastest marathon time was 2 hours 14 minutes 38 seconds.

When Kelley taught and also coached high school cross-country in New London, Conn., one student was Burfoot, who won the Boston Marathon in 1968.

In a Runner's World article in 1998, Burfoot called Kelley "the first truly modern American road runner, the first fast American runner and a Renaissance runner for the ages."

Jock Semple, a longtime official of the Boston Marathon, wrote in his autobiography (Kelley helped him write it) that Kelley's 1957 Boston run was "the pivotal event for the American marathon."

"Before Johnny," he wrote, "there were only us plodders."

John Joseph Kelley was born Dec. 24, 1930, in Norwich, Conn. He grew up in nearby New London, where he set a national high school record of 4 minutes 21.8 seconds for the mile.

Eight national championships, and a pivotal one in Boston.

At Boston University, he starred in track and cross-country and earned bachelor's and master's degrees. In 2002, he was elected to the National Distance Running Hall of Fame in Utica, N.Y.

His wife of 50 years, Jacinta Braga, died in 2003. He is survived by three daughters, Julia Portelance, Kathleen Gabriel and Eileen Edwards; and eight grandchildren.

After retiring from teaching, Kelley sold sporting goods, drove for a brother-in-law's taxi company and wrote freelance magazine articles.

Kelley continued running years after his prime, saying in 1979, "Masters running provides a spark that keeps the dark days out of my life."

He was a vegetarian, ran to work daily and loved classic literature. "I found reading shortly before running and threw myself into it with the same sort of fervor," he told Runner's World. "I was especially drawn to the writers fixated on explorations of idealism."

Kelley was similarly intrigued by his own athletic drive. "I often wonder why runners could accomplish what they did," he was quoted saying in Marc Bloom's 2001 book, "Run With the Champions." "It's like analyzing love or passion. Why did I have to run? It remains one of the great mysteries of my life."
Waterford — Having suffered chronic pain for many years, Nina Kelley, wife of John Thomas DeFrancisco, died peacefully in her sleep on Thursday, Oct. 5, 2017.

Born on June 11, 1965, she was the daughter of Susan (Metcalf) and Edmund S. Kelley III of Mystic. She leaves two brothers, Edmund S. Kelley IV (Kathleen) of Rochester, N.Y. and Preston M. Kelley of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; a niece, Ruth-Elisabeth B. Kelley and a nephew, John S. Kelley, both of Rochester, N.Y. In addition, she leaves a brother-in-law, Timothy Eugene DeFrancisco of Ludlow, Vt.; sisters-in-law, Mary Elizabeth DeFrancisco of Norwich and Marjorie Helen DeFrancisco of Brandon, Vt.; and her beloved dog, Bucky. She also leaves her aunt, Ann K. Scott of South Dartmouth, Mass.; uncle, Michael P. Metcalf of Moraga, Calif.; aunt, Deborah M. Dresser of Newburgh, N.Y.; and many cousins.

She was predeceased by her aunt, Elizabeth K. Safe Richards; and uncles, George P. Metcalf III and John O'Brien Metcalf.

Nina was a graduate of Stonington High School, Mohegan Community College and Northeastern University, where she earned a master of science degree in criminal justice. Nina was employed by the Connecticut Department of Criminal Justice until 2001, when she suffered a debilitating injury.

Nina was a beautiful, bright, kind, fun loving, spiritual young woman who loved her friends and family, her dog and Jonathan Edwards. In addition to dogs, she was most fond of dolphins, the beach and sea, kayaking, skiing, Stowe, Vt., and Cuttyhunk Island.

A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at Calvary Church in Stonington, followed by a reception at the Bishops Cove Club House in Mystic. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Nina’s Memory to the Connecticut Humane Society, 169 Old Colchester Road, Quaker Hill, CT 06375.
Lynne Kelley-Lewicki

She was born in Detroit, Mich., and spent her childhood years in Manchester, the daughter of Robert and the late Thora June Kelley.

Lynne met her husband, Ray, during college, and the two were married in 1976. Sharing their passion for traveling over the years, they particularly enjoyed getting away from it all on sailing trips. As an officer at the Stonington Harbor Yacht Club, Lynne nurtured their love for sailing. A long and successful career in consulting also took Lynne to many places here and abroad, most recently as the regional strategies director for Effective Workplace Practices for The Nelson Group.

Lynne approached her career with the same zest that she lived life. Her ability to effect positive change in all that she did was truly remarkable. She displayed this energy as a tireless supporter of the Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, where she spent countless hours volunteering. Lynne will be dearly missed by her family and many close friends, who will always reflect fondly on her energy for living life to the fullest and appreciating every moment of it.

Besides her husband, Lynne leaves her father, Robert, of Roanoke, Va.; a sister, Nancy Estey, and her husband, Elmer, of Troutville, Va.; and three nieces and four nephews, Kelley Denny, Ashley and Briana Demusz, Christopher Estey, Adam Lewicki, and Kai and Noah Demusz; and two great nieces, Vivian and Lauren Denny. She also leaves her German shepherd, Jake, and cats, Chloe, Grace and Stella.

A Memorial Service honoring Lynne will be held at the Calvary Church, 27 Church Street in the Borough of Stonington on Friday, Nov 16, at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in the memory of Lynne may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at JDRF, 20 Patterson Park Road, Farmington CT 06032.

The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic, is assisting the family. To share a note of remembrance/condolence with Lynne’s family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Obituaries

James J. Kelliher

James J. Kelliher, 80, of 24 Russell Ave., Pawcatuck, died peacefully on Thursday, Aug. 23, 2007, at The Westerly Hospital. He was the beloved husband of Barbara (Bailey) Kelliher.

Born in Pawcatuck on Oct. 13, 1926, he was the son of the late James W. and Margarite (Connors) Kelliher.

Mr. Kelliher worked at Electric Boat in Groton for over 24 years before retiring as Manager of outside facilities.

Jim was a World War II Navy Veteran and received the World War II Victory Medal, American Theatre Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Medal and the Philippine Liberation Medal.

Jim was a member of the class of '44 of Stonington High School and attended Putnam Technical School.

Mr. Kelliher was an active member of the United Congregational Church and served on the board of directors and as an usher. He was a member of the Men's Club of the UCC.

He was an avid golfer and reader.

Besides his wife of over 57 years he will be sadly missed by his two sons, Michael L. Kelliher of Stow, Maine, and Mark J. Kelliher of North Stonington. He also leaves his sisters, Patricia Bressette of Pawcatuck, Sheila Delvy of Westerly, Margaret Richards of Pawcatuck and Jeanette Fecteu of Waitsfield, Vt. He was the loving grandfather of five and great-grandfather of eight. He was predeceased by his brother Carl W. Kelliher and two sisters, Helen Henry and Ann M. Sullivan.

Funeral service will be held on Monday at 11 a.m., in the United Congregational Church, 9 Castle Hill Road, Pawcatuck. Calling hours are respectfully omitted. Burial will be in River Bend Cemetery Beach Street, Westerly.

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

Donations in Jim's memory may be made to the United Congregational Church.
Mystic — Barbara K. McCaslin Kelly, 68, of Mystic entered into eternal life Saturday, Dec. 21, 2019, at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital after a long battle with cancer. Barbara was born in New London Nov. 19, 1951, to the late Edwin K. and the late Ruth S. McCaslin.

Barbara lived most of her life in southeastern Connecticut and graduated from St. Bernard High School in 1970. Throughout Barbara’s life, she was consistently involved in customer service. She was employed for many years at Cross Sound Ferry, as a reservationist and supervisor, and retired from SNET as an operator. Barbara was a moderator in local, state and national elections in New London. She was also always willing to help her friends and family with whatever they needed. She enjoyed babysitting her grandchildren and all of her nieces and nephews. She loved to be the elf at Christmas time, wrapping gifts and running errands for those who were running out of time. She had a fierce love for her family, especially her children and grandchildren.

Barbara was also a passionate reader, her love for anything in print made her the go-to person when seeking knowledge both useful and useless.

Barbara is survived by her loving partner and best friend of 20 years, Steven Murch of Mystic; and her always faithful feline companion, Eva.

Barbara is also survived by her children, Christina (Hume) Pellegrino Jessuck and her husband Anthony (Chip) Jessuck Jr., Michael P. Kelly, Thomas T. Kelly; her grandchildren Anna Pellegrino, John Pellegrino Jr., Anthony Hume Jessuck, Charlotte Jessuck and Paige Jessuck; as well as her sisters, Monica Von Winkle and her husband Karl Von Winkle of New London and Valerie Dittman and her husband Albert Dittman of New Hampshire; and many loving nieces and nephews who will always remember Auntie Barbara.

In addition to her parents, Barbara was preceded in death by her brothers, Edwin K. McCaslin Jr., R. Kevin McCaslin, and Stephen F. McCaslin.

Family and friends are invited to gather and share their memories of Barbara at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 6, 2020, at Saint Joseph Church, 149 Montauk Ave., New London. A Mass of Christian burial will follow at 11 a.m. and interment will be in St. Mary’s Cemetery in New London.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Road, Newington, CT. 06111 or www.give.chnsociety.org.

Funeral services are being arranged by Thomas L. Neilan and Sons Funeral Home. To leave an online condolence or share a memory please visit www.neilanfuneralhome.com.
Geraldine Kelly

Storington — Geraldine (Tinker) Kelly, 79, of 1 Center Drive, Latimer Point, Storington, died Wednesday at Mystic Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation Center after an extended illness.

Mrs. Kelly was born in Elmira, N.Y., on April 6, 1924, the daughter of Franklin and Frances E. (Duke) Tinker.

A longtime former resident of New Britain, she was employed as a secretary for the former Father Union. While a resident there, she was a member of the South Congregational Church. Known for her beautiful singing voice, she was also a member of the New Britain Fife and Drum Corps.

She was married in 1944 to Officer William J. Kelly of the New Britain Police Force. They were to have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this January. Mrs. Kelly served as the first president of the New Britain Police Union and had served as president of of the Connecticut Police Union.

While a resident of Storington, she was a member of the Union Baptist Church in Mystic where she was a member of the choir.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Kelly leaves a brother, John Tinker of New Britain and she will be greatly missed by her beloved nieces and nephews, Gerry, Bill, Jim, Laurie and their families as well as her special friend, Curtis Searles.

She was predeceased by a brother, Francis Tinker and a sister, Floris Dinda.

The family will greet relatives and friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl Street, historic downtown Mystic. A service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday at Union Baptist Church. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the Mystic Manor Patient Recreation Fund, 475 High St, Mystic CT 06355.

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

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Judy Kelly

Pawcatuck — Judy A. Kelly, 59, passed away March 28, 2005 at Yale-New Haven Hospital in New Haven. She was born July 1, 1945 in Elkhart, Indiana, to the late Harry and Beverly (Kirchner) Sullivan.

She was a U.S. Army veteran having served during the Vietnam War. She is survived by one brother, Michael Sullivan, of Florida; one sister, Patricia Tisdale, of Griswold; numerous nieces and nephews whom where like her children, Harry, Robert, Lucy and Michelle Sullivan, Annette Eldridge, and Richard Tisdale; and several great nieces and nephews.

There will be a graveside service held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Smith Lake Cemetery, Groton. The Cagné-Piechowski Funeral Home, 499 Voluntown Road, Route 138, Jewett City is in charge of arrangements.
Mary Kelly 12/5/81

Stonington — Mary “Mollie” W. Kelly, of Stonington, died at home on Monday, Dec. 26, 2011. A New Britain native, she was the widow of Vincent M. Kelly, who died in 1988.

Mrs. Kelly was retired from the New Britain Consolidated School District where she had worked as a school secretary. Previously she was employed by the U.S. Department of Justice where she was employed as a hearing stenographer.

She was a lifelong member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. Also she and her husband enjoyed many years of world travel with the Friendship Force, an international travel exchange organization.

Mrs. Kelly is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia (Kelly) and Jeffrey C. Rinehart of Stonington; a granddaughter, Jessi L. Rinehart of New York City; and a grandson, Tucker L. Rinehart of Boulder, Colo.

There are no calling hours. Private services will be held at the Burritt Hill Funeral Home, and interment will be in St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain.
Mystic — Ruth M. Kelly, 88, of Mystic died Friday, Sept. 25, 2015, at Avalon Healthcare in Mystic.

Her husband, Robert B. Kelly, predeceased her in 2010.

All funeral services are private for the family.

Donations in her memory may be made to High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, 36 Town Woods Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371.

The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is assisting the family.
Mystic — William J. Kelly, 78, of Mystic, husband of 51 years to attorney Carolyn (Phillips) Kelly, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2014, at Yale-New Haven Hospital, after a lengthy illness.

Born in Everett, Mass., he was the son of the late William and Marjorie (Breglio) Kelly and lived in Mystic for over 35 years.

Bill grew up in Springfield, Mass., where he attended Classical High School. As a student at Brown University, he majored in English and sang tenor in the “Jabberwocks,” the university’s a cappella octet. After graduation, he served in the U.S. Air Force and became an editor/writer for Prentice Hall in New York City. Further education included a master’s degree from New York University and a Ph.D from University of Oregon, which led to teaching positions in the English departments of Danbury State College and the University of Connecticut at Avery Point.

Writing was always a passion. Following his teaching career, he focused on creative writing while holding positions at The Compass newspaper, the Development Department at Connecticut College and finally becoming the editor/writer for Undercurrents, the educational publication of Mystic Aquarium.

After his retirement, Bill continued to pursue creative endeavors, writing humorous short pieces including, “Farewell Slumgullion, Tri-motor, Hickey and Dun” lamenting the fate of underused and underappreciated words. He also published a novel, “The Basilisk Solution,” which follows the misadventures of Roscoe and Benny, two retired New York City detectives, who through inexplicable astral travel find themselves in heaven where their services are needed. At the time of his death, he was finishing its sequel, “The Bulgarian Assassin.”

In addition to his wife, he leaves two children, Christopher Kelly of Los Angeles, Calif., and his wife, Maria Saganis, and Dr. Katherine Kelly Perkins and her husband, Paul, of Franklin, Mass., and their twin baby daughters, Siena Sage and Addison Lynn. Also surviving are his sister, Barbara (Kelly) Cole of Harwich Port, Mass.; and special nieces, Kristi Cole Sposato, Amy Cole and Lisa Cole Waskielewicz.

Bill had a long illness and received loving care from the nurses at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital Intensive Care Unit and the Wound Center, the Visiting Nurses Association of Ledyard, Apple Rehabilitation in Mystic and the Medical Intensive Care Unit at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mystic & Noank Library by check or donation online at mysticnoanklibrary.org, 40 Library St., Mystic, CT 06355.

Family and friends are invited to join in a celebration of Bill’s life from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 1, 2014, at Mystic Yachting Center, 100 Essex St., Mystic.
William Kelly, 77
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Stonington — William Edward Kelly, Chief USN (ret) of Pequot Trail, died Thursday at Connecticut Hospice in Branford, where he had been admitted on Wednesday.

He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., on Dec. 1, 1924, the son of the late John J. and Mary Flynn Kelly.

He was a graduate of South Philadelphia High School. He joined the Navy on Dec. 19, 1941, serving aboard the USS Matagorda, the Wachapprague, the Burton Island, the Mingo, the Bream, the Sabalo, and the USS Blenny. He also served at the U.S. Naval Schools Command, Treasure Island, Calif., and as an Instructor at the Naval Submarine School in Groton. He retired in 1964 as a senior chief electronics technician.

He married the former Myri Davenport in Los Angeles, Calif., on Nov. 5, 1947. She died in January 1995. He married the former Ellen Fitzgerald Scroggins in January 2000 in Hawaii. She survives.

Mr. Kelly worked at the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics for 16 years, and later at the former Naval Underwater Systems Center, retiring in 1987. He had worked at the Mystic Funeral Home from 1987 until his illness last June.

Mr. Kelly was a member of the Hugh Simonelli Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, of Mystic, a member of the Fleet Reserve, and a former member of the Father Murphy Council 1943, Knights of Columbus of Mystic. He was a member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Westerly-Pawcatuck. He had been a member of the Professional Singles Club of Groton, and a communicant of St. Mary Mother of Our Redeemer Church in Groton.

The funeral will be held at 9:15 a.m. Monday from the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, with a Funeral Mass at St. Mary Mother of the Redeemer Church, Groton, at 10 a.m. Burial with full military honors will be in Elm Grove Cemetery. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home 4-7 p.m. Sunday. Contributions may be made in his memory to Hospice of Southeastern CT, P.O. Box 902, Uncasville CT 06382-0902.
During his career, Gordon worked at American Cyanamid and then Pfizer. During his later years, he formed and led an international committee that established standards for safety in animal antibiotics.

A lifelong learner, Gordon was constantly reading new works of literature and biographies, listening to audio books, and watching the latest documentaries on PBS. He enjoyed playing bridge and traveling with his brother Bruce and his wife, Ellen. Their adventures took them each year to Washington, D.C. during "cherry blossom time" to visit with his younger brother, Tom, and to places around the globe. Alaska, Hawaii, New Zealand and Italy were among his many destinations. Gordon's favorite place to visit was Barbados. "Pop-pop and Grammie" (Jo'Anne) organized many family trips to the beautiful island, which remain among the very special memories shared by his children, grandchildren and his brothers.

Gordon is survived by daughter Kerri Kemp of Mystic, sons Duncan Kemp of Fairport, N.Y., and Peter Kemp of Groton, grandchildren Ryan Mooney, Megan Mooney, Jeffrey Kemp and Matthew Kemp, brothers Bruce (Ellen) Kemp and Thomas Kemp, and sister-in-law Nancy Bower, along with many nieces, a nephew and friends.

He is predeceased by his wife, Jo'Anne (Butler) Kemp. Friends are invited to a memorial service and a celebration of Gordon's life at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 26, at Mason's Island Yacht Club, Yacht Club Road, Mystic.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to WGBH (Boston Public Radio).
Jo'Anne Kemp

Mystic — Jo'Anne (Butler) Kemp, 65, of Mason's Island Road, Mystic, died Wednesday at her home after a lengthy illness.

She was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on May 13, 1936, the daughter of Harry N.J. and Margaret Lameroux Butler.

She graduated from Middlesex Hospital School of Nursing in New Brunswick, N.J., in 1957, and received school nurse certification from Trenton State College in 1974 and family planning nurse practitioner certification in 1976 from New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry.


Mrs. Kemp was employed by the Isabella McCosh Infirmary at Princeton University, Princeton, N.J., and managed the Sexuality Counseling and Education program there for many years. She worked as the clinical nurse practitioner at Planned Parenthood of Connecticut in New London for several years after returning to this area in 1983. She was active in the Thames Club of New London.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Kerri Welch of Pawcatuck; two sons, Duncan Kemp of Fairport, N.Y., and Peter Kemp of Mystic; a sister, Nancy Bower of Morristown, Pa.; and four grandchildren, Ryan Mooney, Megan Mooney, Jeffrey Kemp, and Matthew Kemp.

A private memorial service will be held in Barbados. There are no calling hours.

Contributions may be made in her memory to Pine Point School, 89 Barnes Road, Stonington CT 06378.

The Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.
Frederick Kennedy

Stonington — Frederick Francis Kennedy, 61, of 4805 Alton Place, NW, Washington, D.C., a summer resident of 270 North Main St., Stonington, died at home on Jan. 9.

He was born on Aug. 21, 1939, in Honolulu, Hawaii, the son of Eva Kennedy of Hawaii and the late Eugene Kennedy.

He was the husband of Jane H. Simmons Kennedy.

Mr. Kennedy received a bachelor of science degree from the University of San Francisco in 1961. He earned an MBA from the University of Hawaii in 1971.

He was a Navy veteran of the Vietnam War, serving from 1965 to 1969.

He worked as a consultant for commercial and residential real estate developers in Northern Virginia, Florida, and Atlantic City, N.J. More recently, he worked in corporate security consulting and was employed as director of corporate marketing for ISS, Inc. of Silver Spring, Md.

Mr. Kennedy was a member of the Wadawanick Club of Stonington for 30 years.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by three children, Tara L. Kennedy and Eric I. K. Kennedy of Washington, D.C., and Lisa M. Kennedy of New York City; a brother and four sisters, all of Hawaii.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Feb. 17, at the Calvary Episcopal Church, 27 Church St., Stonington.

There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to the Stonington Community Center, 23 Cutler St., P.O. Box 286, Stonington, CT 06378-2236.

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Justin Kennedy

Mystic — Justin P. Kennedy, 70, of Mystic, died late Saturday evening, Dec. 11, 2004, at Westerly Hospital. He was born on July 24, 1934, in Hartford, the son of Maurice and Margaret O'Brien Kennedy. He grew up in Hartford, graduating from Weaver High School, where he played football for their team, the Weaver Beavers. After high school he went off to become a Trappist Monk, spending three months there, adopting the name Brother Kanise, but he soon he decided that was not the course his life should follow. He enlisted in the Navy, loving the work he was doing and serving faithfully from 1953 to his retirement as master chief hull technician in 1973. While in the Navy, he met his love, Rosemary Brown. They were wed in Lakewood, Calif., on June 5, 1965.

During his Naval career, Master Chief Kennedy served on many surface vessels, among them the USS Bainbridge upon which he sailed around the world twice. His skills ranged from chief shipfitter, nuclear propulsion plant operator on to senior chief damage control auxiliary division officer. After his retirement from the Navy he went to work for General Dynamics Electric Boat and the Naval Submarine Base where his work included job assignments such as ship superintendent, coordinating construction of hull and exterior areas of the Trident Class Submarines; and he also worked as a test operating engineer, supervising all phases of the installation and testing of the nuclear propulsion systems. His interests outside of his work ranged from reading the newspaper and intently following the stock market reports to kayaking and even trying his hand at sculpting. He was also an enthusiastic Red Sox fan. He will long be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor.

In addition to his wife of 35 years, he is survived by two daughters, Marianne Kennedy of Mystic, and Trish Porter, and her husband, Michael, of Noank; four brothers, Maurice "Moe" Kennedy, of Lady Lakes, Fla., Richard Kennedy of Bloomfield, and Philip Kennedy and Jerome Kennedy, both of West Hartford; three sisters, Peggy Samolyk, of Windsor, Eleanor DeMaio, of Boston, and Lucille O'Connell, of Unionville. Justin and Rosemary also have two grandchildren, Justin and Sean Porter.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Ralph and John Kennedy; and one sister, Christine Kennedy.

The funeral will be held from Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1 Mystic, on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 10:15 a.m. to a Funeral Mass at St. Mary Mother of the Redeemer Church, Groton at 11 a.m. Military Honors will follow the service there. Relatives and friends may also call at the funeral home on Wednesday evening from 5 to 7 p.m.

