Mary Oakes

Pawcatuck — Mary Whitting Lockwood Oakes, 82, of Pawcatuck died peacefully at Groton Regency Center on Thursday, Oct. 30, 2008.

A devoted mother and pioneering sailor, Mary competed from youth into later life in large and small boat series alike. Her passion took her from he waters off Long Island to the Connecticut River and Watch Hill, R.I.

Born in Boston, Mass. on Aug. 25, 1926, she was the daughter of the late William Bruce Lockwood and Mary Hudnut Lockwood.

Mary leaves behind three brothers, William Bruce Lockwood of Groton, John Hudnut Lockwood of Mattituck, N.Y., and Edward Whitting Lockwood of Traverse City, Mich. She is also survived by four children, Amanda Oakes of Mystic, Christopher Oakes of Paris, France, Anthony Oakes of Austin, Texas, and Bruce Oakes of Ledyard. Mary was married to Rodman Alexander Oakes of Old Lyme, who died in January. She also leaves behind six beautiful grandchildren.

She learned her sailing passion from her father, owner and skipper of “Dolphin,” a racing legend in her class, accumulating more than 200 racing prizes under the helmship of W.B. and Mary’s brother, John.

Mary went on to her own renown, skippering her own Nathaniel Herreshoff-designed cousin of “Dolphin,” “Kittiwake,” now housed at the Mystic Seaport. Her racing world highlights also included a crewing/galley position in the dangerous Fastnet offshore yacht race.

Mary attended high school in Poland, Ohio, where she and her family lived in her youth. They spent summers in New Suffolk, N.Y. Later she enrolled at Northampton School for Girls in Massachusetts and Green Mountain Junior College in Vermont.

Among her places of employment was the renowned New York-based Sparkman and Stephens yacht design firm, where she worked during her courtship with Rodman. Moving her family to Essex, Conn., in the 1970s, Mary was a fixture in the Fall and Spring Frostdbite series at the Essex Yacht Club for many years in the 1970s. Mary was also an avid antique collector. During the 1980s and 1990s she owned Hudnut Antiques in Stonington Borough.

A memorial reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 9, 2008, at the Stonington Harbor Yacht Club.

For information, please contact oakes9@gmail.com.
Constance "Connie" E. O'Brien, 76, of Prospect Street, Pawcatuck, died June 9, 2008, at her home. She was the wife of the late Raymond J. O'Brien Sr.

Born in New York City, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late William and Daisy (McCormick) Batey. She attended Hunter College where she studied chemistry.

Mrs. O'Brien was a communicant of St. Michael the Archangel Church. She enjoyed reading and playing Scrabble, and she loved to travel to Hawaii.

Survivors include her two sons, Raymond J. O'Brien Jr. of Pawcatuck, and Sean P. O'Brien of J. of Westerly; two daughters, Sharon Rathbone of Ledyard and Kathleen O'Brien of Pawcatuck; and two grandchildren, Amanda O'Brien and Sean P. O'Brien Jr.

She was predeceased by a sister, Daisy Bertold.

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

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

Gertrude (Fitzgerald) O'Brien of 70 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, died Sunday in Fairfax, Va.

Mrs. O'Brien was the wife of George O'Brien.

The funeral will be held from Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., at a time to be announced.

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Helen O'Brien

Mystic — Helen Josephine (Fee) O'Brien, 90, passed away Friday, March 26, 2010, at Apple Rehab (Mary Elizabeth) Nursing Center.

She was born in Bronx, N.Y., on Oct. 14, 1919, the daughter of James and Delia (Bridget) Fee.

She married Daniel O'Brien of Sligo, Ireland, on March 12, 1939. They retired to the area in 1990 before his passing in 1992.

Known for pride in her Irish heritage, she grew up first generation Irish in the Bronx before moving to Greenville, N.Y. A woman of strong faith, she was a communicant of St. Mary Mother of the Redeemer Church.