A naval burial at sea will take place at a later date.

The family requests, in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his name to the National Kidney Foundation of CT, Inc., 2139 Silas Deane Highway, Rocky Hill, CT 06067.
Paul Kenney


He was born in Cambridge, Mass., on April 14, 1928, the son of the late Dorothea and John Kenney. Paul attended Lunenburg High School in Lunenburg, Mass., where he served as class president all four years. He then entered the U.S. Navy, where he traveled the world on a goodwill tour following World War II.

A resident of Pawcatuck since 1965, he was employed as a machinist at Harris Graphics Corp until its closing in 1989. He was then employed at Eagle Cab Co. as a livery driver for several years until his retirement.

He was a member of the Westerly Senior Center and very much enjoyed travel, music, dance, baseball, golf, swimming and nature. He will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew him.

He is survived by a daughter, Catherine Kenney of Mystic; a brother, John Kenney Jr. of Providence; two sisters, Claire Kenney of Westport, Mass., and Gina Ryan Kenney of Troy, N.Y., as well as several nieces and nephews and a special friend, Grace McCall of Westerly. He was predeceased by a sister, Joan Whalen of Northampton, Mass., as well as his wife of 27 years, Barbara R. Kenney.

His family will greet relatives and friends at the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St, Westerly, Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. A funeral service will be held there on Tuesday at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in St. Michael Cemetery in Pawcatuck.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network at 877-272-6226 or Rosecrans Ave., Suite 7000, El Segundo CA 90245 or at Pancan.org.

Anna Kent

Stonington — Anna Marshall Kent, aged 86, died at home on July 2, 2006, following a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born in Woburn, Mass., to the late Walter and Madeline Marshall. She graduated from Mt. Auburn Nursing School and served as a nurse at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, Mass.

Anna served six years in the U.S. Navy during World War II where she attained the rank of lieutenant. During that time she was stationed at Naval Hospital Bethesda, Md., Submarine Base Groton, and in Hawaii and Guam. During the Korean War she served as a Navy nurse at Chelsea Naval Hospital.

On May 11, 1953 she was united in marriage to Donald C. Kent of Chelsea, Mass., who was also serving at Chelsea. During the course of their marriage, they have lived in Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Villachnac, France, Maryland, California, Ethiopia, Egypt, and lastly in Stonington for the past 24 years.

She was the devoted wife and travelling companion of Donald C. Kent, of Stonington; loving mother and grandmother to Martha Kent O'Leary of Sunnyside, N.Y., and her husband and three children, Michael J. Kent of Highlands Ranch, Colo.; and his wife and five children, Sara A. Goldman of Richmond, Calif., and her husband and two children and Christopher Kent and his partner of Washington, D.C.

She is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother Teddy.

The Funeral Service for Anna Kent will be held on Saturday, July 8, 2006 at 1 p.m. at Ender Island's Our Lady of Assumption Chapel, Mystic. Interment will be in Arlington National Cemetery. Relatives and friends are welcome at the Mystic Funeral Home, Rt. 1, Mystic, on Friday evening, July 7, from 6 to 9.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to the American Lung Association of CT, 45 Ash Street, Mystic, CT 06355.

The Kent family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for obituary information, directions and an online memorial register to leave a note of condolence.
**Stonington —** Donald Charles Kent, physician, aged 83, died on April 21, 2007 due to complications from a chronic illness.

Dr. Kent served as medical director of Electric Boat from 1962 through retirement in 1986. He continued working there as consulting staff physician and at Pequot Health Center in Groton and Health Services at Pfizer Central Research.

Born in Bonesteel, South Dakota, in April 1923, he was a son of Charles Alfred and Thelma Wilson Kent. He graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1945, entered the Army as an enlisted soldier during World War II and completed his medical degree at the University of Nebraska in 1947. After the war, he was as a private practice physician in Michigan and Nebraska, and then served as a medical officer in the Navy in the Korean War, followed by a variety of posts including the Mediterranean during the Suez crisis, in Egypt during the Egypt-Israel conflict, and chief of medical services at various naval hospitals during the Vietnam War. Decorations include Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Purple Heart and he was a recipient of various meritorious awards for distinguished services. He retired from the Navy as a captain in 1971 after 25 years of service.

He served as medical director of American Lung Association and Life Extension Institute in New York City and concurrently taught clinical medicine at NYU Bellevue and Downstate Medical School from 1971 to 1982. He was active in medical research and medical writing with 225 published articles in various publications. His specialty was in pulmonary disease, infectious disease, occupational health and safety programs and he was a certified Fellow of the American College of Physicians, the American College of Chest Physicians, and the American Occupational Medicine Association.

He was the devoted husband and traveling companion of Anna Marshall Kent of Woburn, Mass. During the course of their marriage they lived in Massachusetts, New York, Maryland, California, New Jersey and overseas in France, Ethiopia, Egypt, and lastly in Stonington for the past 25 years. Anna Kent died in July 2006.

He was the loving father to Georgianne Msny of Norfolk, Nebraska, and her husband, three children and five grandchildren, Martha Kent O'Leary of Sunnyisde, N.Y., and her husband and three children, Michael Kent of Highlands Ranch, Colo., and his wife and five children, Sara Goldman of Richmond, Calif., and her husband and two children, and Christopher Kent and his partner of Washington, D.C.

He is proceeded in death by his daughter, Suzanne Melcher of Colorado.

Don is further survived by numerous relatives and friends.

Relatives and friends are invited to call at Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic on Tuesday evening, April 24, from 5 to 8. The funeral is private. A brief calling hour will be held Wednesday morning, April 25, from 9 to 9:45 a.m. A Memorial Mass will be offered at Enders Island Our Lady of Assumption Chapel, Mystic at 10 a.m. Internment will be in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Donald's memory to the Visiting Nursing Association of Southeastern Connecticut, 461 North Frontage Road, Waterford, CT 06385.

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

Mystic — Edith L. (Lamb) Kent, 76, formerly of 371 Farmhoke Road, Stonington, died Monday at Mary Elizabeth Nursing Center in Mystic.

She was the widow of the late Elton Kent Jr.

Born Feb. 3, 1926, in New London, she was the daughter of the late Wilfred S. and Edith (Bradley) Lamb.

Before retiring, Mrs. Kent was employed as a bookkeeper at the former Kent's TV in Stonington.

She enjoyed boating and fishing. She and her late husband spent 18 wonderful years together living year round aboard The Sunbeam on the Mystic River.

Mrs. Kent is survived by a son, David W. Kent of North Stonington; two daughters, Mary E. Alden of Mystic, and Judith A. Giuliano of Stonington; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by two brothers, J. Alden Lamb and W. Stanley Lamb.

A calling hour will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, with an 11 a.m. funeral service, at the Guiney-Delaney Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St, Westerly. Interment will be in Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in her memory be made to Hospice of Southeast Connecticut, 179 Gallivan Lane, Uncasville, CT 06387.
Arthur S. Kenyon

Arthur S. Kenyon, 80, of Marie Avenue, Pawcatuck, died after a lengthy illness on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2005, at the Westerly Health Center.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 57 years who lovingly cared for him, Beatrice L. (Lombardo) Kenyon of Pawcatuck, whom he married on June 7, 1947; two sons, Mark S. Kenyon of East Hartford and John A. Kenyon of Pawcatuck; two daughters, Maryann DeNobrega of Groton and Cheryl I. Kittrick of Westerly; 10 grandchildren, Mark Kenyon Jr., Amanda Kramer, Thomas Kittrick, Philip Kenyon, Tracy Pernini, Jordan Kittrick, Nicholas Kenyon, Alexander DeNobrega, Marsha Kenyon and Justine DeNobrega; three brothers, Charlie, Earle and William Kenyon; and a sister, Florence York.

Mr. Kenyon was preceded by two brothers, Nathan and Jesse Kenyon; seven sisters, Mabel Egan, Lydia Bennett, Esther Daniels, Mary Palmer, Eunice Bartlett, Irene Kenyon and Jennie Davis; and a granddaughter, April LaFountain.

Mr. Kenyon was born in Westfield, Mass., on July 26, 1924, the son of the late Jesse and Eva (Clark) Kenyon. He was educated in the Chester, Mass., school system and went on to work as a chemical operator at the Pfizer Company in Groton.

He worked there for 30 years, retiring in 1987. He was a member of the Stonington Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses and had a passion for gardening and liked to travel, cook and bird watching. He was a man who was willing to help anyone at anytime with anything they needed.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 8, at 2 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Route 3, Ashaway Road, Westerly. There are no calling hours. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Jehovah's Witnesses, c/o The Kenyon Family, 20 Marie Avenue, Pawcatuck, CT 06379.
Beatrice Kenyon

Pewcatuck — Beatrice Lombardo Kenyon, 92, fell asleep in death, Nov. 4, 2017. She was the sixth and last child of Domenico and Anna Rusticci Lombardo. She was predeceased by her husband of 57 years, Arthur, and her granddaughter, April Nicole DeNobrega.

She is survived by her four children, Cheryl Kittrick and her husband Joseph, Mark Kenyon and his wife Phyllis, John Kenyon, and Maryann DeNobrega and her husband Tony; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Beatrice was an active member of the Stonington Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses and taught Bible education for over 76 years. Besides her love of God and her family and friends, Beatrice was well known for her generous hospitality, dedicated caregiving for her loved ones and extraordinary secretarial abilities.

A memorial service will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Mystic Hilton, Coogan Blvd., Mystic.

The family wishes to acknowledge the overwhelming support and love received by her caregivers. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Jehovah's Witnesses, or an online donation at jw.org.
David J. Kenyon, 68, of Pawcatuck, Conn., passed away suddenly on Thursday, January 6, 2011.

Born in Westerly, he was a son of the late Clarence and Rita (Schackner) Kenyon. David was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Missile Crisis in Cuba and the Vietnam War, honorably discharged with the rank of E-5. He had been employed as a bartender at the Pawcatuck Workingman’s Club. He was a communicant of St. Michael the Archangel Church, a member of the Harley P. Chase Post No. 1265, a life member of the Pawcatuck V.F.W. and a member of the Pawcatuck Workingman’s Club.

David leaves a daughter, Lois Kenyon of Groton, Conn.; a brother, John D. Kenyon of West Hartford, Conn.; four sisters, Frances Moran of North Stonington, Joan Carey of Westerly, and Barbara Grills and Judith Thibodeau, both of Pawcatuck; and two grandchildren.

Visiting hours will be held Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, R.I. A Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated Monday at 12:30 p.m. in St. Michael the Archangel Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. There is no procession from the funeral home to the Church. Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery.

For online condolences, visit www.gaffneydolansfuneralhome.com.
Harvey B. Kenyon

Harvey B. Kenyon, 74, of South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, died Saturday, June 24, 2006, at The Westerly Hospital.

Born in Hope Valley on Nov. 16, 1931, he was the son of the late Russell and Dora (Boss) Kenyon.

Mr. Kenyon was employed as a security guard and retired as a cook at Good Times Restaurant in Pawcatuck. He was a member of the Portuguese Club in Stonington.

He leaves his three children, Russell A. Kenyon of Woonsocket, Katherine A. Newiger-Valle of Simma Valley, Calif., and Edward D. Kenyon of East Providence. He also leaves his sister, Virginia Kenyon of Pawcatuck.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Diane Kenyon.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly. There are no calling hours.
Robert Kenyon

Pawcatuck — Robert “Squeaky” Kenyon, 82, of Washington Street, Pawcatuck, died Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at the Westerly Nursing Home.

Mr. Kenyon was born in Pawcatuck on Jan. 16, 1923, son of Henry and Lulu (Latham) Kenyon. He attended West Broad Street School and Stonington High School. He married Winifred Kerr on April 7, 1947, in Pawcatuck. They celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary last week.

Mr. Kenyon was a World War II veteran. He served in the U.S. Army in the Philippines for three years.

He was employed at Bradford Dyeing Association as a government purchasing agent, and became part of the sales force in New York City. He worked the next 25 years as a laboratory technician for Pfizer in Groton, retiring in 1988.

Mr. Kenyon was an exceptional carpenter, and he was an avid golfer. His four grandchildren and his great-granddaughter were the pride and joy of his life.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Jane, and her husband, David P. Brannegan, of Mystic; a daughter, Heidi, and her husband, Edward Smith, of Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; a grandson, Daniel R. Brannegan and his wife, Alice, of Mystic; grandson, David Brannegan, and his wife, Ellen, of Washington, D.C.; grandson, Gregory Smith, and a granddaughter; Kaitlin Smith, of Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; and a great-granddaughter, Noreen Jane Brannegan, of Mystic. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his sisters, Mary McCloy and Florence LaFountain; and brothers, Edwin and William Kenyon.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2005, at St. Michael’s Church in Pawcatuck. Calling hours will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2005, at Geffney Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce Street, Westerly, R.I.

Donations may be made in his memory to Beacon Hospice, 1 Catamount Blvd., East Providence, RI 02914 or Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern CT 400 N. Frontage Road Waterford, CT 06385.
Mystic — Charles David Kepner III, beloved husband of Janet Sumner Grainger, Kepner for 62 years, died Dec. 22, 2019, in Mystic. He was predeceased by his beloved daughters, Kristin Ann Kepner and Kimberly Jean Kepner and granddaughter Rebecca Joy McCahill. He is survived by his beloved wife, Janet; son-in-law John McCahill (Julianne); two grandsons, Christopher McCahill (Chelsea) and Benjamin McCahill (Liz); sister Margery Kepner; two sisters-in-law, Judy Wuerdemann (Horace) and Georgia Estrella (Milton); and many loving nieces and nephews. A private family memorial will be held. There will be no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Kristin Kepner and Kimberly Kepner McCahill Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, 10 Columbus Blvd. 8th Floor, Hartford, CT 06106.

Byles Memorial Home, 99 Huntington St., New London, assisted the family with the arrangements. Please visit www.byless.com to sign the guestbook.
Marion Lucille Kepping

Marion Lucille (Wood) Kepping, 84, of 3 Maple St., Pawcatuck, passed away Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009, peacefully at home.

Lucille was born in Westerly on July 8, 1924, the daughter of John and Pauline (Grady) Wood.

After graduating from Stonington High School, she met and married her late husband, Frederick P. Kepping Sr. of Hazleton, Pa. They were united in marriage at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Pawcatuck, on Aug. 21, 1942.

Lucille was a homemaker and enjoyed her family. Lucille is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Frederick P. Kepping Jr. and Alice “Ann” Kepping of Ashaway; her daughter and companion, Christine Lucille Kepping and Walter “Skip” Heon of Pawcatuck; and her daughter and son-in-law, Deborah Catherine Carr and Sean Carr of Nantucket, Mass.

Lucille is also survived by 10 grandchildren, Terrie Pangilinan, Tammy Kaiser, Janet Mayo, Shawn Larkin, Alan Larkin, Andrew Larkin, Theresa Larkin, Kevin Larkin, Heidi Williams, and Patrick Stevens; and 27 great-grandchildren.

Lucille leaves her brother and sister-in-law, Ronald and Helen Wood of Brooklyn, Conn. Lucille was predeceased by her grandson Mark Q. Larkin.

Funeral liturgy will be celebrated in St. Michael Church, Liberty Street, Pawcatuck, Wednesday at 10 a.m. Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck. Visiting hours are omitted.

Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, is in charge of arrangements.

Donations in lieu of flowers donations can be made to St. Michael School, 63 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379.
Elizabeth "Bettie" Kepple, wife of the late Thomas E. Kepple Sr., passed away Dec. 21, 2010, at Fairview Odd Fellows Home in Groton, Conn.

Bettie was born June 2, 1919, in Detroit, Mich. She attended Sacred Heart Academy, the Lincoln School and Penn Hall.

She married Tom Kepple at Holy Name Church in Fall River on April 26, 1941.

Bettie is survived by her children, Polly Greene and her husband, Bruce; Pierce and Lavina Kepple; Nicholas and Noreen Kepple; Mark and Christine Kepple and Peter Kepple and his wife, Karin Whitemore. She was predeceased by an infant daughter, Katherine. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, Matt Greene; Ben, Rebekah, Jocelyn and Michala Kepple; Chris and Avery Kepple and Lindsay Malek; as well as her nieces, Patty Kady and Kim O’Donoghue. She was predeceased by a brother Richard Conlon and a sister Avery Williams.

Bettie spent her adult life working and serving the greater Stonington community and was beloved by all for her kind, maternal nature. After spending years as a full-time homemaker, she became a librarian at the Westerly, Stonington and Mystic-Noank libraries and brightened the lives of countless children with her readings at children’s hours.

While raising five children, Bettie still found time to volunteer for the boards of Catholic Charities and the Stonington Visiting Nurses Association and later at the Stonington Como Thrift Shop. Her legacy of unqualified love lives on in all who were blessed to know her.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to the extraordinarily dedicated, talented and thoughtful staff at Fairview who provided Bettie with wonderful care since she arrived in August.

In lieu of flowers, the family would ask that anyone wishing to honor her memory please make donations to the Stonington Free Library, 20 High St., Stonington, CT 06378 or the Mystic-Noank Library (www.mysticnoanklibrary.com).

The family will receive friends Sunday, Dec. 26, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic (51 Williams Ave.). A Funeral Mass will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick Church, 32 E. Main St., Mystic. A private burial will be held in Massachusetts at the convenience of the family.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to share an online message of condolence.
Barbara Kerin

Stonington — Barbara Anderson Kerin, 94, of Stonington passed away peacefully Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015, at the Avalon Health Care Center of Stoneridge in Mystic.

She was born March 9, 1920, in Boston, Mass., the daughter of the late Herbert and Isabelle (Hayes) Breed of Melrose, Mass. Barbara was married to David Cox Anderson in 1942 in Miami and joined him in Key West during his Naval deployment. She moved back to Melrose for 10 years and later moved to Andover, Mass., in 1957. There, Barbara was an active member of both the November Club League and the Andover Garden Club for many years.

In 1975, she met and married Harold "Hop" Kerin of Latimer Point and became a snowbird, spending 25 years on Hutchinson Island in Florida, where she enjoyed her daily two-mile beach walk. The family summered in Denmark, Maine, on her beloved Moose Pond for over 60 years, opening her home to generations of friends and families.

She was an accomplished jazz pianist, an amazing cook and gardener and a true Red Sox fan, traveling by trolley to Boston with her father to enjoy their box seats at Fenway Park. Barbara lived her life with a great love of nature from cats to chipmunks, owls and loons, diving pelicans and scurrying sandpipers.

Barbara is survived by her daughters, Ainslie Turner of Stonington, Tina (Anderson) Reimers of St. Augustine, Fla., and Denmark, Maine, and Kendrick Anderson of Mendicino, Calif.; her brother, Charles Breed of Carefree, Ariz.; and her dear friend, Ron Williams of Stoneridge. She will be lovingly remembered by her grandchildren as "Grandy" who loved all things purple, Brie George of West Hartford, Alex Turner of Stonington, Austin Reimers of Maine and Malcolm Anderson of California; and great-grandchildren, Lucia George, Oliver Turner and Hannah Reimers.

She was predeceased by her son, Christopher Anderson of Pugwash, Nova Scotia; and her second husband.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the caring staff at Avalon Health Care Center.

A celebration of her life will be held in Maine at a later date.

Donations in her memory may be made to The Moose Pond Association, P.O. Box 674, Bridgton, ME 04009.
Julia T. Kerr, 81

Army Corps nurse in three wars

PAWCATUCK — Julia Tamer Kerr, a retired lieutenant colonel in the Army Nurse Corps, of Castle Hill Road, died on Tuesday, Oct. 29, at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center, Worcester.

She was born May 17, 1915, in Pawcatuck, the daughter of Salim Sa’ad Tamer and Maryam Douma Tamer of Westerly, R.I. She was raised in Westerly and attended the local schools, including the former Quarry Hill School and Elm Street School. She graduated in 1933 from Westerly High School, when it was located on Broad Street.

A 1938 honor graduate of the Mount Vernon Hospital School of Nursing, N.Y., she received a postgraduate diploma in operating room nursing techniques from the Michael Reese Hospital Medical Center in Chicago, Ill. In 1979 she graduated from Connecticut College with a bachelor’s degree in history.

She was the wife of retired Lt. Col. Otto Kerr Jr., who died Dec. 20, 1986.

During World War II, she served as an Army nurse officer with station, field, and evacuation hospitals in Africa and Europe. She was one of 12 Army nurses who were known to cross France and Belgium after D-Day with her field unit in World War I-era “40 and 8” boxcars.

In 1945, Mrs. Kerr became operating room supervisor and instructor at The Memorial Hospital in Worcester, Mass. She was one of several nurses who opened the Davis Park Veterans Hospital in Providence, R.I.

In 1952, Mrs. Kerr was recalled to active duty during the Korean conflict, serving in Taegon and Pusan for 18 months. She also had stateside military assignments that included Hawaii. From 1966 to 1967, she was stationed at Tan Son Nhut, Saigon, Vietnam, where she served as operating room and emergency room supervisor with the 3rd Field Hospital. At that time her husband was also assigned duty in Saigon and Long Bien.

Retiring after 23 years of active duty, Mrs. Kerr earned the Bronze Star, the Commendation Medal, two Presidential Unit Citations, and five battle stars for campaigns in Europe, Africa, Korea and Vietnam.

Mrs. Kerr was a member of the Retired Army Nurses Association, a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Harley P. Chase Post No. 126; life member of Disabled American Veterans, Josiah Broadfoot of Westerly; Vietnam Veterans Association of Connecticut, Post 270; and the Retired Officers Association, New London Chapter.

She also belonged to the Connecticut College Alumni Association, the Westerly Nurses Club, and she served on the board of The Westerly Historical Society. Mrs. Kerr served as district chairman of the Westerly Hospital Auxiliary and was a member of the board of the Memorial and Westerly Library Association and the Friends of the Westerly Library.

Mrs. Kerr is survived by a stepson, David Hoyle Kerr of Athens, Ala.; two granddaughters of Cocoa, Fla.; three brothers, Mitchell Tamer of Hollywood, Fla., Theodore Tamer of Lexington, S.C., and John Roger Tamer of Gales Ferry; three sisters, Helen Alexia of Pennington, N.J., Lilly Nashif of Port Richey, Fla., and Marie Campbell of Columbus, Ohio; 10 nieces; seven nephews; and grandnieces and grandnephews. She was predeceased by a sister, Florence Quintal; and a brother, Thomas Tamer Sr.

The funeral will be held at Christ Church in Westerly, R.I., on Friday, Nov. 1, 1 p.m. The Buckler- Johnston Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Mrs. Kerr’s name may be made to The Memorial and Library Association of Westerly, P.O. Box 356, Westerly, R.I. 02891, or The Otto Kerr Jr. Science Scholarship Fund, Wheeler High School, P.O. Box 6001, North Stonington 06359.
Joseph Kessler

Joseph Kessler of Linden Lane, Stonington, who was known for love of family and Misquamicut Beach, died Wednesday at The Westerly Hospital, where he had been admitted July 29. He was 94 years old.

Mr. Kessler and his identical twin brother, Louis, were among the first to build houses along the Misquamicut shoreline.

The first dwellings were constructed for summer use but later converted for year-round use.

Mr. Kessler lived in his family's Stonington home for over 80 years, during which time he worked alongside his father and brother at the former American Velvet Co. in Stonington as a carpenter's foreman. He retired in 1973.

Mr. Kessler lived a full and active life: enjoying his golfing days at the Pequot Golf Club, photography, and frequent vacations in Florida. He was also well known for his annual role as Santa Claus at the Stonington Town Hall, distributing gifts to local children for over 15 years.

Mr. Kessler was born on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1908, in Astoria, Long Island, New York. He was the son of Franz and Mary Mikuta Kessler. The family moved to Stonington in 1920. On May 6, 1941, Joseph Kessler was married to Mary Moniz. They had no children, but were constantly surrounded by loving family.

Over the years, he came to be known as a mentor and guide for many of his family members. He was fun-loving and witty, but also very sharp for his age, remembering stories from his childhood in great detail.

Joseph was predeceased by his wife Mary, older brothers Frank and Karl as well as by twin brother Louis.

Joseph will never be forgotten by his many nieces and nephews.

The funeral will assemble Saturday, Aug. 3, from the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, at 10 a.m., going to a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Michael Church, 60 Liberty Street, Pawcatuck at 11 a.m. Calling hours are from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Gifts in memory of Mr. Kessler can be made to the Felician Sisters, Our Lady of the Angels Convent, 1315 Enfield Street, Enfield.
Joseph Kessler 2004

Ashaway, R.I. — Joseph F. Kessler, 76, of Ashaway, R.I., died Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at Westerly Hospital, where he had been a patient for a short time.

He was born in Stonington on Aug. 11, 1927, the son of Frank and Mary Starr Kessler.

A lifelong resident of this area he attended local schools and made his home here. He worked for many years in construction but his passion was always the sea. He spent several years building a lobster boat and he referred to his retirement as a time to go fishing and lobstering, which is what he did. The boat he built is still in use to this day. Illness prevented him from fishing these last few years but his family still made sure he got out there on the water from time to time to enjoy what was his passion. He was a member of the Southern New England Fishermen’s and Lobstermen’s Association.

He is survived by his four children, Stephen Kessler of Carolina, R.I., Pam LeGare of Mystic, Kevin Kessler of Virginia and Scott Kessler of Ashaway, R.I., with whom he made his home. He is also survived by eight grandchildren.

In addition to his parents he is predeceased by a daughter, Kimberly Shinault; two brothers, George and Frank Kessler; and two sisters, Mary Paquette and Margaret Burdick.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 30th, at Stonington Cemetery. Relatives and friends may call from 5 to 8 Thursday evening at Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Southern New England Fishermen’s and Lobstermen’s Association, P.O. Box 90, Stonington, CT 06378.
Kevin D. "Redbean" Kessler


Kevin was born Sept. 12, 1956, to Jeannette Jopson Kessler-Whipple and Joseph Kessler. He grew up and spent most of his life in Stonington and attended Charlevoix High School in Rhode Island. He was a carpenter and painter. He was a lobsterman on the Santa Jo and built remote control sailboats. Kevin also served for 27 years as a volunteer with the Stonington Fire Department. While in Kansas, he was a city maintenance worker.

He leaves his former wife and best friend, Bonnie Caswell, who cared for him for several years and most recently had been his primary caregiver; his brothers, Stephen (Judy), Jason Whipple (Jennifer); his sister, Pamela Legare (Grant); his aunt, Marilyn Jopson Wilson; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Kevin was predeceased by his mother and father; sister, Kimberly Shinault; his grandparents, Burton and Martha Jopson and Frank and Mary Kessler; and his uncle, David Jopson (Janet).

At Kevin's request, there will be no calling hours. Funeral services will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Southern New England Fisherman's & Lobsterman's Association, PO Box 90, Stonington CT 06378.

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Louis Kessler, 90
Made many contributions to Misquamicut Beach

BY JOHN FOLEY
Day Staff Writer

Mystic — Louis Kessler, of 10 School St., who was known for his love of Misquamicut Beach and his contributions to it through seven decades, died Tuesday at The Westernly Hospital, where he was admitted Sept. 28. He was 90.

Mr. Kessler was recently commanded during the improvement project on the beach area near the tennis courts for donating waterfront property to the Misquamicut Fire District.

He and his identical twin brother, Joseph Kessler, were among the earliest builders of homes near the beach. The first dwellings were constructed for summer use but later renovated for year-round use.

Mr. Kessler resided in the Mystic-Stonington area for 70 years. He had "a spirit of entrepreneurship" and "lived a full, active life," his son, Louis Franz Kessler, said Tuesday.

Over the years, Mr. Kessler operated lobbies in Stonington and Stamford and a trailer park in Groton. He also owned a fishing boat, "Million," which he used in area waters. In addition, he was a skilled carpenter, as was his father.

Mr. Kessler was a supervisor at the former J. Rossie Velvet Co., Mystic's main industry for many years until it was moved to South Carolina in the late 1960s. He then worked at the former American Velvet Co. in Stonington until he retired in 1970.

Mr. Kessler was born on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1908, in Astoria, Long Island, N.Y., the son of Franz and Mary Mikuta Kessler. The family moved to Stonington in 1920.

Mr. Kessler married Genevieve Myjak on July 16, 1934, in Middletown. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in July. In his retirement years, Mr. Kessler and his wife enjoyed camping and traveling throughout the nation, as far as Alaska, to visit relatives and friends.

In addition to his wife and his son, Louis Franz Kessler, who resides in Pawcatuck, Mr. Kessler is survived by his brother, Joseph Kessler, who lives in Stonington; a daughter, Agnes Kessler Pettini of Stonington; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by two older brothers, Frank and Karl.

The funeral will be at 10:35 a.m. Friday from Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, to a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Church, Pawcatuck. Burial will be in Stonington Cemetery. Calling hours are 5-8 p.m. Thursday.

Gifts in memory of Mr. Kessler can be made to Stonington Ambulance Corps, P.O. Box 424, Stonington, 06378.
Stonington — Louis F. Kessler, 80, beloved husband for 59 years of Janet (Watrous) Kessler of River Road, Pawcatuck, passed away at Apple Rehab, Watch Hill, on Monday, Nov. 2, 2015.

Born in New London, he was the son of the late Louis and Genevieve Kessler.

With a military career and as a veteran, Louis retired as a master sergeant from the U.S. Air Force and had also served in Germany during the Vietnam War. Upon leaving the military, he was employed as a shipyard tester at Electric Boat for 24 years. He was a member of the Preston VFW and past master with the Pawcatuck Masonic Lodge.

In addition to his wife, Janet, Louis will be dearly missed by his son, Eric Kessler, and wife, Jessica, of Pawcatuck; a sister, Agnes Pettini of Stonington; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and three nephews.

He was predeceased by a son, Louis C. Kessler, and a daughter, Shawn Murphy.

A visiting hour will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. on Thursday at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, immediately followed by a funeral service at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be private.

For online condolences, please visit www.gaffney-dolanfuneralhome.com.
Louis Craig Kessler, 53, of Brookside Village, Pawcatuck, died at his home, July 5, 2010.

Born on Dec. 2, 1956, in Waltham, Mass., he was a son of Louis F. and Janet (Watrous) Kessler of Pawcatuck.

He had been employed at the American Velvet Co. in the maintenance department for 20 years, until the company moved.

Louis was a member of the Pawcatuck Workingmen's Club, and he enjoyed playing golf, once scoring a "hole in one." He was also a big New York Giants and New York Mets fan.

Surviving, he leaves a son, Louis H. Kessler, and a daughter, Julie R. Kessler, both of Westerly; a brother, Eric Kessler of Pawcatuck, and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a sister, Shawn Murphy. He will be sadly missed.

A calling hour will be held Friday from 11 a.m. to noon in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, and will precede the funeral service to begin in the funeral home at noon. Burial will be private.

For online condolences, go to www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com
Mary Kessler

Mary (Moniz) Kessler, 80, died this morning, Sept. 30, 1990, at The Westerly Hospital, where she had been admitted Friday.

She was born in St. Miguel, the Azores, while her family was on vacation. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel B. Moniz, she was a lifelong resident of Stonington.

Mrs. Kessler married Joseph Kessler in St. Mary Church in Stonington on May 6, 1941. She was a communicant of St. Mary Church.

She worked as a warper at the American Velvet Co. for 49 years, retiring in 1973.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two sisters, Rosella Lopes and Celia Barber, both of Stonington; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by one brother, Manuel Moniz, and one sister, Jessie Fratus.

The funeral service will be held in the Thomas L. Neilan & Sons Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 9:15 a.m. with a Mass of Christian burial at St. Mary Church, Stonington at 10 a.m. Burial will be in Stonington Cemetery. Calling hours are Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the Stonington Visiting Nurse Association, 227 North Water St., the Stonington Community Center, Cutler Street, Stonington, 06378, or to a charity of the donors choice.

Mario A. Aries
Elizabeth Ketcham

Oakdale — Elizabeth Ann “Pete” (McGayhey) Ketcham, 89, formerly of Islip, N.Y., passed away on Saturday, March 8, 2008 at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London.

Elizabeth, a Shelter Island Harelegger and one of eight children, was born on Shelter Island, N.Y., on Nov 27, 1918 to the late Owen and Mary (Purey) McGayhey.

She married Jules C. Ketcham on April 11, 1942; he predeceased her in 1998 after 57 years of marriage.

Elizabeth was very giving to her community and church; she had logged in 9,000 volunteer hours at the Southside Hospital in Bay Shore, N.Y., and volunteered at the Montfort Seminary Queen of All Hearts Guild, also in Bay Shore. She was a devout Catholic and a communicant of Our Lady of Lakes Church and a member of the Lady’s Guild.

Elizabeth is survived by her sons, Lawrence C. Ketcham and wife, Sandy of Amityville, N.Y., and Durelle Ketcham and wife, Elizabeth, of Islip, N.Y.; her daughters, Nancy Madden of Scandia, Minn., Connie Herrmann and husband, William, of Oakdale, and Susan Himmelstoss and husband, Richard, of Huntington, N.Y.; her brother, Robert McGayhey of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; 21 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Calling hours will be held on today, March 11, 2008 at the Montville Funeral Home of Church & Allen, 33 Rte. 32, from 6 to 8 p.m. A 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 12, at Our Lady of Lakes Church in Oakdale. Interment will be in Our Lady of the Isle Cemetery on Shelter Island, N.Y., that afternoon.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Elizabeth’s name may be made to the Holy Apostle’s Seminary, 33 Prospect Hill Road, Cromwell, CT 06416.
Ira J. Kettle Sr., 61, of North Anguilla Road, Pawcatuck, passed away Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011, at W.W. Backus Hospital.

He was born April 8, 1950, in Norwich, son to the late George and Vivian (Violet) Kettle. On Sept. 8, 1979, in North Stonington, he was married to Diana Crider. She survives him.

Ira worked for the State of Connecticut as an entomologist, "Honey Bee Inspector."

Besides his wife, he is survived by his four children, April Ullrich of Brooklyn, Ira Kettle Jr. of Voluntown, Amanda L. Kettle of Pawcatuck, and Walter Heibel of Brooklyn; his four brothers, Harold Kettle of Plainfield, Donald Kettle of Ohio, Wallace Kettle of Putnam, and Mitchell Kettle of Brooklyn; a sister, Marie Jones of Voluntown; five grandchildren, Korenza, Zoe, Krista, Ivan, and Brielle, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Gagne-Piecowski Funeral Home, 490 Voluntown Road, Jewett City, Conn.

A memorial service will be held Dec. 20, 2011, at Pilgrim Baptist Church, in Ashaway, R.I. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Ira’s memory to Pilgrim Baptist Church, 27 Chase Hill Road, Ashaway, RI 02804.
David Kickham

David Emerson Kickham, 86, beloved husband of Marilyn (Tufts) Kickham of South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, died at his home Jan. 25, 2008.

Born in Boston, Mass., he was the son of Mrs. Hilda A. (Schnabel) Kickham of Sandwich, Mass., and the late Ralph Emerson Kickham.

Mr. Kickham had been employed at Electric Boat/General Dynamics from 1965, and retired as cost engineer in December 2003.

David was a U.S. Navy veteran honorably discharged, following service from 1959 to 1962. He was a member of the Harley P. Chase Post No. 1205, VFW, and was also a former commander and currently served as the post’s chaplain. He was a member of the Holy Ghost Society in Stonington, a member of the B.P.O.E. in Plymouth, Mass., and a member of the Knights of Columbus in Stonington.

Surviving in addition to his wife and mother, he also leaves his three daughters, Lauren Kickham of Charlotte, N.C., Karen Kickham of Gastonia, N.C., and Julienne Kickham Edwards of Atlanta, Ga.; his stepson, David H. Olson, of S. Portland, Maine; two sisters, Lynda Ezerisky of Carver, Mass., and Ellen Groen, of Sandwich, Mass.; and eight grandchildren, Adam and Jessica Olson, Kane, Zachary and Valerie Sgarzi, Samantha, and Stuart Capos, and Lydia Kickham-Dawes.

He was predeceased by a stepdaughter, Cheryl Sgarzi.

Calling hours are omitted. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Liturgy which will be celebrated Friday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael the Archangel Church, 60 Liberty Street, Pawcatuck. Military Honors will take place following the Mass. Burial will be private.

Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly is in charge of the arrangements.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations in his memory be made to the American Heart Association.
Mary S. Kiddy, 95
Formerly Pawcatuck resident

PAWCATUCK — Mary S. Kiddy, 95, of Waynesboro, Ga., formerly of Pawcatuck, died Thursday at Brentwood Terrace in Waynesboro.

She was born in Hamilton, Scotland, Dec. 4, 1900, the daughter of James and Sarah Douglas Summers. She was the widow of David C. Kiddy.

Mrs. Kiddy was a member of the Groton Bible Chapel.

She is survived by four sons, Thomas Kiddy, formerly of Waterford, now of St. Charles, Mo., David Kiddy Jr. of Canterbury, William Kiddy of Port Charlotte, Fla., and Robert Kiddy of Desert Hot Springs, Calif.; and a daughter, Betty Way of Waynesboro, Ga.; 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

A private graveside service was held in River Bend Cemetery, Westerly. Byles Memorial Home, 99 Huntington St., New London, was in charge of arrangements.

Donations in Mrs. Kiddy's memory may be made to the RBC Ministries, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49555.
Catherine J. Kieburg

Kieburg, 78, formerly of Pawcatuck, widow of the late Carl H. Kieburg Sr., died Nov. 26, 2003, at the Pendetion in Mystic.

She was born in Pawcatuck, daughter of the late Peter Mercier Sr. and the late Catherine (Keegan) Mercier. She was a communicant of St. Michael Church in Pawcatuck and belonged to the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center. She was very talented with arts and crafts, sewing and knitting.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Carl H. Kieburg Jr. and his wife Marjorie of North Stonington; a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Thomas DiDio of Vernon, Conn.; two brothers, Peter Mercier Jr. of Lady Lake, Fla., and George Mercier of New London; two sisters, Sarah Novak of Stonington and Doti Hobart of Mystic; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are invited to a Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. Internment will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Stonington.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions in her name be made to the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center, 27 Chase St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379.
Oscar S. Kiley Jr.


Born in Stonington, he was a son of the late Oscar S. Kiley and Gladys M. (Main) Kiley

Oscar had been employed as a laborer at the Transfer Station in Stonington for many years.

He is survived by a sister, Joy Smith and her husband George of Pawcatuck and a brother, John O. Kiley and his wife Kathy of Florida.

A calling hour will be held Thursday from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Burial will be private.
Burton Kimball
Mystic — Burton Clark Kimball, 91, of Mystic, died Saturday at Mary Elizabeth Nursing Center in Mystic.

He was born on June 11, 1909, in Scotland, Conn., the son of Everett and Sadie Clark Kimball. He was raised in Scotland on the family homestead, which is now the Gov. Samuel Huntington Museum.

He married Carol Williams on June 30, 1939, in New London.

Mr. Kimball was a graduate of Windham High School. He later attended the University of Nebraska.

He retired from Supervisor of Shipbuilding and naval inspector at Electric Boat in 1971.

An accomplished musician, he began studying violin at the age of 11. He played in many local groups, including the Norwich Symphony and the Connecticut College Orchestra. At one time, he had his own group, The Progressive Ensemble.

Mr. Kimball also studied piano tuning in Boston at the Bennett Street Industrial School, and spent over 20 years conducting a piano-tuning business.

He was a member of Union Baptist Church, where he served on the Prudential Committee. He was also a member of the Mystic River Historical Society, the Indian and Colonial Research Center and the Kimball Family Association.

In addition to his wife, who is a columnist for The Day, he is survived by a son, Paul Kimball; a daughter, Barbara Kimball; a brother, Albert Kimball; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at D'Inoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery.

There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to Mystic River Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 64, West Mystic, CT 06398, or the Mystic River Historical Society, 74 High St., Mystic CT 06355.
Carol Kimball

Groton — Carol W. Kimball, 94, passed away suddenly at Fairview in Groton, on June 8, 2010, while recovering from surgery.
Carol was born May 18, 1916, in New London, daughter of Harry R. and Barbara (Cornet) Williams of Quaker Hill. She graduated from Quaker Hill School and Chapman Technical High in New London, and then chose a career in teaching, graduating in 1936 from Willimantic State Normal School, now Eastern Connecticut State University.

Armed with a child-centered, “learn-by-doing” view of education instead of the old rote-memory approach, she taught for three years in the Scotland, Conn., elementary school before marrying and moving to Mystic.

Unable to get a job in the post-Depression era, and because her husband was employed, Carol made her first foray into local history, volunteering to assist Carl Cutler at Mystic Seaport. She returned to teaching in 1948, at Fort Hill School in Groton.

Two years later, S. B. Butler, then Groton superintendent of schools, offered Carol a job at Mystic Academy, teaching third grade. This she did for several decades, mainly at S.B. Butler School, until she retired.

As Carol has told in The Day, in 1950 the third-grade social studies curriculum called for studying Groton history, but there was no textbook. So began in earnest her labor of love, discovering and sharing local history, first by Mystic Seaport Museum programs and Eastern Connecticut State University extension courses with noted historian Eva L. Butler, and then by independent research in primary sources. These efforts eventually led to authoring “A Narrative History of Groton Connecticut, for Use in Teaching Elementary School Social Studies”, adopted by the Board of Education in 1984.

Then followed an impressive series of other books, articles, and presentations on local history, extensively described elsewhere, and of course, her widely enjoyed weekly columns in The Day, continuing from 1985 well into this year.

Carol was an enthusiastic member or supporter of many local historical societies and civic groups. Achievements and associations that she especially treasured included, founding member and honorary trustee of the Indian and Colonial Research Center, Old Mystic, set up in 1965, to provide access to Eva Butler’s historic research and later-added Indian artifacts, first and only Groton Town historian, from 1985 until she resigned last year, memberships in the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Mayflower Society, earned by meticulous genealogical study, and in the Lower Mystic Cemetery Association, and grand marshal of two major local parades.

Carol is survived by brother, Rueell Williams; daughter, Barbara Kimball; son, Paul (Elisa Klein) Kimball; granddaughters, Julia and Sarah Kimball; and nephews, David and Roger Williams.

She was predeceased by her husband, Burton Clark Kimball, whom she married on June 30, 1939.

A memorial service is planned for 11 a.m. Saturday, June 19, 2010, at the Union Baptist Church of Mystic, followed immediately by a reception at the church. Private burial will be at Elm Grove Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Indian & Colonial Research Center, PO Box 525, Old Mystic CT 06372, or Mystic & Noank Library, 40 Library St., Mystic CT 06355.

For further information, directions, or to share a note of remembrance/condolence with her family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com
Donald Kimball

Stonington — Donald Albert Kimball, 88, of Stonington, died on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2016, at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital in New London. He is survived by his beloved wife of 25 years, Marjorie (Draghi) Kimball. He was born Dec. 15, 1927, in Boston, Mass., the son of Donald and Charlotte (Volk) Kimball. He was a veteran, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard. He worked as an industrial engineer at Electric Boat, retiring in 1991.

Don loved to play tennis and enjoyed playing golf. He also loved hiking and he hiked many mountains all over the world. Donald also enjoyed singing and had been a member of the Preston Community Chorus and the Mystic River Chorale. Don was also a member of the choir at his church, the First United Methodist Church of Mystic. He was a member of the Wednesday Mixed Bowling League at Groton Ten Pin. He was a volunteer at the Pequotsepos Nature Center and spent many hours clearing trails.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three children, Bradford Kimball of Massachusetts, Jeffrey (Vickie) Kimball of Florida and Kristen (John) DeFilippo of Wallingford; as well as four stepchildren, Beth (William) Goodwin, Cheryl (Thomas) Quirk, Jean (Bruce) Morrow and Robert (Deborah) Valenti, all of Pawcatuck. Combined, he leaves 20 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He is predeceased by his first wife, Norma (Scheufele) Kimball, and his brother, Robert Kimball.

Don's family will greet relatives and friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at the Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic. A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday at the First United Methodist Church, 23 Willow St., Mystic. Burial with full military honors will follow in Stonington Cemetery, Route 1, Stonington.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Donald's memory be made to the National Coast Guard Museum Association Inc., by mail or via its website: 239 Bank St. Rear, New London, CT 06320 or www.CoastGuardMuseum.org. Donations also may be made in Donald's memory to the First United Methodist Church, 23 Willow St., Mystic, CT 06355.
Viola Kimball


Her family will greet relatives and friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday at the Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic. A service will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

For additional obituary information, directions, or to share a note of remembrance/condolence with her family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Emily Kimbrough, 90, Summered in Watch Hill

Emily Kimbrough, 90, a longtime summer resident of Watch Hill, nationally known author, lecturer, screenwriter and radio personality, died today, Feb. 19, 1969, at her home in New York City.