She was a volunteer at the Irish American Club, Alonon, and was a mentor and great friend to many.

Mrs. O'Brien is survived by her children, Maureen (Ron) Adams of Mystic, Rita Sheehan of Stony Point, N.Y., James (Dorothy) O'Brien of The Thousand Islands, N.Y., Timmy O'Brien of Bronx, N.Y., Kathy O'Brien (Frank) Flavin of Listowel, Kerry, Ireland, and Kenny (Val) O'Brien of Groton; 21 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and great nieces and a great-nephew.

She was predeceased by her siblings, James, Margaret, Dolly, Mary, and Andrew; a grandson, James O'Brien; and a great-grandson, Andre Adams.

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 funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at St. Mary Mother of the Redeemer Church, Groton. Burial will be at Elm Grove Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice (www.hospicesect.org) or Mary Elizabeth Recreation Department (Apple Rehab), 28 Broadway, Mystic CT 06355.

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

Her family would like to thank Mary Elizabeth volunteers and staff, St. Patrick Church volunteers, Mystic River Homes, and St. Mary's Church.
Hugh O'Brien

Mystic — Hugh O'Brien, 56, died Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019, surrounded by friends and family at his home in Mystic. His final days were a vivid reminder of the love and kindness he shared throughout his life, which ended after a three-year battle with cancer.

Hugh was born in New London April 8, 1963, the youngest child of Marilyn Elsie Meek O'Brien and Donald O'Brien, both of whom predeceased him. Hugh grew up in Waterford, where he attended Cohanzie School and Clark Lane Junior High School. He went to Saint Bernard School before transferring to Kimball Union Academy in New Hampshire, graduating in 1981. He received his bachelor's degree in 1994, from the University of Connecticut and went on to earn an MBA in 2004, from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Hugh worked his way up in the family business: Eastern Connecticut Cable Television. When Harron Communications acquired the company in 2006, Hugh stayed on as general manager. He retired from that position in 2016.

An avid sailor, skier and bass player, Hugh grew up sailing at the Thames Yacht Club, where he met his future wife of 31 years, Debbie Weeks. He raced their sailboats "Wharf Rat" and "Ripple" locally and up and down the East Coast. Later, the family spent time together cruising on thier boat "Scarlet Begonias." Hugh belonged to several yacht clubs, including Thames, Ram Island, Mystic River Mudheads and Stonington Harbor, where he served on the board and holding the position of treasurer. He enjoyed helicopter skiing in British Columbia and glacier skiing in Zermatt, Switzerland, and patiently skied with his family and friends from their condo on Okemo Mountain in Vermont. Hugh's hidden love and talent was playing the bass guitar, with some of his best friends, in a band called Huckleberry Pie. He always looked forward to their Tuesday night jam sessions.

Hugh is survived by his wife Deborah Ann Weeks O'Brien and daughter Megan Avery O'Brien of Mystic; sister Wendy O'Brien of Palos Verdes, Calif.; half-brother John F. O'Brien III of Orcas Island, Wash.; niece Madison Pracht of New York City; and in-laws Donna and James Weeks of Mystic.

Hugh is remembered as a kind, loyal, brilliant man and one who understood things well and could explain them in layman's terms. He was happy to "go the extra mile" to complete a task or help a friend, and lived his life to the fullest. We shall miss him fondly remember his humor and humility, and wish him well on his journey.

A celebration of Hugh's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests gifts be directed to Beacon Hospice (11 Founders Plaza, #1003, East Hartford, CT 06108) or NESS to fund a scholarship to promote youth water-based activities (P.O. Box 733, Stonington, CT 06378).
O’Brien — John P. "Jack" O’Brien passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018 of natural causes. John was born on Oct. 14, 1944, in Torrington, to Dorothy (Miller) and Philip J. O’Brien. He attended the Loomis Chaffee High School and graduated with a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the College of the Holy Cross. He was first in his class at the University of Connecticut School of Business with an MBA in finance, winning the Wall Street Journal Award. On June 29, 1968, he married Martha "Marty" McDonough of Bloomfield, with whom he had two sons, Tim and Brendan.