Born in Muncie, Ind., in 1889, she attended Bryn Mawr, Pa., College, where she met her future collaborator, Cornelia Otis Skinner.

After graduating in 1912, she and Skinner toured England and France for four months. Twenty years later, this trip would be the subject of their book, "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay."

Upon returning the United States, she began writing for the Marshall Field and Co. publication, Fashions of the Hour. From 1927-29, she worked as the managing editor of the Ladies Home Journal.

After her marriage to John Wench and the birth of their twin daughters, she left this position to become a free-lance writer. The marriage later ended in divorce.

When "Our Hearts were Young and Gay" was published in 1942, it was selected as a Book of the Month Club main selection and became a bestseller. Skinner and Kimbrough moved to California to supervise the making of a film based on their book.

After the movie's release in 1944, Miss Kimbrough stayed in Hollywood and wrote for several film companies including Paramount, MGM and Universal — using the experience to pen her second book, "We Followed Our Hearts to Hollywood."

In addition to her writing, Miss Kimbrough spoke in each of the 48 continental states during her nearly 30 years on the lecture circuit. Her lecturing adventures are described in her book, "It Gives Me Great Pleasure."

In the 1950s, she hosted a radio show for CBS in New York City. While covering the coronation of Queen Elizabeth in England in 1953, she began collecting material which would become the basis of her future books, such as "And a Right Good Crew" and "Floating Island." These volumes chronicle the many hours she spent sailing on the canal barges of Europe.

Miss Kimbrough had a true love of music. Until last year, she hosted regular chamber music concerts in her New York apartment.

She leaves her two daughters, Margaret Kuhn of Norwalk, Conn., and Alis McCurdy of Cardiff, Calif., seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Contributions in Miss Kimbrough's memory may be made to the Emily Kimbrough House, Old Historical District, Muncie, Ind.
Viola Kindelan

Pawcatuck — Viola M. (McCarthy) Kindelan, widow of John F. Kindelan, of South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, passed away on Aug. 7, 2003 peacefully at her home at the age of 81.

Born in Providence, R.I., she was the daughter of the late Edmund and Viola McCarthy. Mrs. Kindelan owned and operated Viking Supply Co. from 1964 until her retirement in 1984. She was a communicant of St. Michael the Archangel Church in Pawcatuck.

Mrs. Kindelan enjoyed spending time, as well as traveling, with her family and her many friends. She also enjoyed volunteering her time to many local organizations, including the Westerly Hospital, the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center, the Westerly Pawcatuck YMCA, the Friendly Visitors Program and the Literacy Volunteers of Washington County at the Westerly Library.

She is survived by her five children, Kathleen Kindelan of Warwick, John F. Kindelan Jr. and his wife Karen of Stonington, Mary Ellen Kindelan of Westerly, Edmund Kindelan and his wife Phyllis of Kensington, and James Kindelan and his wife Debra of Charlestown. She also leaves a sister, Anita E. Simmons of Warwick. She will also be greatly missed by her eight grandchildren, Carolyn Kindelan, Jessica Kindelan, John F. Kindelan III, Corinne Kindelan, Elizabeth Kindelan, Meghan Kindelan, Teddy Kindelan, and Kathleen Kindelan.

Calling hours will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 69 Spruce St., Westerly RI. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial, which will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday in St. Michael the Archangel Church, 90 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck. There is no procession from the funeral home to the church.

Family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to either the Westerly-Pawcatuck YMCA, 96 High St., Westerly RI 02891, or to the Westerly Hospital, 25 Wells St., Westerly RI 02891.
POPULAR STONINGTON RESIDENT KILLED IN ONE-CAR ACCIDENT

STONINGTON, Jan. 22—Anselmo King, Jr., better known in Stonington for all his 32 years as "Bimbo," was instantly killed in a one-car accident on the Stonington-Westerly road shortly after 7 o'clock on Sunday morning. Riding with him was William Reardon, 23, of Westerly, who was dazed and shaken, but otherwise uninjured.

The accident occurred on route 1A, approximately one-quarter of a mile west of Oxneacott cut-off, with no witnesses to the accident, and Reardon in too shocked a condition to tell a coherent story, the police have been forced to piece together the story of the tragedy. According to their investigation King was assumed to have been driving Reardon's convertible. With Reardon in the driver's seat, the pair were seen to leave Stonington at 3:10 in the morning bound for Reardon's home in Westerly.

Going into the double curve on the Stonington side of the cut-off, King apparently made the first turn but lost control on the second. The roads at that hour of the morning were covered with about a half-inch of snow. The car went off the road on the left-hand side, running about 100 feet on the shoulder before it plunged into a stone wall, ripping up between 12 and 15 feet of the stone. It apparently rebounded and then turned over, coming to rest upside down on the top of the wall. The Stonington man was pinned beneath the car, while Reardon was thrown free into the brush.

A few minutes after the accident Cy Tarrance, borough lobster market proprietor, headed for his home in Westerly, came upon the overturned car. His attention was first attracted by the horn on the wrecked vehicle which was stuck and blowing. Seeing no one near the wreck and being unable to do any-thing alone, Mr. Amancio immediately returned to Stonington to report to Patrolman Daniel Henson.

Within a matter of minutes the pair was on the scene. By this time Reardon had regained consciousness and was fighting his way out of the brush. After making an examination of Mr. King, Patrolman Henson brought Reardon into the borough to the office of Dr. Earle G. Haliday, and summoned Dr. Roger N. Fowler, medical examiner. On the scene Dr. Fowler pronounced the Stonington man dead, of a fractured neck, ribs and internal injuries. After first aid treatment, Reardon was taken to his home.

The police investigation was directed personally by Chief Jay R. Travis, who was called by Patrolmen Henson and Walter Main. Their belief that the Reardon car alone was involved is based on the statement of Mr. Amancio who told the police that he had passed no car between Stonington and the accident. On these grounds the possibility that King had been forced off the road was eliminated.

The Buick was hauled off the wall by a truck of the state highway department, which came along some time later. On first examination the frame and the engine of the car are all right, but the body is smashed beyond repair.

Mr. King was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anselmo King of Lower Water street with whom he made his home. He was born in Stonington July 18, 1917, educated in the schools of the town, and graduated from Stonington high school.

After his graduation he served in the U.S. navy for about three years and was on one of the ships that took part in the Bikini A-bomb tests. Following his discharge he worked in California for a year before returning to Stonington.

For the past three years he has driven a school bus for Edwin Skarow.

In addition to his parents he is survived by one brother, Raymond of Stonington; one sister, Mrs. David Tullage of New London; an aunt, Mrs. Joseph R. Henry of Westerly; an uncle, Robert King of Palmer's Neck and several nieces and nephews.
Isabella King

Isabella (Travers) King, 86, of 20 Hancox St., Mystic, died Monday, July 20, 1998, at the Westerly Hospital. She was the wife of the late Joseph King, who died in 1980.

She was born July 26, 1911, in Stonington, daughter of the late Arsino and Mary (Santos) Travers. She was a lifelong resident of Stonington.

Mrs. King had been employed at the American Velvet Company for 35 years, retiring in 1969.

She was a communicant of St. Mary Church in Stonington. She is survived by a son, Walter King of Groton; four granddaughters, Joyce Fitts of Pawcatuck, Susan King, Judith Falcone and Theresa Grills, all of Westerly; and five great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a granddaughter, Sharon.

The funeral will be held from the Mystic Funeral Home Inc., Route 1, Mystic, Wednesday morning at 9:30. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary Church, Stonington at 10 a.m. Burial in St. Mary Cemetery. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home Wednesday morning from 8:30 to 9:30.
Raymond E. King
Dead at Age 46

Raymond Ellsworth King, 46, of 18 Water Street, Stonington, died last evening at Veteran's Administration Hospital in West Roxbury, Mass, where he had been a patient for the past six weeks.

He was the son of Rose (Deveau) King and the late Anselmo King and was born in Stonington October 2, 1924. Mr. King was a communicant of St. Mary's Church.

A veteran of World War II, he had served with the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific. He had been in ill health for several years and had worked as a diecaster at Arwood Corp. in Groton prior to his illness.

Besides his mother he is survived by a sister, Mrs. David G. Telage of New London.

Funeral services will be held at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning at the Shea-Williams Funeral Home in Mystic with a high mass of the resurrection at St. Mary's Church at 8:30 a.m.

Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Calling hours will be held at the funeral home tomorrow evening from 7 to 9 o'clock.

KING — In West Roxbury, Mass., January 24, 1971, Raymond Ellsworth King, aged 46, son of Rose (Deveau) King and the late Anselmo King of 18 Water Street, Stonington.

Funeral will be held at the Shea-Williams Funeral Home, 19 East Main Street, Mystic, Wednesday, January 27, at 8 a.m. High mass of the resurrection at St. Mary's Church, Stonington at 8:30 a.m., interment in St. Mary's Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Tuesday evening 7 - 9.
Resurrection Mass
For Raymond King

A funeral was held for Raymond King of 16 Water Street, Stonington, at the Shea-Williams Funeral Home, 10 East Main Street, Mystic this morning at 8 o'clock. A high mass of the resurrection followed at St. Mary's Church, Stonington with the Rev. Arthur Rivard, S.S., as celebrant. The organist was Mrs. Raymond Garity.

Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery where Father Rivard gave the committal service. The bearers were David G. Pelage Jr., Donald Pelage, Richard Williams, Lebra Mel, Phillip Greene and John Victoris.

Mr. King, son of Mrs. Rose (Devens) King, died at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Roxbury, Mass. Last Sunday evening.

Rose King

Rose (Devens) King, 90, of 16 Water St., Stonington, died Sunday at Groton Regency Retirement Home, after being a patient there for three months. Mrs. King was born April 1, 1869, in Salmon River, Nova Scotia, a daughter of the late John and Rose Devens. She was married to Anselmo B. King, who died Dec. 31, 1961. Mrs. King was a communicant of St. Mary's Church in Stonington.

Surviving a sister, Isabelle Devens of Nova Scotia; four grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and a great great grandson.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. from the Shea-Williams Funeral Home on East Main Street in Mystic, to a prayer service in St. Mary's Church in Stonington at 10 o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Stonington. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at a later date. Calling hours are tonight from 7 to 9 o'clock.

STONINGTON

Conduct Funeral Rites for Victim Of Auto Crash

Anselmo King Jr., 22-year-old Stonington resident and school bus driver, who was killed in an automobile accident early Sunday morning, was buried in St. Mary's church cemetery after a solemn high mass of requiem in St. Mary's church. The Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Thomas F. Lawlor, pastor, who celebrated the mass on the altar which was framed with banks of flowers and wreaths. The Mass was sung in Latin and the organist, directed St. Mary's choir during the Mass.

The bearers were Raymond E. King, brother of the deceased; Robert and David King, cousins; Walter Mel, Joseph Mirsili of Pawcatuck and Melvin Spear of Westerly.

A firing squad under command of Sgt. First Class Leslie O. Allen of Battery A, 28th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Gun Battalion and national guard, fired a volley at the grave. King was a Navy veteran of World War II. The mass was said by Sgt. Seymour Biddick. The funeral services were conducted by St. Mary's Church, Stonington.

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STEVE MCCARTY
Elizabeth Claire Kingsland (1986 - 2017)
Mystic - Elizabeth Claire Kingsland, 31, of Mystic, died on Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2017.

She was the beloved daughter of Stephen and Barbara Kingsland of Mystic. Born on April 30, 1986, in New London, she grew up and attended schools in Mystic. Beth had a beautiful singing voice and was a longtime member of the Chorus of Westerly from the age of seven. She especially enjoyed attending the Chorus' Camp Ogontz in the White Mountains of New Hampshire every summer; it was her favorite place in the world.

She studied at UConn, graduating with a bachelor's degree in linguistics. After college, she joined the U.S. Navy, rising to the rank of petty officer first class, and was most recently assigned to Fort Gordon in Augusta, Ga. She worked for the NSA, serving as a linguist and cryptographer, and was qualified in 15 languages including numerous Arabic dialects and several European languages. She qualified as expert in rifle and pistol shooting and trained fellow service members in the use of firearms and firearm safety.

Beth was a dual citizen of the United States and of Australia. Her joy in living, love of nature, her creativity, beauty, keen intellect, and wicked sense of humor endeared her to all.

Beth is survived by her parents; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was predeceased by her sister, Carrie.

A service of celebration of life will take place at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, at Mystic Congregational Church, 43 East Main St., Mystic. Burial with full military honors follows at Elm Grove Cemetery, Route 27, Mystic.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Chorus of Westerly, 119 High St., Westerly, RI 02891; the Mystic & Noank Library, 40 Library St., Mystic, CT 06355; or the donor's charity of choice.

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

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Dinoto Funeral Home
17 Pearl St. Mystic, CT 06355
(860) 536-2685

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Elwood Kinne
St. Croix, Virgin Islands —
Elwood O. Kinne, 72, died on April 6, 2010, in St. Croix, Virgin Islands. He is survived by his wife, Betty, of 45 years.

"Woody," as he was known to most of his friends, was born on June 24, 1937, in Norwich to parents, Harold and Elizabeth Kinne. After graduating from Norwich Free Academy in the Class of 1956, he was accepted to the U.S. Navy School of Music in Washington, D.C.

His first tour of duty after graduating from the Music School was in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, with the Navy Special Services. It was while playing the saxophone in the Navy band that he developed an enduring love of the Caribbean.

Upon his discharge from the Navy, he began his career as a photographer, graduating from the New York School of Photography. For a short period of time he worked for two local photographers in Norwich and Willimantic.


In 1967, he became the official photographer for the Submarine Medical Center. He enjoyed the work and fellowship of his co-workers at "The Lab." Resigning his position in 1972, he opened his own photography studio, Studio E.K., in Bozrah. The studio specialized in classical portraiture and weddings.

As a photographer he was a member of three professional organizations, Connecticut Professional Photographers Association, NEPPA, and Professional Photographers of America. He also took courses in photography at the University of New Hampshire.

In 1993, Woody and his wife, Betty, retired to their second home in St. Croix for the winter months. Summers were spent in Stonington. In St. Croix, Woody had everything he loved; his wife, sailing on their yacht to many Caribbean islands, diving the "wall" at Cane Bay and playing his saxophone with many of the local musicians and their groups.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 8, at the Leffingwell Baptist Church. A reception will be held after the service in the Fellowship Hall of the church. All friends and acquaintances of Woody are invited.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to your favorite charity or to the Elwood O. Kinne Memorial Fund, Leffingwell Baptist Church.
Eunice Kirby
Stonington — Eunice (Gledhill)
Kirby, 88, formerly of Pequot Trail,
Stonington, passed away on Monday,
March 3, 2008, at The Westerly Hospi-
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Eunice was born on May 30, 1919,
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She was a member of
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She leaves three children,
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She was a member of
Christ Episcopal Church, the
Pawcatuck Neighborhood
Center, and the Stonington
and North Stonington senior
centers.
She leaves three children,
James F. Kirby, Barbara K.
Nardone of Naples, Fla., and
Elizabeth C. Kirby of Peace
Dale; two grandchildren,
Henry Nardone III and
Jennifer McDonald; one
great-grandchild, Angela
Rose Nardone; nieces,
nephews, and a special friend
and sister-in-law of over 60
years, Marion K. Douglas.
She was predeceased by a
brother, Arthur I. Gledhill.
Her family will gather for a
private service. There are no
visiting hours.
In lieu of flowers, dona-
tions in her name may be
made to Home & Hospice
Care of RI, 143 Main St.,
Wakefield.
The Dinoto Funeral Home,
17 Pearl St., Mystic, is assist-
ing the family. To share a
note of remembrance or con-
dolence with her family,
please visit www.dinotofu-
neral.com.
James Kirby
Stonington — James J. Kirby Jr., 78, of 981 Pequot Trail, died Monday at The Westerly Hospital after being stricken at his home.

He was born Nov. 3, 1916, in Norwich, son of James J. and Anne Baker Kirby. He attended schools in Norwich and Westerly and was graduated from Westerly High School.

Following his graduation, he served in the Navy Submarine Service during World War II.

He was employed as a time study estimator at the former Cottrell Company for over 40 years prior to retiring in 1981.

A longtime former resident of Westerly, Mr. Kirby was a member of Christ Episcopal Church. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Fleet Reserve, Branch No. 20 in Groton, and the former Cottrell Golf League.

He married Eunice Gledhill Kirby in Mystic on Nov. 12, 1945.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, James F. Kirby of Stonington; two daughters, Barbara Kirby Nardone of Holliston, Mass., and Elizabeth C. Kirby of Peace Dale, R.I.; two sisters, Marion Douglas of Westerly and Mildred Wilkinson of North Stonington; and two grandchildren.

The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery.

There are no calling hours.

Donations in his memory may be made to a charity of the donor’s choice.
strategic resourcing. In her retirement, Jayne received her yoga and yogradance teacher training certifications from Kripalu Center in Stockbridge, Mass. It was her great joy to teach yoga and yogradance at a small studio in her home and to the women of York Correctional Institute in Niantic.

One of the privileges of her lifetime was being able to be close to the ocean. She and Naomi shared many homes together, either on or close to the water in Quonochontaug, R.I., Stonington, Naples, Fla. and Matunuck, R.I. During the time Jayne and Naomi travelled by RV, their greatest pleasure was pulling up to land’s end and opening the windows and doors to the salt air, sea breeze and the setting sun.

Additionally, Jayne leaves three siblings, Mary Rioux, John Kivlin and Matthew Kivlin; along with two nieces and a nephew. Mentioned last but not least, she also leaves her loving and devoted standard poodles, Billie and Koda. Her oldest poodle, Ella, predeceased her last year.

Memorial donations may be made to Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health, 57 Interlaken Road, Stockbridge, MA 01262.

A gathering to remember Jayne Kivlin will take place Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the Breakwater Restaurant in Stonington. A dedication to her life will be held promptly from 4 to 4:30 p.m., followed by a celebration of food and drink which will conclude at 6 p.m.

Jayne Kivlin

Pawcatuck — Jayne E. Kivlin, 69, died Monday, Oct. 9, 2017, at home with her family. Jayne was the beloved wife of Naomi Gobeille. She lived with metastatic breast cancer for three years.

Jayne was born Nov. 29, 1947 to Yvonne Kivlin of Nounak and Joseph Kivlin who predeceased her. She also leaves behind her adored children, Erin Gizio and son-in-law, Tony; granddaughter, Eva of Pawcatuck; Ryan Walsh and granddaughter, Einin, of New York.

Jayne graduated from Fitch High School in Groton and from Becker College in Worcester, Mass. with an associate's degree. She worked in the business aspect of many companies, retiring from Pfizer after 25 years of service as the associate director of
Barbara A. Kleeman (1954 - 2017)

Mystic - Barbara A. Kleeman, 63, of Mystic, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2017, in Ormond Beach, Fla., after a courageous three year battle against breast cancer.

She was born on Feb. 9, 1954, in Sheboygan, Wis., the daughter of Herbert and Elsy (Condon) Kleeman. Wisconsin held a special place in her heart, especially for the beer, cheese and the Green Bay Packers.

Barbara graduated from JFK Prep and attended the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Carthage College and the National University of Health Services. She received her degree from the National College of Chiropractic in Lombard, Ill. and opened her chiropractic practice in New London in 1978. She practiced in the New London, Groton and Mystic area until 2013.

She was a member of the American and Connecticut Chiropractic Association and the Chi Rho Sigma Professional Fraternity.

Barbara felt especially alive on the water, fishing and was an avid fly fisherwoman. She enjoyed traveling to Ireland to honor her ancestors heritage.

After 9-11 she felt profoundly honored to volunteer at ground zero treating first responders at St. Paul’s Chapel.

Barbara was a woman of great faith who served with tremendous generosity, kindness and selflessness. She had been a member and deacon at Pleasant Valley Community of Prayer and Praise in Groton. She then was a member and lector at St. Patrick Church in Mystic. She also had volunteered at the church during the Mystic Art Festival and the silent auction as well as serving in a leadership position of the ACTS retreats, locally and for the Connecticut Chapter.

Barbara is survived by her daughter, Colleen Alana Griffin of Groton; her brother, Eric Kleeman of Pawcatuck; her sister, Nancy Kleeman of Cedarsburg, Wis.; her beloved grandchildren, Elsie Maeve Zimmerman and Owen Kane Griffin; and her longtime partner, Robert Benware.

A memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. March 13, at St. Patrick Church, 32 East Main St., Mystic, immediately followed by a celebration of life gathering at Enders Island Retreat House in Mystic. Private interment will be in St. Patrick Cemetery. There are no visiting hours.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be directed to the go fund me page set up for her grandchildren’s education at GoFundMe.com/barbarakleemaninlieu.

Please visit www.byles.com to sign the guest book or share a memory.

Funeral Home
Byles Memorial Home - New London
99 Huntington St New London, CT 06320
860 442 0343

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Charles Klewin Jr. 2-14-6

Mystic — Charles F. Klewin Jr., 70, of Mystic, passed away Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006 at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Mass., from complications of Mesothelioma.

Charles was born in Old Mystic on April 21, 1935, son of Charles and Gladys Malinowski Klewin. He married Lockie Ladd on July 31, 1951 at Noank Baptist Church in Noank.

Charles was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War. He worked at the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics as a machinist and later on as a planner. He retired in 1981 after 35 years of employment.

Charles was a member of the Groton Elks; he loved to travel with his wife, Lockie, and also enjoyed golf, the New York Yankees and NASCAR. A family man, he always took pleasure in watching his grandchildren play school sports.

Charles is survived by his wife of 54 years, Lockie; his stepmother, Marianne Klewin; his daughter, Lockie Stark and her husband, John, of Ledyard; his son, Charles O. Klewin, of Portland, Maine; his sister, Irene Schalla and her husband James of Old Mystic; his half-brother and sister, Charles R. and Marianne Klewin; six grandchildren, Jaime, Katherine, and Keith Klewin, Bryan Nicholas and Kyle Startz and one great-grandson, Daemion Startz.

A funeral home service for Charles will be held Friday, Feb. 17, 2006 at 10 a.m. at Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. Burial with military honors will follow in Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic. Relatives and friends are invited to call that morning from 9:30 until 10 a.m., and also on Thursday evening from 6 to 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers contributions in Charles' memory may be made to International Mesothelioma Program, Division of Thoracic Surgery, Brigham and Women's Hospital, 75 Francis St., Boston, MA 02115.

The Klewin Family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for obituary information, directions and an online memorial register to leave a note of condoleance.
Florence Klewin

Mystic — Florence Marie
Klewin, 69, of Mystic, entered
into eternal life Wednesday
morning, Oct. 23, 2013, at
Scripps Memorial Hospital in
San Diego, Calif., after a brief
illness.

Florence was born June 29,
1944, the daughter of the late
Woodrow Klewin and Marie
Gould.

She is survived by her two
children and their spouses,
LaNae and David Atkinson of
Mystic, and James and Celia
Woolley of Ledyard; her three
grandchildren, Kelsey Hen-
derson, Wesley Woolley, and
Chae Marie Woolley. She is
also survived by her partner
of 29 years, Charles “Chuck”
Fellows; and her siblings,
Woody Klewin, Linda Lee,
Joy Klewin, Barbara Jean
Klewin Dunbar, Alan “Butch”
Whitford, Dawn Morel, Kim
Jones, Cindy Raffo; and her
many nieces and nephews.

Florence lived for a few
years in Maryland, where
she worked for M&M Mars
Candy Co., and in Florida, but
she spent most of her life in
southeastern Connecticut,
and always considered her-
self a resident of Mystic.

Everyone knew her as Flo,
or “Mombo”, the owner of
Kitchen Little Restaurant
of Mystic. Flo owned the
restaurant for 28 years, and
she was an amazing cook! Flo
touched everyone who dined
at Kitchen Little with her food
and her love. She greeted you
with her infectious smile and
treated you like you were
family, because you were
family to her. She fed your
belly as well as your soul.

Flo was the most generous
person, and she always put
the needs of others before her
own. There was always room
for one more at her table. Her
love of life was so apparent by
her smile and the big hugs she
had for everyone, and helping
others is what made her hap-
py. Mombo was the heart
and warmth of Mystic. Everyone
who knew her loved her.

Flo enjoyed spending time
with her family, especially
her three grandchildren,
whom she loved and adored.
She cherished preparing
holiday meals for family and
friends. Flo enjoyed taking
long walks with her sisters
and friends, exercising daily,
and listening to music and
dancing. She also loved being
on, in, or by the ocean, and
enjoyed fishing with Chuck
and her grandchildren, her
annual vacation to Cabo San
Lucas and her many vacation
trips with her sister, Barbara
Jean from “OH!” to Florida.

Flo would love to be re-
membered by her favorite
saying, “No Bad Days,” as she
always felt that every day
was a good day, regardless of
what life dealt her.

There will be a Celebration
of Her Life from 4 to 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 8, 2013, at the
Mystic Yachting Center in
Willow Point at the Mystic
Shipyard, 100 Essex St., Myst-
ic. If you have one or two
special photographs of Flo
that would be appropriate for
a video remembrance, please
email them to kimwoool@yahoo.com by Nov. 5, 2013.

The memorial service will
be private for family mem-
bers only.

In lieu of flowers, the fam-
ily requests that donations
may be made in her memory
to Safe Futures (formerly The
Women’s Center of South-
eastern Connecticut), 16 Jay
St., New London, CT 06320,
Idella Klewin

Mystic — Idella Gould Klewin, 81, of 216 Lantern Hill Road, died Wednesday at the Mystic Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, where she had been a patient for the past year and a half.

She was born on April 25, 1920, in Proctor, Vt., the daughter of the late R. John and Marjorie Norris Gould.


Mrs. Klewin was a hairdresser and operated Village Coiffures in Stonington Village for many years, before moving to Punta Gorda, Fla.

She was active with the Punta Gorda Civic Association.

Mrs. Klewin enjoyed ballroom dancing and travel.

She is survived by three daughters, Marjorie Brown of Punta Gorda, Brenda Sylvestre of Mystic, and Cindy Raffo of Pawcatuck; four step-daughters, Florence Klewin and Joy Klewin, both of Mystic, Linda Klewin of Westerly, and Barbara Jean Dunbar of Utah; a stepson, Woodrow Klewin Jr. of Mystic; a brother, George A. Gould of Chantilly, Va.; a sister, Marie Whitford of Mystic; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and 14 step-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by three brothers, John, Alan and Walter Gould.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. Burial will be private.

Calling hours are 5-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Patient Recreation Fund at the Mystic Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 475 High St., Mystic CT 06355.
Mystic — Adelle M. (Legare) Klotz, 92, of Mystic, wife of the late Henry "Heimie" E. Klotz, died Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015, at Apple Rehab in Mystic.

Born in Killingly, she was the daughter of the late Alfred and Rose (Delaney) Legare and lived in Mystic for most of her life, recently residing at Academy Point.

She enjoyed spending time with her friends and family, traveling, going to the beach, boating, and gardening.

She is survived by her daughter, Michele Poole of Stonington; daughter-in-law Diane Klotz of Stonington; three grandchildren, Eric and Matthew Klotz and Timothy Poole; and two great-grandchildren, Ava and Connor.

She was predeceased by her son, Mark Klotz, and siblings Alfred Glade, Dolores Murray and Kenneth and Frank Legare; and many nieces and nephews.

Her family would like to thank Apple Rehab, Academy Point, the VNA of SECT, and Vitas Hospice for the care and comfort given to Adelle during her illness.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery on Route 27, Mystic. There are no calling hours.

The Mystic Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.
Henry Klotz

Mystic — Henry “Heinie” F. Klotz, 90, of Mystic, beloved husband of 66 years to Adelle (Legare) Klotz, passed away on Friday, Jan. 13, 2012, at Apple Rehab in Mystic.

Born in Germany, he was the son of the late Engelbert and Helene (van de Sand) Klotz. He came to the United States in 1923 and spent most of his life living in Mystic. He was a foreman with Pfizer for 35 years. Henry was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II.

In addition to his wife, he leaves his daughter, Michele Poole of Stonington; daughter-in-law, Diane Klotz of Stonington; three grandchildren, Eric and Matthew Klotz and Timothy Poole; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a son, Mark Klotz; two brothers, Frederick and Otto Klotz; and a sister, Helen Berg.

The Klotz family would like to thank the staff and Apple Rehab for the care and compassion given to Heinie during his time as a resident there.

His family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial will follow with full military honors at Elm Grove Cemetery, Route 27, Mystic.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital (www.stjude.org).

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

Westbury — Paul N. Klotz, 67, of No Bottom Ridge, Westbury, died peacefully at his home on Saturday, April 24, 2004, after a courageous struggle with pancreatic cancer.

Paul was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on June 15, 1936, the son of the late Sylvia and Joseph Klotz.

A graduate of Williams College and Yale Law School, Paul was a member of the New York and Rhode Island Bar. He married Nancy Slosberg in 1961 and, following service in the U.S. Air Force, he became a founding partner of Greens and Klotz, a law practice in New York City.

In the early 1970s Paul took over leadership of Butler Brothers Oil Company and Downes Patterson, a real estate investment business. Over the years Paul served on multiple corporate and nonprofit boards.

Paul was a broad thinker and avid reader who loved history and politics. He was an articulate conversationalist and astute businessman with a wonderful sense of wit and humor. He will be remembered for his generosity, commitment to the community and devotion to his family. Friends and colleagues came to him for advice and counsel, and he made a difference in the many lives he touched. Paul was a remarkable husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Paul is survived by his wife Nancy; four daughters, Julie Wolman, Meredith Klotz, Abbey Klotz and Hilary Steinman; two sons-in-law, Mark Wolman and Robert Steinman; six grandchildren, Sofia, Natasha, Gabriel, Zoe, Lian, and Lucy; a sister, Lenore Diamond; and his in-laws, Rose and Harold Slosberg.

The Funeral Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 26 at Congregation Beth El, 660 Ocean Ave., New London. Memorial observance will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday at his residence, 18 No Bottom Ridge in Westbury.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Paul and Nancy Klotz Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1637, Westbury, RI 02891.

Byles Memorial Home is handling the arrangements.

To send an online condolence to the family please visit www.byles.com.
Harry Knapp

STONINGTON — Harry Kearsarge Knapp of Stonington died Saturday, Sept. 4, at The Westerly Hospital after a long illness.

He was born in New York City, the son of Elizabeth Mann and Harry Kearsarge Knapp. He attended St. Paul's School, Trinity College, and served in the Navy during the Korean War.

Mr. Knapp was associated with the G.H. Walker Co. and CBT in Hartford and also with Fleet Bank Private Investments in Providence, R.I.

He served as investment adviser and board member of the Bafflin Foundation, a non-profit ecological group, and as a former board member of Westerly Hospital and the Stonington Community Center. Mr. Knapp was also a class agent and fund-raiser for Trinity College.

In addition to his wife, Mary-Louise Ehrensvard Weidemann Knapp, he is survived by his daughters, Susan C. Knapp Thomas of West Hartford and Alexandra K. Knapp of Washington, D.C.; and two sons, Christopher Hinds of Guilford and Nicholas Hinds of Burlington, Vt.

A memorial service will be held at Calvary Church, Stonington, on Saturday, Sept. 11, at 11 a.m. Dinoto Funeral Home, Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.

Gifts in Mr. Knapp's memory may be made to The Westerly Hospital, 7 Wells St., Westerly, RI 02891.

Harry Kearsarge Knapp, died Saturday at The Westerly Hospital following a long illness.

He was born in New York, the son of Elizabeth Mann Knapp and Harry Kearsarge Knapp.

He attended St. Paul's School and Trinity College in Hartford and served in the Navy during the Korean War.

Mr. Knapp was associated with G.H. Walker Co. and CBT in Hartford and also with Fleet Bank Private Investments in Providence, R.I.

He served as investment adviser and board member of the Bafflin Foundation, a non-profit ecological group, and as a former board member of Westerly Hospital and the Stonington Community Center. Mr. Knapp was also a class agent and fund-raiser for Trinity College.

In addition to his wife, Mary-Louise Ehrensvard Weidemann Knapp, he is survived by his daughters, Susan C. Knapp Thomas of West Hartford, Alexandra K. Knapp of Washington, D.C.; and two sons, Christopher Hinds of Guilford and Nicholas Hinds of Burlington, Vt.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Calvary Church, Stonington.

There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to The Westerly Hospital, 7 Wells St., Westerly, RI, 02891.

The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.
In Celebration of the Life of
Harry Kearsarge Knapp
September 11, 1999
11:00 a.m.

Calvary Church
Stonington, Connecticut

THE SAINT PAUL'S SCHOOL PRAYER
To be said by all

Grant, O Lord,
that in all the joys of life we may never forget to be kind.
Help us to be unselfish in friendship;
that we may be more happy than ourselves;
And eager to bear the burdens of others;
Through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.
You are invited to a reception in Harry's memory at his home, 20 Church Street, after the service.

Officiants: The Rev'd Mark K.J. Robinson
The Rev'd Mary-Lloyd Brainard
Organist: Simon D. Holt
Flute: Janet Dixon
Violin: Mary Ellen Briga
Cello: Kathleen Schiano
Ushers: Abbot M. Geer, Scott M. Stearns,
William B. White, Thomas F. Moore,
Sidney S. Whelan
Verger: Philip Read

"The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.

The Liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God."

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn."

Book of Common Prayer, p. 507
Marie-Louise Knapp

Stonington — Marie-Louise "Coco" Knapp of Stonington died peacefully in her home Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2019, after a prolonged illness. Coco was preceded by her first husband, Hubert Hinds; and her second husband of 34 years, Harry K. Knapp. She is survived by her children, Christopher Hinds and his wife Sandra Perches of Atlanta, Ga., Nicholas Hinds and his wife Juli of San Diego, Calif., Alexandra and her husband James Bishop, of Washington, D.C., and Susan Knapp Thomas and her husband Brad Thomas of Stuart, Fla. She leaves nine grandchildren, Samantha, Augusta, Olivia, Hunter, Abbey, Eleanor, Charlotte, William, James; and two great-grandchildren, Cash and Lennon; and her beloved rescue dog, Rosie.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019, at the Road Church on Pequot Trail in Stonington. Coco would have rejoiced at donations in her memory gifted to the Connecticut Humane Society in Quaker Hill.
Theodosia Knapp

Stonington — Theodosia "Thora" Burr Knapp, 82, died peacefully at home, surrounded by family on June 1, 2012, after a long battle with rheumatoid arthritis.

Thora was born in New York, N.Y., on Jan. 3, 1930, daughter of Elizabeth Burr Mann and Harry K. Knapp Jr. In her youth she spent time at family homes in Manhattan, Long Island, Quitman, Ga., and dearest of all to her heart, Watch Hill, R.I., where she fell in love with the sea and learned to sail. An avid animal lover, Thora trained dogs for field trials and was elated to see her beloved English cocker spaniel, Smudge, win at Westminster. As a teenager she handed out trophies at Belmont Park and cried for every horse race thereafter.

Thora resided in Bedford, N.Y., for 40 years. She left behind many dear friends when she moved to Stonington, in 1983, to live near family and maintain her strong connection to the sea. She became a Realtor at Pequot Properties in Mystic, joined Calvary Church in Stonington, singing in the choir alongside her brother Harry, and especially valued her membership to the Wadawanuck Club. She established many deep friendships along the way. Thora was a very social spirit; her charm, compassion and cheer endeared her to all. She was a devoted and affectionate grandmother who felt fortunate to spend the last 10 years of her life under the same roof as her two youngest grandchildren, taking part in their daily lives and cherishing their time together.

In addition to her daughter Amanda Knapp Barnes of Stonington, son-in-law, James Fowler and their children, Lily and Leo, Thora is survived by daughter Elizabeth McLanahan Engel of Katonah, N.Y.; grandchildren Jasper, Gavin and Ruby Engel; son Duer McLanahan III of Boston and granddaughter Zenia McLanahan. She is also survived by sister-in-law, Marie-Louise "Coco" Knapp of Stonington, and many treasured friends and relatives.

Thora was predeceased by her siblings, Harry K. Knapp of Stonington and Elizabeth Burr Bottini of Sedona, Ariz. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 29, 2012, at Calvary Church in Stonington with a joyful celebration of Thora's life to follow at the Wadawanuck Club.

In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern Connecticut or to the historic former Knapp estate Brookwood Hall of East Islip, N.Y., now serving as the East Islip Town Hall and Islip Art Museum, Friends of Brookwood Hall, PO Box 8, East Islip, Long Island 11730.
Behri Knauth

Behri Pratt Knauth, 82, of Stonington died peacefully at Fairview Manor on August 19, 2004. She was born in New York City, November 10, 1921, the daughter of Richard Pratt and Marjorie Marsh.

She graduated from Julia Richmond High School in 1939, where she excelled in the arts. She went on to study art at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and the Art Students League. After working as First Piece Inspector at Sperry Gyroscope in 1943, she began a career in magazine design with Seventeen, Junior Bazaar, Engineering News Record and Life Magazine. It was there that she met her husband Percy. In the coming years she kept busy doing freelance work while raising a family in NYC. In 1966 the family moved to Paris where Percy served as Foreign Editor for Time-Life. It was during this time that she learned French Cuisine and studied under Simone Beck. In 1970 they moved to Stonington where she continued to explore her passion for cooking, teaching and for a time, running the Club 145 in Stonington. In 1975 she joined the staff at Mystic Seaport Museum and returned to publication design, retiring in 1980.

Throughout her life she shared her passion of the arts and music with all around her.

She was predeceased by her husband, Percy in 1995, and her brother Timothy Ashe. She is survived by her sons Timothy Pratt Knauth of Stonington, Geoffrey Stanton Knauth of Williamsport, Penn. and her daughter Elisabeth Anne Knauth of Mystic; four step-sons, Peter Gries Knauth of Kilmarnik, Va., Phillip Whitman Knauth of Hong Kong, Allan Roediger Knauth of Munster, Germany and Steven Alexander Knauth of Ivoryton, Conn.; her brother Thane Ashe and sister Maedra Kellam. She had three grandchildren, Mary Wright of Mystic and Alexander and William Knauth of Williamsport, Penn.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Donations in her memory may be made to the VNA of Southeastern Connecticut, 403 North Frontage Road, Waterford, CT 06385-4349. Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic is in charge of arrangements.
Elisabeth Knauth

Mystic — Elisabeth Anne Knauth, born Oct. 22, 1961, in Manhattan.

Elisabeth Anne Knauth, known to friends and family as Lissie, daughter of Percival and Behri Knauth, grew up in New York City, Paris and Stonington. She attended the Stonington Borough School, Rumsey Hall and Stonington High School, graduating in 1979. She worked at Mystic Seaport and many area restaurants, making the truest friends who would remain with her for life. Lissie was active in field hockey, rowing and sailing, the latter reaching from New England to the Caribbean.

Following her marriage, as a single mother Lissie simultaneously raised her daughter, cared for her parents for two decades, worked full time in restaurants, and attended Connecticut College, where she was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the nation’s oldest academic honor society. She graduated in 1994 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Botany, cum laude with Distinction in the Major, after which she was immediately hired as a Cancer Research Biologist at Pfizer. She worked at Pfizer for her entire professional career. She has co-authored credit on at least six peer-reviewed scientific papers in journals of the American Association for Cancer Research and Bioorganic and Medicinal Chemistry Letters.

After an eight-month battle with cancer fought to the end with optimism, humor, complete knowledge and bravery, Lissie passed away at her home on March 1, 2009, surrounded by loving friends and family.

Lissie is survived by her daughter, Mary Elisabeth Knauth Visser; six brothers, Timothy Pratt Knauth of Mystic, Geoffrey Stanton Knauth of Williamsport, Pa., Peter Gries Knauth of Smithfield, Va., Philip Whitman Knauth of Hong Kong, China, Alan Rietmann Knauth of Münster, Germany, Stephen Alexander Knauth of Ivoryton, Conn.; as well as many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and lifelong friends.

Her love, compassion, courage, and spirit will live through all that knew Lissie and all whom have had the fortune of meeting her.

There will be a memorial service on Friday March 6, 2009, at the Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Lissie’s honor to the following foundations, The New London Cancer Center, 196 Parkway S. #303, Waterford, CT 06385; or Hospice of South Eastern CT., 227 Dunham St., Norwich, CT 06360, hospicesect.org
Percy Knauth, 80

War correspondent, author and editor

By JOHN FOLEY
Day Staff Writer

Stonington — Percy Knauth of 20 School St., a noted journalist, editor and author of a highly-acclaimed biographical account of a successful struggle against mental illness, died Sunday at Mystic Manor Convalescent Center, where he had been since April. He was 80.

Mr. Knauth spent 29 years with Time Inc. as a writer and editor. He came to Stonington borough in 1970 to pursue a freelance career. He was director of publications for Mystic Seaport Museum from 1975 to 1977.

Mr. Knauth, a native of Flushing, N.Y., was a translator for the U.S. Consulate in Berlin at the onset of World War II. He then became an assistant for a short time to the Berlin correspondent of the Chicago Daily Tribune before joining the Berlin bureau of The New York Times. He was also a substitute broadcaster for CBS during this period.

He became a writer for the News of the Week section of the Sunday edition of The New York Times in 1941. He joined Time-Life the following year.

Mr. Knauth returned to Germany in 1943 as a war correspondent for Time-Life. For the next few years, he covered many of the major stories of World War II in Europe, including the liberation in 1945 of Buchenwald, the notorious German concentration camp.

Mr. Knauth’s first book, “Germany in Defeat,” which described his experiences in Germany during the war, was published in 1948.

Mr. Knauth became feature editor in 1954 for Sports Illustrated. He once said, “I didn’t know a bloody thing about sports.” However, he had started his career as a sports writer in 1936 for the North Shore Daily Line in Flushing.

Mr. Knauth and his family later moved to Paris, where he headed the book division of Time-Life, and was a series editor for the Time-Life Nature Library and the Time-Life Art Library.

In 1975, five years after he moved to Stonington, he wrote “A Season in Hell,” describing his experiences with mental illness and his recovery. The book received excellent reviews and was acclaimed by the National Association for Mental Health for its “courageous story of victory over one of our oldest ills, depression.”

Mr. Knauth strongly believed that the stigma of mental illness could be erased with education about its symptoms and treatment. His own symptoms were related to depression, which he pointed out has physiological as well as psychological roots. Whatever the cause, he stressed that the symptoms can be brought under control by medication in conjunction with psychotherapy.

In 1976, Mr. Knauth was named the first recipient of the Clifford W. Beers Award in recognition of his efforts to eradicate the stigma surrounding mental illness and for promoting the cause of mental health. He also served as National Mental Health chairman.

In addition to “Germany in Defeat” and “A Season in Hell,” Mr. Knauth’s other books were “Wind on My Wings,” a chronicle of his experiences while learning to fly, and “The North Woods” and “The Metalsmiths,” both for Time-Life.

Mr. Knauth was born June 17, 1914, in Flushing, the son of Theodore Whitman Knauth and Gabrielle Roediger Knauth. He married Gisele Gries on July 17, 1941. That marriage ended in divorce. He married Behri Pratt on Dec. 6, 1953.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Knauth is survived by six sons, Peter Gries Knauth of Jacksonville, Fla., Philip Whitman Knauth of Hong Kong, Alan Rietmann Knauth of Munster, Germany, Steven Alexander Knauth of Ivoryton, Timothy Pratt Knauth of Westerly, and Geoffrey Stanton Knauth of Cambridge, Mass.; a daughter, Elisabeth Anne Knauth of Mystic; a brother, Otto Wilhelm Knauth of Des Moines, IA.; two sisters, Christina Arndt of Chevy Chase, Md., and Sybilla Pfeiffer of Wilton, and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted at a later date. Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is in charge of arrangements. There are no calling hours. Gifts in memory of Mr. Knauth can be made to the Stonington Visiting Nurse Association, 20 Anguilla Road, Pawcatuck 06379, or to the Stonington Ambulance Association, 3 Elm St., Stonington 06378.
Percy Knauth, 80
Journalist and non-fiction writer

STONINGTON — Percy Knauth, 80, of School Street died Sunday at the Mystic Manor Convalescent Center where he had been a patient since April.

Mr. Knauth was born in Flushing, N.Y., on June 17, 1914. In 1936, he became a sports writer for the North Shore Daily Line in Flushing.

At the onset of World War II, he served as translator for the U.S. Consulate General in Berlin. After a short time as an assistant reporter to the Berlin correspondent of the Chicago Daily Tribune, he joined the New York Times Berlin Bureau and substituted as a broadcaster for CBS.

In 1941, he returned to Germany as war correspondent for Time-Life. Among the stories he covered was the liberation of Buchenwald in 1945. In 1946, he published his first book, Germany in Defeat, a personal narrative of his experiences in Germany during the war.

In 1954, he became feature editor for Sports Illustrated magazine. In 1960, he published his second book, Wind on My Wings, a chronicling of his experiences as he learned to fly and obtained his pilot’s license.