John began his career at The Ensign-Bickford Company in Simsbury, where he rose to vice president of research and engineering at a very young age. He always loved a challenge and took great pride in the many product lines he developed. During his time there, John built a PETN plant in Graham, Ky., was the primary technical person for licensing of shock tube technology from Sweden, and assisted the company to a position of industry leader for initiation systems. With unwavering support from Sean from Ledyard; and his brother, Joe (Eileen) and his children, Robert and Melissa from West Hartford.

A wake will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018, at the Mystic Funeral Home, located on Route 1 in Mystic. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018, at St. Mary's Church, 95 Main St., in Stonington Borough, followed by his burial in Elm Grove Cemetery in Mystic on Route 27.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in John's honor to the St. Michael Capital Campaign, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379. www.stmichaelpawcatuck.com.

Marty, John left Ensign-Bickford in 1988 to branch out on his own. John created multiple companies, each targeting a different sector of initiation systems. He formed Shock Tube Systems with Steve Bartholomew, which was very successful making shock tube based products for the military. He also formed Detotec North America, and managed to penetrate the extremely demanding oil and gas industry. John had a strong belief that he could achieve anything he set his mind to, and he has left a lasting legacy that bears this out.

As the years passed, John became very focused on local politics, serving for many years on the Board of Finance for Stonington, and as the treasurer for the Stonington Democratic Town Committee. He was appointed by the governor of Connecticut as harbormaster for the Pawcatuck River, where he and Marty lived. He was an avid rugby player helping to form the Hartford Wanderers, a tennis player, and a skier. Once he became a grandfather, he was a big fan of his five grandchildren's teams. He loved sailing and boating his entire life, and was very proud of his powerboat, the Obie. John loved spending time on Block Island, R.I., and would always enjoy his favorite mudslide at the Oar.

John had friends all over the world, and he never met a stranger.

He is survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Marty; his son, Tim (Abby) and children, Teagan, Cade and Keira from Pawcatuck; his son, Brendan (Jennifer) and children, Owen
Raymond O’Brien

Communicant of St. Mary’s Church

PAWCATUCK — Raymond John O’Brien, 68, of Greenhaven Road, died Thursday morning, Jan. 29, 1998, at his home after an extended illness.

He was born March 2, 1929, in Brooklyn, N.Y., the son of Joseph F. and Anne Hall O’Brien. Raised in Brooklyn, he attended local schools, Mitchell College, and Johnson & Wales College.

He married Constance Batey in St. Paul’s Roman Catholic Church in Manhattan on Sept. 26, 1953.

He served as chief petty officer in the U.S. Navy, and was a crew member of the U.S.S. Triton submarine which circumnavigated the globe submerged.

Mr. O’Brien worked as a material control supervisor at Electric Boat for more than 21 years before retiring in 1988. He was a communicant of St. Mary’s Church in Stonington and the Hugo Simonelli Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars in Mystic.

Besides his wife, Mr. O’Brien is survived by two sons, Sean P. O’Brien of Bradford, R.I., and Raymond J. O’Brien Jr. of Pawcatuck; two daughters, Sharon A. Rathbun of Ledyard and Kathleen O’Brien of Pawcatuck; a sister, Madlyn Farina of Garden City, N.Y.; and a granddaughter, Amanda O’Brien of Bradford, R.I. He was preceded by two brothers, the Rev. John O’Brien and William O’Brien; and four sisters, Anne, Estella, Agnes, and Irene.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated Monday, Feb. 2, at St. Mary’s Church. Burial, with full military honors, was in Connecticut State Veterans Cemetery, Middletown. Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, was in charge of arrangements.
Juan O’Callahan