He and his family later moved to Paris where he became head of the book division for Time-Life. During this time, he was a series editor for Time-Life Nature Library and the Time-Life Art Library. In 1970, he left Time-Life to pursue a free-lance career in Stonington Borough. He published The Northwoods in 1972 and The Metalsmiths, both for Time-Life.

From 1975-1977, he served as director of publications for the Mystic Seaport Museum. During that time, he wrote A Season in Hell, a highly acclaimed personal account of his bout with depression, which led to his election as chairman of the National Association of Mental Health in 1976. In 1979, with his wife Behri and photographer Esther Bubey, he published A Mysterious Presence.

He was married to Gisela Gries Knauth on July 17, 1941. The marriage ended in divorce. He married Behri Pratt Knauth on Dec. 6, 1953. She survives.

Besides his wife, Mr. Knauth is survived by six sons, Peter Gries Knauth of Jacksonville, Fla., Philip Whitman Knauth of Sai Kung, Hong Kong, Alan Riemann Knauth of Munster, Germany; Steven Alexander Knauth of Ivoryton, Timothy Pratt Knauth of Westerly and Geoffrey Station Knauth of Cambridge, Mass.; one daughter, Elisabeth Anne Knauth of Mystic; four grandchildren; one brother, Otto Wilhelm Knauth of Des Moines, Iowa; two sisters, Christina Aird of Chevy Chase, Md., and Sybilla Pfeiffer of Wilton.

A memorial service will be conducted at a later date. Memorial gifts may be made to the Stonington Visiting Nurse Assoc., 20 Anguilla Road, Pawcatuck 06379 or the Stonington Ambulance Assoc., 3 Elm St., Stonington 06378.

The Dinoto Funeral Home in Mystic was in charge of arrangements.
Arthur Kneerim Day

Stonington — Arthur Kneerim of Stonington died on Jan. 25, 2006, at the Mystic Manor Nursing Home due to the complications of old age. He was 100 years old.

Born in New York City on Dec. 10, 1905, he was the son of the late Arthur William and Elizabeth (White) Kneerim of Ridgefield Park, N.J.

Mr. Kneerim graduated from Dartmouth College in 1928 and enjoyed a brief fling in the theatre with the Christopher Morley acting company in Hoboken, N.J. He then entered advertising and became vice president at Merrill Anderson Inc.

He served in the Navy during World War II, learning Chinese, instructing young pilots in navigation and serving active duty in Okinawa, retiring with the rank of commander. In 1946 he joined Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. in New York, retiring in 1970 as advertising manager.

Mr. Kneerim retired to Stonington, where he was active in community affairs including the Stonington Village Improvement Association, the Stonington Historical Society, the Stonington Visiting Nurse Association, of which he was president, and the Stonington Players. He organized and was the first director of the Stonington Senior Citizen Center at the Stonington Community Center. He helped bring about such projects as the Stonington sewage plant and the addition to the Stonington Free Library. He was also the editor of his Dartmouth class newsletter for 25 years.

His first wife, Margaret Whittlesey Kneerim, died in 1947, leaving their daughter, Jill Kneerim, now director of the Kneerim & Williams literary agency in Boston.

In 1962, Mr. Kneerim married Lee Wilcox of New York City. Their son, Will Kneerim, is a logistics executive who lives in Guilford.

Arthur Kneerim was an avid chess player and ardent sailor. He also had great affection for his two hometowns: New York City and Stonington, which he discovered when sailing in the 1930s, but his first source of pleasure was his circle of family and friends — as he was theirs. His infectious spirit, humor, and generosity have left an enduring mark on everyone who knew him.

Mr. Kneerim is survived by his wife Lee; his daughter, Jill Kneerim and son-in-law, Bill Boll, of Brookline, Mass.; his son, Will Kneerim and daughter-in-law Danielle Schellens, of Guilford; his two grandchildren, Tiana and Niall Kneerim; and his sister, Mildred Gullette of Lincoln Park, N.J.

A sister, Dorothy Pond, predeceased him.

A memorial celebration will be planned at a later date.

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

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

Stonington — Lee Wilcox Kneerim, 87, of Stonington died on October 18, 2014, at Arden Courts Care Community, due to complications of Alzheimer's disease.

Born in Chicago, Ill., on Feb. 13, 1927, she was the daughter of Edward Byers Wilcox and Mary (Gore) Wilcox of Winnetka, Ill. Mrs. Kneerim graduated from Vassar College in 1947 and moved to New York City to pursue a career in the theater. She appeared in Broadway and off-Broadway productions, with national touring companies and in multiple radio broadcasts and television commercials between 1948 and 1952. She then moved to Chicago, where she produced national television series as the associate director of educational broadcasting at the University of Chicago. Returning to New York City in 1959, Mrs. Kneerim became the assistant editor at House Beautiful Magazine, for which she wrote articles about music, theater and education.

In 1962 Lee Wilcox married Arthur Kneerim. They moved to Stonington in 1970 with their son, Will, where Mrs. Kneerim became the director of continuing education at Connecticut College. Upon retiring in 1993, Mrs. Kneerim served as the interim director of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut.

Theater remained one of Lee Kneerim's great passions. In the mid-1960s she wrote, directed and starred in 'The Heights of Folly' productions, which lampooned life in Brooklyn Heights, her New York City home. She took leading roles in Stonington Players productions in the 1970s.

Lee Kneerim was a president of her Vassar class and wrote 25th and 50th reunion books. She was a trustee of, or held leadership positions with, a myriad of organizations including the North American Association of Summer Sessions, Stonington Free Library, Pequot Community Foundation, Stonington Democratic Committee, New London Summer Music and the Hammonasset School of Madison.

An avid patron of the arts in her two favorite cities, New York and London, Lee was often knee-deep in stacks of records and playbills. But nothing gave her greater pleasure than her role of wife, mother, grandmother and her deep, enduring friendships. Her celebratory spirit, wit, flair and warmth left an indelible impression on all who knew her.

Lee Kneerim is survived by her son, Will, and his wife, Danielle Scheltema, of Guilford; and her two grandchildren, Tiane Kneerim and Niall Kneerim; her stepdaughter, Jill Kneerim and her husband, Bill Bell, of Brookline, Mass.; and her sister, Ann Wilcox Jones of Winchester.

She was predeceased by her husband, Arthur Kneerim, and her brother, Robert B. Wilcox of Winnetka, Ill.

All are welcome to attend a celebration of her life at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015, at the Calvary Church, 27 Church St., in the Borough of Stonington.
John Bernard Knight Sr., of 28 Morgan St., Pawcatuck, Conn., passed away Nov. 19, 2010, of cancer. Bernie was pre-deceased by his wife of 60 years, the former Margaret E. "Marge" Schuler, and by two brothers and a sister. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Bernard Jr. and Christine, of Georgia; a granddaughter, Helen Margaret, of Washington, D.C.; his son and daughter-in-law, Cameron and Kathryn, of Michigan; two granddaughters, Jessica and Krista, of Michigan; a granddaughter, Kayla, of Michigan; a daughter, Janine, of Rhode Island; a son, Gordon, of Connecticut; a sister-in-law; two nephews; and a niece.

Bernie was born Dec. 28, 1921, in Pawcatuck. He was the son of the late Charles N. "Charlie" Knight and the late Jessie Cook Knight, and is said to have been a direct descendant of Elder John Crandall, one of Westerly's original settlers in the 17th Century.

After graduating from Stonington High School and attending technical school, Bernie was employed as a machinist at the C.B. Cottrell & Sons printing-press manufacturing plant in Pawcatuck. He entered the U.S. Army in 1943, serving as a small-arms weapons mechanic and driver in the Ordnance Corps. He was stationed at Camp Shanks, the Army's largest troop-embarkation facility, in Orangeburg, N.Y. At Camp Shanks he first met Marge, a WAC who was also stationed at Camp Shanks. They married after the war.

Bernie was honorably discharged in 1946 with the rank of Technician Fourth Grade (Specialist Sergeant). He returned to work at Cottrell, and later was a letter carrier with the Post Office.

A lifelong Pawcatuck resident, in earlier years he was a member of Pawcatuck Lodge No. 90, A.F. & A.M., and the Central Baptist Church, and enjoyed weekend boating on the Pawcatuck River and Little Narragansett Bay. In later life he was an avid recreational bicyclist and was a mainstay of Pawcatuck's American Legion Eastland-Greenwood Post 162, serving as Chaplain. Bernie's ashes are buried near his mother and forebears at the historic Seventh Day Baptist Ministers' Monument in First Hopkinton Cemetery.
"Joe" was an avid golfer and an active member at Pequot Golf Course in Stonington, where he spent most of his time after retirement. He loved being outdoors and spending time with family and friends. "Joe" was a devoted fan of all New England sports, especially the Red Sox (even this season). He was a walking encyclopedia and will always be remembered for his sense of humor and contagious laugh.

Besides his mother, he will be sadly missed by his five children: Heather and husband, Mat Tarbox, of Mystic; Shannon and husband, Rob Betjemann, of New London; Matt and wife, Jessi, of Portland, Ore.; Jeffrey and wife, Juana, of Miami Lakes, Fla.; and Jillian and husband, Simon Nesbo, of Bergen, Norway. He was affectionately called "Bompa" by his five grandchildren: Charlie, Leo, Cassius, Millie and Harmony. He also leaves his brother, Steve Knight, and wife, Janet, of Pawcatuck; and his sister, Catherine Plesz, and husband, Mike, of Martha's Vineyard, Mass. He will be missed by his nieces and nephews and many dear friends.

A celebration of "Joe's" life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015, at the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly. A reception will follow at 2:30 p.m. at Pequot Golf Course, 127 Wheeler Road, Stonington, CT 06378.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donating to the Westerly Animal Rescue League, 33 Larry Hirsch Lane, Westerly, RI 02891.

Joseph Knight Jr.

Westerly — Joseph C. Knight Jr., 68, died unexpectedly on Monday, Aug. 31, 2015, at his home.

He was born in Westerly, R.I., on June 14, 1947.

He was the son of Catherine (Greene) Knight of Pawcatuck and the late Joseph C. Knight Sr.

"Joe" graduated from Stonington High School in 1965 and recently had a great time at his 50th reunion. He went on to graduate from Bryant University with a bachelor's in business and later received his master's from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

"Joe" was employed at General Dynamics Electric Boat in Groton for 38 years before his retirement in 2013.

He was an Eagle Scout, a former member of the Volunteer Fire Department in Pawcatuck, and a longtime volunteer for the Pawcatuck Little League.
Joseph C. Knight 3-13-2004

Joseph C. Knight, 80, beloved husband for 58 years of Catherine (Greene) Knight of Winthrop Avenue, Pawcatuck, died March 12, 2004, in The Westerly Hospital.

Mr. Knight was born in Pawcatuck, son of the late Charles N. and Jessie (Cook) Knight. He had been worked as a machinist for Harris Graphics until retiring in 1989 after 47 years' employment.

He served in the 16th Cavalry Group in the European Theatre with the 3rd Army. He was a member of Lodge #627 International Association of Machinists, the Pawcatuck Fire Company, retired, of Post 1265 VFW, a life member of the D.A.V., and a member of the 16th Cavalry Association, and the National Constabulary.

A member of the Central Baptist Church in Westerly, he also enjoyed surfcasting and gardening.

In addition to his wife in Pawcatuck, he is survived by two sons, Joseph Knight Jr. of Westerly and Stephen D. Knight of Pawcatuck; a daughter, Catherine Plesz of Martha's Vineyard, Mass.; a brother, John Knight of Pawcatuck; eight grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours are omitted. Funeral services will be Monday at 2:30 p.m. in the Central Baptist Church, Elm Street, Westerly. Interment will be private and at the convenience of the family. Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, is in charge of arrangements.

Joseph Knight D'AY
Pawcatuck — Joseph C. Knight, 80, beloved husband for 58 years of Catherine (Greene) Knight of Winthrop Ave., Pawcatuck died March 12, 2004, in The Westerly Hospital, Westerly.

Mr. Knight was born in Pawcatuck, son of the late Charles N. and Jessie (Cook) Knight.

He had been employed as a machinist for Harris Graphics until retiring in 1989, after 47 years of employment. He served with the 16th Cavalry Group in the European Theatre and with the 3rd Army. He was a member of Lodge #627 International Assoc. of Machinists, a member of the Pawcatuck Fire Co., retired, a member of Post 1265 VFW, a life member of D.A.V., 16th Cavalry Assoc., a member of the National Constabulary, and a member of the Central Baptist Church in Westerly. He enjoyed surfcasting and gardening.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two sons, Joseph Knight Jr. of Westerly, R.I. and Stephen D. Knight of Pawcatuck; a daughter, Catherine Plesz of Martha's Vineyard, Mass.; a brother, John Knight of Pawcatuck; and eight grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday in Central Baptist Church, Elm St., Westerly, R.I. There are no calling hours. Interment will be private and at the convenience of the family. Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, is in charge of the arrangements.
Richard H. Knight

PAWCATUCK — Richard H. Knight, 60, passed away unexpectedly at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital on September 19, 2019. Richard was the beloved son of Cecilia Knight and the late Horace Knight.

In addition to his loving mother, Richard is survived by his sister Elizabeth Tremblay; nephews, Justin, Stephen and his wife Tisha, and Christos. He also had a dog Oscar and his cat Ace.

Richard had many extended relatives and friends that he cared for as well. He loved all his family and friends and was always greathearted. He will be greatly missed.

Services will be private and there will be no visiting hours. Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly is in charge of the arrangements. For online condolences please visit www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com.
Robert Knight

Mystic — Robert W., "Bob" Knight, 77, of Mystic, husband to the late Marie (Bertuccili) Knight, passed away Tuesday, June 19, 2018, at the West Haven VA.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he was the son to the late Mark and Cora (Marshall) Knight and lived in Mystic for over 50 years.

Bob was a U.S. Air Force veteran serving during the Vietnam War. He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and a member and 4th degree knight with the Knights of Columbus Mystic Council #1943. A strong advocate for our veterans, Bob also volunteered for many years with the VA transporting veterans in need to and from the hospital.

He is survived by his two daughters, Desiree Knight of Groton and Eva Beers and her husband, Bruce Rosemond, of Baltic; brother, James Knight of Long Island, N.Y.; three grandchildren, Jaaron, Shonaugh and Zachery Beers; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a brother, Mark Knight; and a sister, June Knight.

Calling hours will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 24, at the Mystic Funeral Home on Route 1 in Mystic. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, June 25, at St. Mary Mother of the Redeemer Church, 69 Groton Long Point Road, Groton. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery on Route 27 in Mystic.
Paula Elizabeth Knott
Mystic - Paula Elizabeth (Toomey) Knott, 62, died Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2017, at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Kenneth J. Knott.

Friends and family are invited to attend a memorial service at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 7, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 15 Pearl St., Mystic. Burial will be private for the family.

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

Funeral Home
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Nancy Knowles
Owned gourmet food store; founder of local soup kitchen

Stonington — Nancy duNoyer Jones Fountian Knowles, 82, died Monday at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

She was born Aug. 20, 1917, in Springfield, Ill., the daughter of Charles Theodore Jones and Janet A. Baker.

She lived in Stonington for 38 years, and at the time of her death was a resident of Essex Meadows in Essex. She married John Knowles in 1965. She was active in Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts before moving to Stonington.

Mrs. Knowles owned Sugar and Spice, a gourmet food store on Water Street. She was president of the Stonington Garden Club from 1970-72 and was a charter member of the Stonington Players. Mrs. Knowles started the soup kitchen for the Stonington Community Center.

She was vice chairwoman of the Stonington Antique Show and one of the original organizers of the Calvary Church Lenten Luncheons.

She was a member of the Calvary Church, Wadawanuck Club, Stonington Historical Society, the Connecticut Herb Society and the Stonington Garden Club.

She is survived by a daughter, Marcia Woolworth Porter of Stonington; a son, Robert Neakes Fountain II of Stonington; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

A memorial service will be conducted at 3 p.m. Thursday at Calvary Episcopal Church, 27 Church St. Memorial donations may be made to the Stonington Historical Society, P.O. Box 103, Stonington 06378.
STONINGTON — Nancy duNoyer Jones Fountain Knowles, 82, a 38-year resident of Stonington, who had lived more recently in Essex, died Monday evening, Dec. 27, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London after a brief illness.

She was born in Springfield, Ill., the daughter of Charles Theodore and Janet A. Baker Jones. She was raised on Long Island, N.Y., and graduated from Holton Arms School in Washington, D.C. She lived in Old Greenwich and Riverside, where she was active in the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, serving on the executive board of the Girl Scouts of Greenwich. From 1955 to 1960, she lived in Wilmette, Ill., where she served on the Board of Infant Welfare.

In 1960, she moved to Stonington, where she owned the gourmet food store, Sugar & Spice, on Water Street.

In 1965, she married the late John Knowles. Mrs. Knowles was a member of Calvary Episcopal Church, Stonington, where she was one of the original organizers of the church’s Lenten luncheons; a member of the Stonington Garden Club, where she served as president from 1970 to 1972; and a charter member of Stonington Players. She started the soup kitchen for the Stonington Community Center fair, was vice chairman of the Stonington Antique Show, and was a member of the Wadawanuck Club, the Stonington Historical Society, and the Connecticut Herb Society.

Mrs. Knowles is survived by a daughter, Marcia Woolworth Porter of Stonington; a son, Robert Noakes Fountain II of Stonington; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

A memorial service will be held today at Calvary Episcopal Church, 27 Church St., Stonington, at 3 p.m. Porter’s Funeral Service, Kensington, is in charge of arrangements.

Gifts in Mrs. Knowles’s memory may be made to the Stonington Historical Society, P.O. Box 103, Stonington, CT 06378.
Postlude: "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring"

The Blessing

The Prayers

Enrise Sing

Hymn 688 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Remembrance: Robert Fountain

The Gospel: John 1:4-16

Psalm 23, King James Version

O ld Testament Lesson: Wisdom 3:1-5, 9

Blessing

Hymn 8 "Morning Has Broken"

A Prayer for Nancy J. Knowles

The Opening Sentences: All Stand

 Prelude: Music selections by J.S. Bach & C. F. Handel

Hymns are in the blue hymnals. Page numbers refer to the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer. The family of Nancy J. Knowles invites you to join them for a celebration of the life of Nancy J. Knowles.
Anne Frothingham Knox, 83, was 1925 graduate of Smith College

STONINGTON — A 1925 graduate of Smith College, who summered in Stonington from 1906 to 1936 before making it her permanent home, died recently.

Anne Frothingham Mason Knox, 83, of 83 Main St., died at her home after an extended illness.

Mrs. Knox was born Dec. 23, 1903, in Brooklyn, NY, the daughter of Albert Lincoln and Fanny Williams Mason.

She was a 1920 graduate of the Emma Willard School in Troy, NY.

She married David Douglas Knox, a civil engineer, on Sept. 12, 1936, in Bass River, Mass. He survives her.

Mrs. Knox spent many years in Central and South America. From 1969 to 1973 she served as president of the Stonington Free Library.

Besides her husband, survivors include two sisters, Katherine Williams Ford of London, England, and Lucy Mason Nuesse of Knoxville, TN; and three grandchildren. Her son, the Rev. Lincoln Mason Knox, an Episcopal priest, died in 1981.

The Church & Allen-Dinoto Funeral Home handled the funeral arrangements.
The Rev. Lincoln Mason Knox, 43, of Winterchop Hill Road, North Stonington, died yesterday of lung cancer at The Western Hospital, where he had been admitted June 33.

Father Knox was born in Boston Feb. 7, 1929, a son of David and Anne Knox of Stonington.

He was a 1960 Cum Laude graduate of Harvard University, Fr. Knox received his master of divinity degree from Nashotah House in Nashotah, Wisconsin in 1963, and the following year was ordained an Episcopal priest.

He served as vicar of Grace Church in Yantic, Conn., for five years, and in 1971 received a doctorate in Canon Laws, the J.C.D., from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Fr. Knox taught canon law in seminars in Milwaukee and Chicago for eight years, and was chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee from 1974 to 1976.

He was the Episcopal Church's representative to the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission on Mixed Marriages from 1974 to 1976.

Surviving in addition to his parents are his wife, the poet Caroline Knox; a son, Samuel, and two daughters, Juliana and Sarah.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 9, at St. James Episcopal Church, Poquetanuck, Conn.

Anne Knox 2/9/87

A memorial service will be held at Calvary Episcopal Church, Stonington, Saturday, Feb. 20, at 12:30 p.m. for Anne F. (Mason) Knox, 83, of 83 Main St., Stonington.

Mrs. Knox, wife of David Douglas Knox, a civil engineer, died early Thursday at her home following an extended illness.

Mrs. Knox had been a summer resident of Stonington from 1906 until 1936 when she made it her permanent residence. She had also spent several years in Central and South America.

She was a 1920 graduate of the Emma Willard School in Troy, N.Y., and graduated in 1924 from Smith College in Northampton, Mass.


Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Dec. 29, 1920, she was a daughter of the late Albert Lincoln and Fanny (Williams) Mason.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two sisters, Katherine Williams Ford of London, England, and Lucy Mason Nusse of Knoxville, Tenn., and three grandchildren. She was also the mother of the Rev. Lincoln Mason Knox, an Episcopal priest, who died in 1981.

There are no visiting hours. Memorial gifts may be made to the American Cancer Society, 128 Broad St., New London. Arrangements are by Church & Allen-Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic.

Lincoln Knox 7/19/81

The Rev. Lincoln Mason Knox, 43, of Winterchop Hill Road, North Stonington, died yesterday of lung cancer at The Western Hospital, where he had been admitted June 23.

Father Knox was born in Boston Feb. 7, 1929, a son of David and Anne Knox of Stonington.

A 1960 Cum Laude graduate of Harvard University, Fr. Knox received his master of divinity degree from Nashotah House in Nashotah, Wisconsin in 1963, and the following year was ordained an Episcopal priest.

He served as vicar of Grace Church in Yantic, Conn., for five years, and in 1971 received a doctorate in Canon Laws, the J.C.D., from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Fr. Knox taught canon law in seminars in Milwaukee and Chicago for eight years, and was chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee from 1974 to 1976.

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Surviving in addition to his parents are his wife, the poet Caroline Knox; a son, Samuel, and two daughters, Juliana and Sarah.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 9, at St. James Episcopal Church, Poquetanuck, Conn.


She was born Dec. 29, 1906, in Brooklyn, N.Y., daughter of the late Albert Lincoln and Fanny (Williams) Mason.

Mrs. Knox was a 1920 graduate of the Emma Willard School in Troy, N.Y. She graduated in 1924 from Smith College, North Hampton, Mass.

She was a summer resident of Stonington from 1906 until 1936 when she made it her permanent residence.

Mrs. Knox was the wife of David Douglas Knox, a civil engineer. They were married on Sept. 12, 1936 in East River, Mass. She survives her.

She spent many years in Central and South America.

From 1969 to 1973 she served as president of the Stonington Free Library in Stonington.

Besides her husband, survivors include two sisters, Katherine Williams Ford of London, England and Lucy Mason Nusse of Knoxville, Tenn., and three grandchildren. She was also the mother of the Rev. Lincoln Mason Knox, an Episcopal priest, who died in 1981.

There are no visiting hours. Memorial gifts may be made to the American Cancer Society, 128 Broad St., New London. Arrangements are by Church & Allen-Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic.
David Knox of Stonington, Dies at 79

David Douglas Knox, 79, of Main Street in Stonington Borough, died Wednesday, May 31, 1989, at his home after an extended illness.

Born in New Canaan, Conn., Oct. 30, 1909, he was the son of the late Herbert Howard and Edna (Doughty) Knox.

Mr. Knox graduated from Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H., from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and from Harvard Business School.

He served four years in the U.S. Navy in World War II, working with the Navy Seabees as far afield as India and the Galapagos Islands, where he assisted in the design and construction of landing strips, roads and bridges.

He spent his professional career as a civil engineer and land surveyor, practicing for many years in Haiti, South America and Central America as well as in this country. His accomplishments included the engineering design and construction supervision of highways, including a highway in the Andes Mountains and the Garden State Parkway in New Jersey.

He later served as superintendent of roads for the Town of Stonington, and in recent years had served as a consulting engineer for the town. He also worked as superintendent of highways in Waterford, from 1966-72, and he went on to organize the city's entire public works department.

A long-time friend today described Mr. Knox as "a fellow of firm opinions." He epitomized the brusque Yankee quality of outspokenness, of never hesitating to say just what was on his mind.

"David was different," said another close friend, Borough resident Rose Raffo. In recent years, because of his deafness, he shouted his conversations, which along with his tall stature and shock of white hair drew attention to him wherever he went.

"You had to understand him," said Raffo. "He was a good person, a very open person. He would say what he thought."

Knox had a passionate interest in the history and daily life of the Borough, where he maintained a residence for half a century. The changes wrought by development often displeased him. For a period of time he picked up all the litter he came upon on his daily walk to the Point. Any construction in the Borough, such as the recent laying of sidewalks on Wadawanuck Square, came under his critical eye.

He maintained a fine stamp collection which he had started as a teenager while attending school in Switzerland. He also collected rocks from his travels.

He was active until illness forced him to slow down. Up to last year he continued to work as a surveyor. A strong supporter of the Borough Democrats, he allowed his lawn to be used as a campaign spot on last election day, May 1, when he sat out in a chair to stump on behalf of the candidates.

As recently as last week he visited the post office on the square, where he had taken on the duty of bringing down the American flag at the end of the day and folding it properly.

"I saw it floating up there with nobody to take care of it," he explained last December.

Mr. Knox's survivors include a brother, Samuel Doughty Knox of Stonington; three grandchildren, Juliana B. Knox, Samuel M. Knox, and Sarah F. Knox; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his son, the Rev. Lincoln Mason Knox, a priest of the Episcopal Church.

A memorial service will be held at Cavalry Episcopal Church in Stonington Tuesday at 2 p.m. Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, has charge of arrangements.

Contributions in Mr. Knox's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 120 Broad St., New London.
STONINGTON — David Douglas Knox, 79, of Main Street, Stonington Borough, a retired civil engineer and land surveyor, died Wednesday at his home after a long illness.

His work took him to Haiti, South America and Central America, as well as the United States. His accomplishments included the engineering design and construction supervision of highways, including a highway in the Andes Mountains and the Garden State Parkway in New Jersey.

At one time he served as superintendent of roads for the town of Stonington and in recent years had served as a consulting engineer for the town. He also had worked as superintendent of highways in Waterford from 1966 to 1972, where he organized the town's Public Works Department.

Mr. Knox had a passionate interest in the history and daily life of the borough. For a period of time he picked up all litter while on his daily walk, and any construction was checked thoroughly by him.

For most of this year, he had taken it upon himself to bring down the American flag each day at the post office on the square. A supporter of the Borough Democrats, he allowed his lawn to be used as a campaign spot for the last election day, while he sat in a chair on the lawn and stumped for the candidates.

In 1985 Mr. Knox donated a 16.7-acre parcel of land on Quiambau Cove to the Mashantucket Land Trust. Mr. Knox gave the land to the trust with the understanding that the land would remain undeveloped.

He maintained a stamp collection from the time he was a teenager and also had collected rocks from his travels.

Born Oct. 30, 1909, in New Canaan, he was the son of Herbert Howard and Edna Doughty Knox.

He was a graduate of Exeter Academy in New Hampshire, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Harvard Business School.

A Navy veteran of World War II, he served with the Seabees in India and the Galapagos Islands, assisting in the design and construction of landing strips, roads, and bridges.

Survivors include a brother, Samuel D. Knox of Stonington, and three grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a son, the Rev. Lincoln M. Knox.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Calvary Episcopal Church, Dinotó Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.

Donations may be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society, 120 Broad St., New London.
Architectural design was another of his passions. He listened to people's needs and took great pride in designing living spaces that solved those needs and held true to the New England vernacular. The shingle style was his favorite design. He was to remodel and build many houses in Southeastern Connecticut, including his own on Wamphassuc Point, Stonington.

He was a passionate sailor throughout his life. He won his first race at the age of 4, with his father, in the Long-Island-class skiff Demi Tasse. He was a great devotee of wooden boats.

His enthusiasm for Herreshoff designs led him to a series of boats manufactured by the Herreshoff Mfg. Co. of Bristol, R.I. His first was a S Boat, Anteres, a Fish class design, which he renovated and raced, came next. Last, and most important, was Dolphin, a Newport 29 design, built in 1914. After completing her renovations with the boat building team of McClave, Philbrick & Giblin, he enjoyed several seasons of racing and cruising. He loved particularly sailing in wooden boat regattas such as the Herreshoff Marine Museum Rendezvous in Bristol and the Eggemoggin Reach race in Brooklyn, Maine, and cruising to and from Maine. His favorite local wooden boat regatta was the Morgan Point race, organized by Paul Bates of Noank, which celebrates the wooden boats in this area.

He was a devoted husband and father. He leaves his wife, Patricia Kitchings, his son, Davis Kitchings Knox, and his sister, Susan Jacqueline Knox.

Burial will be private. A memorial service will be held at a later time to be announced.

Byles Memorial Home, 99 Huntington St., New London, is in charge of arrangements.

Contributions in Mr. Knox's memory may be made to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America at www.myasthenia.org/mgfa/helping.htm, as well as to the Shipbuilding Program of The Mystic Seaport.
Mrs. Knox was an eager participant of Stonington life from the time she met Mr. Knox in 1933. They weekended with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Howard Knox, of Darling Hill, and during the war, Mrs. Knox lived there with her two small children. She was an avid sailor, crewing the family's Lightning, Hot Canary, with Mr. Knox as skipper in many regattas, including the nationals at the Buffalo Canoe Club and the midwinter regatta in St. Petersburg. She also won the Wadawanuck Yacht Club's Commodore's Cup women's race in 1959 and represented the Wadawanuck in the Adams Cup finals.

Mrs. Knox was a passionate bridge player throughout her life, becoming a member of the American Contract Bridge League, playing with friends and in tournaments.

Mrs. Knox was an enthusiastic bird-watcher in New Jersey, Stonington and throughout the United States. She traveled to California, Arizona, the Caribbean and as far south as Honduras in search of birds. She particularly loved, however, an annual trip of birders to Block Island and was an avid supporter of the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center.

Mrs. Knox was a devoted aunt to her 12 nieces and nephews and their children. She is survived by her sister, Josephine Wunsch of Grosse Point, Mich.; her brother, John F. McLean Jr., of Hilton Head, S.C.; her daughter, Susan Jacqueline Knox of N.Y. and Stonington; her son, H. Howard Knox II and his wife, Patricia Kitchings, of Stonington; and her grandson, Davis Kitchings Knox of Stonington.

Contributions may be made in her memory to The United Way of Southeastern Connecticut and the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center.

Burial will be private. There will be a memorial service at The Calvary Church, Stonington, at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16, 2004.
Susan J. Knox
Stonington — Susan "Susie" Knox, 80, passed away peacefully in her sleep Sept. 23, 2019, in New York City. Susie was the daughter of Katherine McLean and Samuel D. Knox of Glen Ridge, N.J. and Stonington. Susie was born April 7, 1939. She graduated from Abbot Academy and Vassar College, and went on to attend New York University for graduate studies.

Susie became a devoted teacher in New York City. She taught at the Brearley School and The United Nations International School. Her love of books and theater inspired all her students and friends over the years. Shakespeare came to life in her theater productions with her students.

Susie was also an excellent cook teaching both her brother, Howard Knox, now deceased, and her nephew, Davis Knox, the secrets of good cooking.

Over the years, she split her time between NYC and Stonington. In Stonington, Susie was a lifetime member of the Wadawanuck Club and frequently devoted her time to the Stonington Free Library program committee.

There will be a Memorial Service for Susie at 4 p.m. at the Calvary Church, 27 Church St., Stonington, Oct. 5. A small reception will follow.

In lieu of flowers, any bequests in Susie’s name should be sent to the Stonington Free Library, PO Box 232, Stonington, CT, 06378.

Day 9-29-19
Shirley Koehler (1926 - 2017)
Mystic - Shirley (Faham) Koehler, formerly of New Canaan, daughter of Constance (Dooling) Faham and John Edward Faham of Westport and Norwalk, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2017.

She was born in Norwalk, raised in Stamford, and lived 46 years in New Canaan where she raised her family. She lived in Mystic for the last 15 years, first at Bishop's Cove and then as a resident of Stone Ridge LCS.

After graduating from Stamford High School she was a legal secretary to the law firm of Gordon and Kuriansky, and secretary to John Hanrahan, corporation counsel to the City of Stamford. After marriage to Arthur H. Koehler, she was a wonderful stay-at-home mom until her three children were school age. She resumed her career as secretary to the New Canaan Town Council, and also was a legal secretary for several New Canaan attorneys. After she retired she attended Norwalk Community College.

She was an avid tennis player and golfer and was a former member of Silvermine Golf Club in Norwalk and Stonington Golf Club in Stonington. In her retirement years she travelled extensively making numerous trips on the Queen Elizabeth II, completing an around the world trip, and making friends from England, Australia and the U.S. She was a member of St. Aloysius Church in New Canaan, and St. Patrick's Church in Mystic. She loved to travel to visit family and grandchildren or to have everyone gathered at her home in New Canaan or Bishop's Cove.

She was predeceased by her husband, Arthur H. Koehler; and brother, John "Jack" Faham of Stamford.

She is survived by her daughter, Marcia, and Bill Stedman, of Fairfax, Va; her son, Kevin, and Maureen Allen Koehler, of Pembroke, Mass.; and her son, Craig, and Jessica Hadlow Koehler, of Noank. She is also survived by seven treasured grandchildren, Keri Stedman Mathis and her husband, Matthew, of Midland, Texas, Sarah Stedman Vanderhye and her husband, Nicolas, of North Springfield, Va., Matthew Koehler of Boston, Mass., Brian Koehler of New York, N.Y., Jeffrey Koehler of Pembroke, Mass., and Ryan and Finn Koehler of Noank; and one great-grandson, James Stedman Mathis. She is also survived by her brother, Kenneth Faham of Springdale; and several nieces and nephews, especially her beloved nephew, Kenneth Faham Jr., to whom she was especially close.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2017, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, in Mystic, with a reception following in the church undercroft. A private burial will be later that day at Lakeview Cemetery in New Canaan.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Center for Hospice Care Southeastern Connecticut, 227 Dunham St., Norwich, CT 06360 or the St. Mark's Toddler Playgroup, 15 Pearl St., Mystic, CT 06355.

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Bettie Konrad

Mystic — Bettie Konrad, beloved wife and devoted mother, 85, of Jerry Brown Road, formerly of Plant Street in New London, peacefully went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, March 27, 2012. She was loved and admired by all who knew her and will be dearly missed.

She was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., on Aug. 14, 1926, the daughter of Thomas Francis O’Leary and Bessie Emma Baumberger. She married Joseph A. Konrad on Sept. 4, 1948, in St. Raphael Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. Mrs. Konrad graduated from St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing in Pittsburgh. She was a communicant of St. Joseph Church in New London, a member of the Confraternity of Christian Women and the Thames Yacht Club. She volunteered for the New London Food Coalition and Catholic Charities.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph A. Konrad; her three sons, Michael Joseph Konrad and his wife, Samne, of Portsmouth, R.I., Marc Vincent Konrad and his wife, Kathy, of Gales Ferry, Matthew Thomas Konrad of Killingworth; her three daughters, Marianne Bessette and her husband, Robert, of Pawcatuck, Meg Konrad of Clinton, Maureen A. Felker of Waterford; her two brothers, Jack O’Leary of Allison Park, Pa., Richard O’Leary of Nashua, N.H.; and her sister, Patricia Wells of Gibsonia, Pa. She is also survived by her eight grandchildren, Danielle Bessette of Boston, Nicole Bessette Gille of Alaska, Rebekka Konrad of Florida, Kaleen Konrad Childers of Boston, Cpl. William Felker USMC and Devon Felker of Waterford, Kevin Konrad and Allison Konrad of Gales Ferry; and her three great-grandchildren, Maya Konrad of Florida, Gretchen and Wesley Gille of Alaska.

She was predeceased by three brothers; and three sisters.

The family is deeply grateful for the special care and attention Bettie received from Avalon Health Center at Stoneridge, Home Health Care Service and local hospitals.

The funeral procession will assemble at 10:15 a.m. Saturday, at the Thomas L. Neilan & Sons Funeral Home, 12 Ocean Ave., New London, and proceed to a Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated in St. Joseph Church at 11 a.m. Interment will be in Pittsburgh, Pa., at a later date. Calling hours are from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Charities.

Please visit www.neilanfuneralhome.com to leave a condolence message for the family.
Jenna Lou Kopp

Stonington — Jenna Lou Kopp, 92, died on Sept. 5, 2010, in Westerly. Formerly a resident of Kenilworth, Ill., she lived in West Palm Beach, Fla., and Stonington.

The daughter of Mildred (Jenkins) and Harry Dugan Brown of Columbus, Ohio, she was a graduate of The Ohio State University.

She is survived by her daughter, Sally Wood (Clement) of New York City; her stepchildren, Jeff Kopp (Barbara) of Los Angeles and Debbie Poulin (Gary Hirsh) of Chicago; eight grandchildren, Clem and Emma Wood, Whitney Rallo, Claire and Lauren Poulin, and Bob, Andrew, and Megan Kopp; and two great-grandchildren.

She was the widow of John V. Sandberg, a senior executive at J. Walter Thompson, and Carl R. “Jack” Kopp, retired chairman and CEO of Leo Burnett.

Her daughter Susan Simon and her brother Harry Dugan Brown Jr., predeceased her.

Her family and many friends adored her for her unfailing kindness, her generosity, and her natural elegance.
Steve Kortesis

He was born Dec. 25, 1920, in Alivardi, Turkey the son of Konstantinos and Despina Triantafillou Kortesis. Following his birth, his family relocated to Lesbos, Greece, and then he came to the United States in 1947. He made his way to New London in the early fifties and took a job with a group of “steel painters” painting the Gold Star Bridge. When the job was finished he liked New London and decided to stay. He then worked as a painter and rigger at Pfizer, where he retired in 1983.

Steve was married to Helen Kiriatis Kortesis at St. Sophia Hellenic Church in New London on Jan. 27, 1952.

During World War II he served as an anti-aircraft gunner in the Hellenic Royal Navy.

He is a member of St. Sophia Hellenic Orthodox Church in New London where he had served as a former vice president of the Parish Council, and was an active volunteer at the annual Greek Festival. Steve was well known for his famous Greek cookies “koulourakia.” He is also a 40-year member of the Union Lodge of Masons, and a member of the New London Maritime Society.

In addition to his wife Helen, he is survived by three sons, Constantine E. of Warren, Mich., Nicholas E., of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and Philip E. Kortesis of Aurora, Colo.; and three grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at St. Sophia Hellenic Orthodox Church. Burial will follow in Cedar Grove Cemetery. A calling hour will be held at the church from 10 until the funeral service at 11.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Sophia Hellenic Church, 200 Hempstead St., New London, CT 06320.
Joan Koski


Born in Sterling, she was the daughter of the late Harry and Ellen (Geoffroy) Maynard. She was a graduate of Griswold High School and Willimantic State Teachers College.

Joan was a substitute teacher in the Stonington school system for several years and was also a certified massage therapist who practiced Reiki therapy as well. She loved the beach, traveling, her regular visits to the Mystic Aquarium, and her daily walks to Stonington Borough, meeting up with her friends for conversation. Joan was also a member of the Sierra Club of California.

Joan leaves her two brothers, Henry Maynard of Norwich and Willis Maynard and his wife, Betty, of Voluntown; her sister-in-law, Barbara Maynard of Niantic; many nieces and nephews; and several close friends.

She was preceded by a brother, Harry L. Maynard.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 27, 2010, at the United Church of Stonington, 67 Main St. There are no calling hours, and burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Connecticut Humane Society, 189 Colchester Road, Quaker Hill CT 06375.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to share an online message of remembrance to the family.

Date 9/24/10
Obituaries

Carolyn J. Koss


Born in Stonington, she was the daughter of the late Marion and Clara (Watson) Pont and had been a lifelong resident of Stonington.

She was employed with the former Kellems, a division of Harvey Hubbell Inc., for over 25 years.

Carolyn was a parishioner of St. Mary Church in Stonington.

When her late husband Robert was alive, they enjoyed traveling, taking trips on their Harley, and spending time with family and friends.

She leaves her daughter, Carol Marie Koss of Stonington; three sisters, Lorraine Laufenburg of New Jersey, Joan Shortman of Pawcatuck and Mary Shortman of Warwick; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews and her four beloved cats, Toby, Gidget, Boo-Bear, and Thumper.

She was predeceased by a daughter, Julie A. Koss.

The family will receive friends Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. Friends are invited to gather Friday, Nov. 7, at 9 a.m., at the funeral home followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial will follow at St. Mary Cemetery, Stonington.

The family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for the online guest book and directions.
Mayburn Koss

Mystic — Mayburn E. Koss, 89, of Mystic died Sunday, Jan. 22, 2012, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital.

She was born on June 10, 1922, in Green Bay, Wis., to the late John F. and Mollie (Kutzra) Koss. After graduating high school, Mayburn attended the University of Wisconsin, Madison completing her college education in just three years, majoring in journalism and home economics. Later, she enrolled in graduate journalism at Northwestern University and Columbia obtaining her degree.

Mayburn's widespread career, spanning well over 60 years, began in Wisconsin working for the Wisconsin Conservation department in Madison as a photographer, taking pictures and videos to promote Wisconsin as a vacation destination. She worked as an assistant food editor for the Chicago Tribune and later moved to New York becoming an editor for General Foods, where she wrote booklets and package inserts. She continued her career working as an account executive for Theodore R. Sills & Co. and as a brand publicity manager for Lever Brothers. She then worked as a public relations specialist for the United States Brewers Foundation and afterward joined the New York Times as equipment editor and associate food editor. Mayburn was also a public relations specialist for the J. Walter Thompson Co. and later worked in public relations and most recently as a vice president with the Cuisinart Corp. in Greenwich, where she concluded her extensive and glamorous career by means of retirement.

Mayburn enjoyed traveling, photography and entertaining, often having small dinner parties at her residence. Throughout her life and even in retirement, Mayburn enjoyed her hobby of sailing with friends, especially Thayer "Pete" Kingsley with whom she was special friends for over 60 years.

Mayburn is survived by one sister-in-law, Mrs. J. Don (Grace) Koss; two nephews, Joe (Connie) Koss and John (Jill Layne) Koss; four great-nephews, Jeff (Jennifer), Jason (Tracy), Joe (Liz), and Adam Koss; two great-nieces, Amanda (Tom) Cornette and Nicole Koss; five great-great-nephews, Maxwell, Zachary, Isaiah, Colton and Hayden Koss; and three great-great-nieces, Marybeth, Madelyn and Kamryn Koss. All of Mayburn's family resides in Wisconsin.

Mayburn was preceded in death by her special friend, Thayer "Pete" Kingsley; her parents; one brother, Joseph Donald "Don" Koss Sr.; and one nephew, James Paul Koss.

A memorial service will be held at noon Friday, Aug. 17, 2012, at the DiNoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic. Burial will be private.

Please, no flowers. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established or a donation to the Mystic Seaport or Johnson & Wales Culinary Institute can be made in her name to honor her memory. Mayburn's family would like to thank John Culley, a special neighbor, for his dedicated friendship to Mayburn and her friend, Pete, over the years, in particular the last few years as John cared for and assisted our aunt.

To share a message of condolence or remembrance with her family please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Obituaries

Robert L. Koss

Robert L. Koss, 70, of Stonington, passed away Monday, June 11, 2007, at The Westerly Hospital.

He was born on Aug. 1, 1936, at the family home in Uncasville, Conn., the son of Emanuel and Anna (Kenn) Koss.

After high school, he joined the Marines and served in Korea. After leaving the military, he went to work for General Dynamics Electric Boat in Groton as an outside machinist and worked there for over 40 years.

He married Carolyn Pont in St. Mary Church, Stonington on Nov. 26, 1960. They made their home in this area, raising their children here.

Bob enjoyed many activities and hobbies such as biking, fishing, scuba diving, pleasure boating, gardening, especially his tomatoes, riding motorcycles (only Harleys), enjoying his friendships, and at times, fishing with the fishermen in the Stonington Fleet, but most of all, Bob enjoyed dancing the polka with his wife so well it would always attract the attention of everyone there.

He was a member of the Polish Club in Uncasville, the Stonington Borough Fire Department where he served for a time as the assistant chief, as well as chief, he was also a member of the Quiambaug Fire Department, and the CT Fire Chiefs Association. He was a member of St. Mary Church, Stonington.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Carolyn, and their daughter, Carol Marie Koss of Stonington; one brother, Lauron Koss of Pawcatuck; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a daughter, Julie Anne Koss, Aug. 24, 1980; and by one brother and one sister.