Stonington — Juan Clinton O’Callahan, 83, resident of Stonington, died peacefully Thursday, March 2, 2017, surrounded by his family. Juan was born in Majorca, Spain, on July 17, 1933, to the late Monica Bliss and Clinton O’Callahan. He grew up in Paris and South Africa and received a bachelor’s degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Pittsburgh. He was a fighter pilot for the U.S. Marine Corps from 1956 to 1960, an engineer and sales director for Boeing, and founded his own aviation consulting company with offices in Ireland and Connecticut, with over 100 private and government clients in 50 countries worldwide. His company was acquired by Guinness Peat Aviation in 1982, the world’s largest commercial aircraft lessor at that time. He also served on the boards of directors of several global corporations and local non-profit organizations.

Juan was a loyal friend to many, took on a generous and innovative role in the community and was deeply devoted to his faith. He loved Stonington borough and was an active member of St. Mary Church, La Grua Center, and borough festivals, business and governance. He attended Lyme Academy of Fine Arts upon retirement, painted en plein-air, taught wellness classes for seniors, wrote a screenplay about his great-uncle’s World War I heroism, and tended his roses at his beloved Salt Acres home.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Louise “Bunny” (Cline) O’Callahan; their six children, Cliff, Monica, John, Patrick, Muireann and Maria; and their families, including 13 grandchildren.

Juan’s ambitious, creative and generous spirit touched and inspired many circles of family, friends, community and organizations.

In lieu of flowers, please make a charitable donation to St. Michael’s restoration project for their new timber-frame church in Pawcatuck, www.stmichaelpawcatuck.com; or to La Grua cultural center in Stonington borough, where Juan founded the youth art workshops, https://lagruacent.org/donate.

A funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 6, at St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial will follow at Mount St. Benedict Cemetery in Bloomfield with military honors where he will be laid to rest next to his parents.

To pay respects, the family will hold an open house at their home from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at 40 Salt Acres Road in the borough.

He was born in New Haven the son of Agnes (Hines) O'Connell of New Haven, and the late Jeremiah F. O'Connell. He was 72 years of age.

He was the husband of Jean (Beattie) O'Connell of Stonington; father of Michael J. O'Connell of Vacaville, Calif.; Kathleen O. Heisey of Alexandria, Va., Mary J. O'Connell Clyde of North Carolina, Leigh O. Montgomery of Denver, Colo., and Maureen O'Connell-Lucas of Falls Church, Va.; brother of Kevin P. O'Connell, O.P. of Providence, Maureen O. Tierney and Karen O. McHugh, both of Guilford, Conn., Agnes O. Venice of Bayside, N.Y., and Eleanor O. Sullivan of Killingworth, Conn.; also survived by five grandchildren.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Robert T. O'Connell and Lt. James K. O'Connell, NHPD.

Funeral services have been entrusted to The Monahan, Cox, Smith & Crimmins Funeral Home, 11 Wooster Place, New Haven, and will be Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. with a Mass of Christian Burial in the Church of Saint Bernadette, New Haven, at 11. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment in Saint Lawrence Cemetery, West Haven, Conn.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Edmundite Center, Enders Island, Mystic, CT 06355.
Helen K. (Kelly) O'Connell, 91, a resident of the Clipper Home, formerly of Moss Street, Pawcatuck, died Feb. 17, 2010, in The Westerly Hospital, surrounded by her loving family.

Born April 22, 1918, in Hartford, she was the daughter of the late Patrick and Abbie (O'Connell) Kelly. Helen was united in marriage on October 2, 1948, in St. Patrick's Church in Hartford to the late Joseph F. O'Connell. Joseph passed away June 12, 2000.

Helen was a communicant of St. Michael the Archangel Church, where she was also a charter member of the Daughters of Isabella. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother.

She will be sadly missed by those she called her "precious family," her son, John O'Connell and his wife Donna of Pawcatuck; her daughters, Patricia O'Connell Buckley and her husband Connie of Vernon, Conn., and Ellen Sturtevant and her husband, Paul, of Cranston; and eight grandchildren, Tara, James, Jenn, Kevin, Shanna, Tanya, Vica, and Kristina.