The funeral will be held from Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, on Friday June 15, at 9:15 a.m. proceeding to a Funeral Mass at St. Mary Church, Stonington at 10 a.m. Burial with military honors will take place on Monday, June 18, at 10 a.m. in St. Mary Cemetery. Relatives and friends are invited to attend and may also call at the funeral home on Thursday, June 14, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Contributions in his memory may be considered for Home and Hospice Care of RI, 143 Main St., Wakefield, RI 02879, or to The Westerly Hospital, 25 Wells St., Westerly, RI, 02891. The Koss family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for obituary information, directions and an online memorial register to leave a note of condolence.
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Philomena A. Koulbanis

Philomena A. Koulbanis, beloved wife of the late James Koulbanis, passed away peacefully at the age of 85 on Thursday, July 10, 2008 at the Pendleton Health & Rehabilitation Center in Mystic, Conn.

She is survived by her brothers, DRS. Anthony and S. Paul Caputi; her sisters, Lina Farwell and Dr. Marie Caputi; her three sons, Richard, Jack and Paul Koulbanis; and her grandchildren, Casia, Chase, Carly and Cody.

Phil graduated from University of Rhode Island, and had her training as a dietician at Johns Hopkins University, where she learned about creating individual diet plans. She was a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army during World War II, stationed at Ft. Carson, Colo., Modesto, Calif. and at the Presidio in San Francisco, Calif.

Her professional career spanned almost 60 years. She taught at the Bradford School; managed food service at Butterfield Hall at URI; was on the faculty at the Lawrence Memorial Hospital School of Nursing; ran a successful private practice for more than 11 years; and for the last 20 years, before retiring at the age of 80, worked as a dietician at the Rhode Island Renal Institute in Westerly.

Phil was a wonderful mother and wife, a friend to all and mentor to many. She was an active member in the American Dietetic Association (ADA) for more than 63 years. She was a former Vice-Chairperson, and later Chairperson of the Consulting Nutritionists Dietetic Private Practice Group of the ADA. She was one of the few dietitians to operate a private practice in the 70s and 80s, at a time when most dietitians worked in institutional settings.

Phil loved to travel, and often visited her children and grandchildren in Maryland, New Jersey, California and Hawaii. She was also an avid Red Sox fan. She had season tickets for over 30 years, and went to as many Boston home games as her busy schedule would allow.

She will be greatly missed by all her family and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to either: the National Stroke Association, 9707 East Easter Lane, Centennial, CO 80112, or the American Heart Association, P.O. BOX 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692.

There will be a memorial service at the Buckler Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly, R.I., on Tuesday, July 29 at 1 p.m. For online condolences and shared memories, visit www.bucklerjohnston.com.
Pawcatuck — Jane S. (Smyrnioties) Koumanelis, 89, a lifelong resident of Pawcatuck, passed away Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020, following a brief illness. Born in Westerly, R.I., Jane was the daughter of the late George and Alexandria (Tsacos-na) Smyrnioties.

She was predeceased by her husband, Vasilios "Bill" Koumanelis; and four of her sisters, Antoinette, Mary, and Julia Smyrnioties and Eva Sculco.

Jane worked as a waitress at many local restaurants including the Wilcox Tavern in Charlestown, R.I., up until her retirement in 2005.

She is survived by a son Alexander, his wife Judith, and their sons, Nathan and Neil; a sister Nikki Brennan of Pawcatuck; and two nieces, Victoria Morin and her husband Will of Middletown, R.I., and Diane Brennan of Pawcatuck.

The Koumanelis family wishes to thank the staff at the Groton Regency Center for the kindness and care shown to Jane during her stay there. Funeral services and burial will be held privately at the River Bend Cemetery in Westerly. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center, 27 Chase St., Pawcatuck, 06379.
Obituaries

Vasilios 'Bill' Koumanelis

Vasilios "Bill" Koumanelis, 87, of Pawcatuck passed away on Saturday, July 5, 2008, at The Westerly Hospital after a brief illness. He was the husband of 46 years to Jane (Smyrniotes) Koumanelis of Pawcatuck.

Born in 1920 in Sotira, Albania, he was the son of the late Lazaros Koumanelis and Kalippe (Miety) Koumanelis.


Vasilios enjoyed walking in Wilcox Park and the surrounding area and loved working in his garden. He was a member of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Norwich, Conn.

Mr. Koumanelis was pre-deceased by three brothers, Michael Koumanelis, George Koumanelis and Thomas Koumanelis.

In addition to his wife, Jane, he is survived by his son, Alexander Koumanelis and his wife Judith and their sons, Nathan and Neil; two sisters, Polixeni Nikou of Greece and Parkaskvi Pappas of Tarpon Springs, Fla.; one brother, Christo Koumanelis of Greece; and many nieces and nephews.

Family will greet relatives and friends on Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly. Funeral services and burial in River Bend Cemetery will be at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 247 Washington St., Norwich, CT 06360.

For online condolences and shared memories: www.buckler-johnston.com.
Matthew Kowal

Stonington — Funeral Arrangements have been finalized for Matthew M. Kowal, 81, husband of Beverly G. Kowal of Stonington, who passed away on Monday, June 24, 2013.

A memorial service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at Calvary Church, 30 Church St., Stonington.
Joseph Kowalski
Pawcatuck — Joseph R. Kowalski, 76, of 125 Liberty St., died Tuesday at The Westerly Hospital.
He was born on June 24, 1922, in Willimantic, the son of Joseph and Mary Kowalski.
He was married to Pauline DeGange Kowalski, who predeceased him.
Mr. Kowalski was in the Navy during World War II.
He was a tool and dye maker for Kellem's in Stonington until his retirement in 1988.
Mr. Kowalski was a communicant of St. Michael's Church, a member of the Pawcatuck Lions Club and a former manager of the Pawcatuck Little League. He was a member of the Winnepaug Golf Club and was an avid trout fisherman and member of Trout Unlimited.
He is survived by a son, Joseph A. Kowalski of North Stonington; two daughters, JoAnn Lindgren of Sewickley, Pa., and Paula Small of Norwich; a brother, John Kowalski of Florida; a step-sister, Lois Horvath of North Windham; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.
He was predeceased by a brother, William Kowalski.
A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10 a.m. Friday in St. Michael's Church, Liberty Street. There is no procession from the funeral home. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery.
Calling hours are 6-8 p.m. Thursday from the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly.
Catherine F. Krawiec, 85
Graduate of Stonington High School

PAWCATUCK — Catherine Ferrie Krawiec, 85 of Sisk Drive, formerly of Stonington, died Sunday, March 9, at Mariner Health Care at Pendleton in Mystic. She was born in Stonington on Nov. 8, 1911, daughter of James and Annie Flanagan Ferrie. She was a graduate of Stonington High School and St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing. She married Joseph J. Krawiec on June 27, 1938. Mr. Krawiec died in 1970. She was a communicant of St. Mary Church in Stonington.

Mrs. Krawiec is survived by one daughter, Ann M. Lazarck of West Hartford; one son, Joseph J. Krawiec of Morrero, La.; two grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Mary Church, Stonington, on Saturday, March 22, at 11:00 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Private burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. The Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, is in charge of the arrangements.
Joseph J. Krawiec, Veteran
Fishing Boat Skipper, Dead

STONINGTON — Joseph J., fractured skull in a fall aboard his boat. He was a fishing captain and recently a special laboratory assistant in the University of Rhode Island's commercial fisheries program, died yesterday afternoon at The Western Hospital.

Mr. Krawiec was the husband of Catherine (Brie) Krawiec and made his home on Meadow Avenue.

A native of Hartford, he worked in Springfield as a printing plate maker in a publishing house until 1945, when on the advice of a doctor, he left that trade because of problems with his eyes.

He signed on as a deckhand aboard the fishing dragger William Chesebrough and two years later, in 1946, became skipper of the 60-foot vessel.

Following World War II, Mr. Krawiec acquired his own boat, a 48-foot he christened Joe-An, working first as a trip boat and in later years as a day boat.

In 1967, he injured his back in a winch accident and later that year he suffered a stroke.

DEATH NOTICES

KRAWIEC — In Westerly, R.I., January 20, 1979, Joseph J. Krawiec of 8 Meadow Avenue, Stonington, husband of Catherine (Brie) Krawiec. High mass of requiem will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church, Stonington, Thursday, January 22, at 8:30 a.m. Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery. There are no calling hours. Kindly omit flowers. Memorialis may be sent in his memory to St. Mary's Church Building Fund. The Shea-Williams Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
Sophie Kroslak

Stonington — Sophie M. Kroslak, 99, a resident of Stoneridge in Mystic, formerly of New Rochelle, N.Y., died peacefully on Friday, Feb. 22, 2019. She was born on Jan. 4, 1920, in Hanover, the daughter of the late Philip and Bessie Michalevich, and was the loving wife of the late Henry Kroslak. They were married in 1970 and enjoyed 25 years of marriage until his passing in December 1995.

She was a graduate of the Norwich Free Academy class of 1937 and was one of 13 students to graduate in the first nursing school class in 1940 at the Joseph Lawrence School of Nursing in New London; and earned her Bachelor of Science degree from New York University in June 1955.

In 1948, she accepted a head nurse position at New Rochelle Hospital, eventually becoming the associate director of nursing service in 1962, and retired in 1970 at the age of 50.

Her love of nursing and compassion for helping others led her to accept a position as the school nurse at St. Gabriel High School, where she worked for 22 years until retiring in 1998.

She is survived by her nephew Philip Troniar and wife Gall Adamuska of Griswold; stepchildren, Claire McCabe of Glastonbury, Jayne Dwyer (Mike) of Stormville, N.Y., and Russell Kroslak (Cindy) of Amenia, N.Y. She was predeceased by her sister, Mary M. Troniar.

A funeral service will take place at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 33 Convent Ave., Norwich. Burial will follow at St. Nicholas Cemetery. Donations in her memory may be made to St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 33 Convent Ave., Norwich, CT 06360. The Woyasz & Son Funeral home is assisting with arrangements.
Robert Krueger

Mystic — Robert J. Krueger, 52, of 17
Greenmanville Ave., Mystic, died
Thursday at Yale-New Haven Hospital
in New Haven, where he had been a pa-
tient since Oct. 25.

He was born in Racine, Wis., Oct. 26,
1923, son of the late Charles and Ida
Hofe Krueger.

Mr. Krueger served with the Coast
Guard from 1943 until 1969, retiring as
chief warrant officer.

He received a bachelor of science de-
gree from the University of Wisconsin

He married the former Frances Otei
in Stonington on Sept. 20, 1975. She sur-
vives.

Following his retirement from the
Coast Guard, Mr. Krueger had been em-
ployed by the former Cottrell Lumber
Co. in Mystic, and later by the Mystic
Lumber Co. More recently he had been
employed by Bill Dodge as a caretaker.

He was a member of the "Over the
Hill Builders."

Mr. Krueger was a communicant of
St. Mary’s Mother of the Redeemer
Church in Groton.

In addition to his wife, Frances, he is
survived by a son, Robert E. Krueger of
Rochester, N.Y.; and a sister, Virginia
Abramson of Racine, Wis.

The funeral will be held at 9:15 a.m.
Wednesday at the Mystic Funeral
Home, Route 1, Mystic, and proceed to a
10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St.
Mary Mother of the Redeemer Church
in Groton. Burial will be in Elm Grove
Cemetery, Mystic.

Relatives and friends may call from 3
to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.
John Krupczak
Stonington — John L. Krupczak, 67, of 30 Lathrop Ave., Pawcatuck, died Wednesday at home after a lengthy illness.
He was born Feb. 1, 1931, in Norwich, the son of the late John and Anna Wasek Krupczak.
He enlisted in the Air Force in 1948 and served in both the Korean and Vietnam wars. He retired from the Air Force in 1971 as a chief master sergeant.
Mr. Krupczak's expertise was in electronics. He taught electronics at Ella T. Grasso Regional Vocational Technical School in Groton for 10 years, retiring as head of the electronics department.
In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, Michael Krupczak of Merritt Island, Fla., Paul Krupczak of Norwich, and Daniel Krupczak of Willimantic; two brothers, William Krupczak of Miami and George Krupczak of California; a sister, Beverly Stover of Uncasville; three stepdaughters, Denise Arruda of Westerly, Brenda Hildreth of Pawcatuck, and Marie Feuerbacher of Perry, N.Y.; a grandson; a granddaughter; a great-grandson; 11 stepgrandchildren; and seven stepgreat-grandchildren.
In addition to his first wife, he was preceded by a daughter, Patricia Britt.
The funeral will assemble at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Mystic Funeral Home on Route 1 in Mystic, followed at 11:30 a.m. with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Norwich.
Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Norwich.
Calling hours will be 7-9 tonight at the funeral home.
OBITUARIES

Helen Krupinski

STONINGTON — Helen Krupinski, 73, wife of the late Walter Krupinski Sr., of Harbor View Terrace, Stonington, formerly of 456 Main St., Norwich, died Monday morning at the Westerly Hospital.

Born in New London Oct. 28, 1909, she was the daughter of the late Thomas and Frances (Anderson) Samul. She had been a Norwich resident most of her life. She had lived in Stonington the past five years.

She was employed as a nurse's aide at the William W. Backus Hospital for more than 15 years, retiring in 1978.

Survivors include one son, Walter Krupinski of Stonington; two daughters, Mrs. George (Margaret) Tourville of Pawcatuck and Mrs. John (Frances) Sullivan of Columbia; four brothers, Stanley Samul of Old Lyme, Francis Samul of New Orleans, Thomas Samul of Waterford and Joseph Samul of Santa Monica, Calif.; another brother, Edward Samul of New London, died on July 16, 1982; three sisters, Mrs. Agnes Dahlgran of Waterford, Mrs. Anna Keating of New London and Mrs. Dorothy Johnston of Madison; five grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Krupinski Sr., of Harbor View Terrace, Stonington, formerly of 456 Main St., Norwich. Funeral from the Norwich Avenue Funeral Home, 141 Central Ave., Thursday at 9:30 a.m., followed by Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph Church at 10 a.m. Interment in the family plot at St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home are Wednesday, 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the William W. Backus Hospital Building Fund, 326 Washington St., Norwich 06380.
Walter Krupinski

Stonington — Walter "Wally" S. Krupinski Jr., 81, beloved husband of 55 years to Peggy (Pizzo) Krupinski, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2015, as a result of a boating accident.

Born in Norwich, he was the son of the late Walter and Helen (Samul) Krupinski and lived in Stonington for most of his life.

Walter served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1959. For a short time, he worked at his family's business, Walter's Ice and Oil in Norwich, and was a driver for Sonoce Cement. Wally began his career as a lobsterman and later in life became an avid commercial rod and reel fisherman. He also worked at the Stonington Town Dock as dock master.

To his family and friends, Wally was known for his passion for fishing and, of course, his many fishing tales he was famous for. Wally will be sadly missed as he touched many lives.

He was a member of the Teamsters Local 495, a proud member of The Southern New England Fisherman's & Lobstermen's Association Inc. Co., The Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association, and the Elks Lodge No. 676 in Westerly.

Besides his wife, he leaves his two sisters, Frances Sullivan of Ellington and Margaret Tourville and her husband, George, of Sebastian, Fla.; nieces Theresa Weed of Broad Brook, Tammy Murphy and Sherry Gaudreau, both of Norwich; nephews Michael Tourville, of Charlestown, R.I., Mark Tourville of Bonita Springs, Fla., Matthew Tourville of Pawcatuck, Thomas Matus of Boise, Idaho, and Gary and Michael Pizzo, both of Norwich; many great-nieces and great-nephews, and a sister-in-law, Geraldine Pizzo of Norwich.

He was preceded by a brother-in-law, Walter Pizzo.

His family will receive friends from 10 to noon Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015, followed by a noon service at Mystic Funeral Home on Route 1 in Mystic.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Wally's name to Take-A-Kid-Fishing Day, Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Foundation, P.O. Box 1465, Coventry, RI 02816.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave an online message of condolence.
Catherine "Kay" L. Kulaga, 76, of Mystic, passed away peacefully May 30, 2009, at Mary Elizabeth Nursing Center.

Born in Stonington, she was the daughter of the late William and Susan (Gardner) Lord and was a lifelong resident of Mystic.

Kay retired in 1990 from the Chelsea Groton Savings Bank in North Stonington after many years of faithful service.

She enjoyed knitting, painting, gardening, and bird watching. Most of all, she loved cooking and spending time with her family.

She leaves her three children, Christopher Kulaga of Mystic, Melanie Fritz and her husband, Gary, of Pawcatuck, and Mark Kulaga and his wife, Dorothy, of Thompson, Conn.; a sister, Susan Syren and her husband, Jack, of Ashaway; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by two sisters, Beatrice Lopez and Laura Houghtaling.

A celebration of her life will be held Wednesday, June 3, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Elm Grove Cemetery, Route 27, Mystic. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Westerly Renal Assn., Attn: Patients Fund, 1 Rhody Drive, Westerly, RI 02891 (www.americanrenal.com).

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

Stonington — Robert John

Kunath, of Stonington, passed away Sunday after a very courageous battle with cancer. Joell, his lifelong friend and wife of 43 years, was at his bedside.

A graduate of the University of Illinois, Bob had a distinguished career of more than 50 years with Westinghouse Broadcasting, CBS, and Viacom, and enjoyed mentoring many young professionals who considered him a special friend.

Bob was a passionate sailor and member of Larchmont Yacht Club, New York Yacht Club, Wadawanuck Club and was one of the three original founders of Stonington Harbor Yacht Club.

He was a wise and loving father to Victoria and Abigail, father-in-law to Brian and Gregory, grandfather to Penelope Min, and brother to Karl Kunath.

He will be fondly remembered for his great humor, integrity, and courage. Bob will be greeted in heaven by his parents, Katherine and Karl and in-laws Ellyn and Joseph.

A memorial service will be held at a date and place to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice, P.O. Box 902, Uncasville CT 06382.

The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl Street, Historic downtown Mystic is assisting the family. For obituary information or to send an online condolence/remembrance to the family, please visit www.dinoto-funeral.com.
Obituaries

Alfred H. Kupidlowski

Alfred H. Kupidlowski, 86, of Stonington, beloved husband of the late Millie (Nardone) Kupidlowski passed away Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2007, at a local nursing home.

He was born in Stonington May 20, 1921, son of the late Antone and Rose (Bekeziuk) Kupidlowski.

He attended local schools and graduated from Stonington High School Class of 1939.

He worked for the former Atwood Machine Co. in Stonington and the Hamilton Propeller Co. He had also worked at the Maxson Automatic Machine Co. in Westerly from 1954 to 1977 and returned to Maxson Machine from 1980 to 1982.

Alfred was very active in town for many years. He was a member of the Stonington Borough and Town Democratic committees and was Warden of the Borough from 1960 to 1962. He served as a Borough Burgess from 1962 to 1964, Justice of the Peace in Stonington from 1961 to 1965, as a member of the Borough Charter Revision Committee, and was instrumental in rewriting the charter. Alfred was also involved with the Village Improvement Assc. the Stonington Historical Society, and was active in Boy Scouts, having served with the Senior Scouts and as a Scout leader.

He married the former Millie Nardone on June 26, 1954. Together they were involved with several variety shows put on in the borough and also appeared on W.E.R.I. Radio with the Teen Times Show.

He was a communicant of St. Mary Church, and a member of the choir.

He leaves his two sons, David Kupidlowski of Carpenteiria, Calif., and Robert Kupidlowski of Georgia; two sisters, Genie Tarris and Sophie Scriber, both of Winter Park, Fla.; and two grandchildren, Koren and Eric Kupidlowski.

He was predeceased by three brothers, John, Peter and Sigmund.

Funeral services will begin Monday, Nov. 5, at 9:15 a.m. from the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, followed by a Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Church, Stonington. Burial will follow at St. Mary Cemetery. The family will receive friends Sunday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for our online guest book and directions.
Millie Kupidlowski

Millie (Nardone) Kupidlowski, 80, of 45 Sisk Drive Pawcatuck, died Thursday, Jan. 10, 2002, at the Westerly Health Center after a brief illness.

Born in Westerly May 18, 1921, a daughter of the late Rocco and Adeline (Antonino) Nardone, she attended Westerly Schools. She married Alfred H. Kupidlowski in St. Mary Church in Stonington on Nov. 25, 1978. He survives.

Mrs. Kupidlowski had been employed at the Bostitch Company, and later at J.C. Penny Co. in Westerly, and had also been a bus driver for the Stonington school system.

She was a member of St. Mary Church in Stonington, and a long time member of the choir. She had been active with her husband in variety shows in Stonington Borough, and with Teen Times Radio show on W.E.R.I.

In addition to her husband she is survived by a son, David Kupidlowski of Carpenteria, Calif.; a stepson Robert Kupidlowski of Woonsocket; three sisters, Mary Manette, Gilda Ahern and Louise Fusaro, all of Westerly; a brother Ralph Nardone of Cheverly, Md.; two grandchildren, Karen Joy Kupidlowski and Eric David Kupidlowski; one great-grandchild, Ethan Kupidlowski.

She was predeceased by two sisters, Palma Patterson and Constance Bontempo; and a brother Girard Nardone.

The funeral will be held from the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, on Wednesday Jan. 16, at 9:15 a.m. with a funeral Mass at St. Mary Church, Stonington at 10. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home on Tuesday from 2 to 6 p.m.

Contributions may be made in her memory to St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington, CT 06378.
Evelyn Kurdziel

Stonington — Evelyn B. (Santerre) Kurdziel, 86, wife of the late Frederick Kurdziel, formerly of Liberty Street, Pawcatuck, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011.

Born in Tupper Lake, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late George and Mae Santerre. Evelyn worked as a machine operator for Green Plastics for many years until her retirement in 1996.

She is survived by one brother, Daniel Santerre; son Joseph Saporita and daughter-in-law, Karin Saporita, of New Orleans, La.; daughter Maryann (Saporita) Serra and son-in-law, Thomas Serra, of Middletown; and daughter Sonia Kurdziel of Pawcatuck. Granddaughter Tanya (Saporita) Theriot and husband, Chad Theriot, of Atlanta, Ga.; grandsons Jason Serra and wife, Jill Serra, of East Hampton and Christopher Serra and wife, Amy Serra, of South Glastonbury; and great-grandchildren Evan, John Paul, Catherine and Madeline Theriot all of Atlanta, Ga.

A visiting hour will be held from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Monday at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Immediately following the visiting hour at 10 a.m., there will be a funeral liturgy at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. Burial will follow in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.

For online condolences, please go to www.gaffney-dolanfuneralhome.com.