She was predeceased by her brother, John Kelly.

Calling hours will be held today from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Liturgy to be celebrated Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael the Archangel Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. There is no procession from the funeral home to the church. Burial will follow Mass at St. Michael Cemetery.

For online condolences, please go to www.gaffney-dolanfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Helen's memory to The Recreation Fund at the Clipper Home, checks payable to Carol Kenahan, administrator, 161 Post Road, Westerly, RI 02891.
Joseph O'Connell
Stonington

Joseph F. O'Connell, 86, of 63 Moss St., Pawcatuck, died Monday at the Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London.

He was born on June 8, 1914, in Pawcatuck, the son of Patrick and Ellen Lord O'Connell.

He was the husband of Helen Kelly O'Connell.

Mr. O'Connell was a graduate of Stonington High School.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. O'Connell was employed as a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service.

He was a communicant of St. Michael Church in Pawcatuck.

He was a member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, the American Legion of Westerly, the National Letter Carrier Association, and the Knights of Columbus, No. 21.

He was also an avid gardener.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, John P. O'Connell of Pawcatuck; two daughters, Patricia Buckley of Vernon and Ellen M. Sturtevant of Cranston, R.I.; and eight grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a sister, Mary O'Connell Dean.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Michael Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck.

Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery in Pawcatuck.

Calling hours will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Michael's School, Pawcatuck, CT.

Joseph F. O'Connell

Joseph F. O'Connell, 86, of 63 Moss St., Pawcatuck, beloved husband of Helen (Kelly) O'Connell, died Monday, June 12, 2000, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital, New London.

Born in Pawcatuck, June 8, 1914, a son of the late Patrick and Ellen (Lord) O'Connell, he was a graduate of St. Michael School, Pawcatuck, and Stonington High School.

Mr. O'Connell had been employed as a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service before retiring.

He was a communicant of St. Michael Church, a member of the Council No. 21, Knights of Columbus, and a member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. He was also a member of the National Letter Carriers Association.

An Army veteran of World War II, where he served in Europe, he was a member of the American Legion of Westerly.

Mr. O'Connell was also an avid gardener and was very handy around the house.

In addition to his wife, he leaves a son and daughter-in-law, John P. and Donna L. O'Connell of Pawcatuck; two daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Cornelius Buckley of Vernon, Conn., and Ellen M. and Paul Sturtevant of Cranston; eight grandchildren; and one niece, Mary Ellen Stroud of Granby, Mass.

He was predeceased by a sister, Mary O'Connell Dean.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held in St. Michael Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, on Friday at 11 a.m. There is no procession from the funeral home. Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck. Visiting hours in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, family requests donations in his memory be made to St. Michael School, Pawcatuck.
Everett O'Connor
Stonington — Everett J. O'Connor, 82, of Stonington and Vero Beach, Fla., and formerly of Granby, Mass., and Groton Long Point, died of lung disease on April 16, 2003, at Indian River Memorial Hospital in Vero Beach.

He was the husband of the late Alice M. Habrowski O'Connor.

Born on April 15, 1921 in Springfield, Mass., Everett was the son of Francis Xavier and Theresa Donovan O'Connor of Chicopee, Mass.

Mr. O'Connor served with the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He owned the Everett J. O'Connor Insurance Agency in Holyoke, Mass., before moving to Connecticut where he owned H&R Blocks in Old Saybrook and Deep River. He also owned and operated the Spa at Groton Long Point for many years.

He was known for his famous doughnuts and his Irish humor.


He was preceded in death by two brothers, Ray O'Connor and Bob O'Connor, both of Massachusetts.

The memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. May 3 at St. Mary's Church in Stonington. Interment will be in Elm Grove Cemetery in Mystic at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to VNA and Hospice Foundation, 1111 36th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32963.
Kenneth O’Connor

Kenneth O’Connor, 57, of 29 Mystic Ave., Pawcatuck, husband of Mary (Will) O’Connor, died at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, on Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003.

Kenneth was born in the Bronx, N.Y., Nov. 26, 1946, son of the late James and Mary (Mawn) O’Connor.

Mr. O’Connor graduated from Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx and attended Iona College, New Rochelle, N.Y. He had worked as a credit manager for the Revere Copper & Brass Company of New York.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Dorothy Frizzell, Jeanne Yake and Patricia Macartney, all of Danbury, Conn.; three brothers, James O’Connor of Yorktown Heights, N.Y., Robert O’Connor of Sherman, Conn., and William O’Connor of Alexandria, Va.; three sisters, Patricia Benson of Cape Coral, Fla., Eileen Quinn of Bradenton, Fla., and Jeanne McGee of Beaver Brook, Mass.; and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Joseph Church, Danbury, on Wednesday at 10 a.m. Burial will be in St. Peter Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Green Funeral Home, 57 Main St., Danbury, today from 6 to 8 p.m.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Bradford Volunteer Fire Department, 35 Main St., Bradford, RI 02808.
Lucie O'Connor

Lucie (Allison) O'Connor, 77, died Saturday evening at the Mary Elizabeth Convalescent Home in Mystic, where she had been a resident for seven years. She and her late husband, Frank E. O'Connor, were owners and operators of the Wequetequock Casino.

Mrs. O'Connor was born in Stonington May 26, 1901, daughter of the late George and Grace (Cowan) Allison. She was a lifelong resident of Stonington.

During the era of public dances in the late 1920's and the 1930's Friday night events at the old Wequetequock Casino were most popular and Mrs. O'Connor was well-known as a vocalist with Benvenuti's Band.

Mr. O'Connor died in October 1957.

There are no immediate survivors.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. from the Shea-Williams Funeral Home in Pawcatuck, to a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Mary's Church in Stonington at 10 a.m. Calling hours are tomorrow evening 7-9 o'clock. Burial will be in Stonington Cemetery.

O'CONNOR — In Mystic, Conn., Feb. 17, 1979, Lucie (Allison) O'Connor age 77 formerly of Stonington, wife of the late Frank E. O'Connor.

Funeral will be held from the Shea-Williams Funeral Home, 110 West Broad St., Pawcatuck, Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 8:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Mary's Church, Stonington at 9 a.m. Interment in Stonington Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Monday evening 7-9.
Robert Andrew O’Connor

Pawcatuck — Robert “Bob” Andrew O’Connor of Pawcatuck, 85, rode off peacefully into the sunset for the last time surrounded by the love of his family July 19, 2019, after a brief but courageous battle with cancer.

Born at home on Briar Hill Road in Groton, he was the son of the late Andrew Kingston O’Connor and Beatrice Helen O’Connor and was predeceased by his paternal half-sister, Frances (O’Connor) Radzinski, of Huntsville, Ala.

Bob is survived by his wife of almost 52 years, Constance M. (Brodeur) O’Connor of Pawcatuck; and his four daughters, Amy Van Pelt of Rosendale, N.Y., along with her husband Scott and their children, Angela, Olivia, and Sophia, Sharon Greenwood of Warwick, R.I., along with her husband William, Laura Mathewson of Pawcatuck, along with her husband Travis and their children, Teegan and Cailee, and Mary Frances Gorgas of Monroe, along with her husband Paul and their children, Nicholas and Allison.

Bob grew up on a Connecticut farm and spent much of his early life in the surrounding areas of Gungywamp. He attended Pleasant Valley School, Fitch Senior High School where he played drums in the school band, and graduated from Norwich Free Academy in 1951. Bob participated in the Future Farmers of America program and was an undefeated amateur boxer with the Golden Gloves association.

He worked in multiple areas of production and research at Pfizer from 1952 until his retirement in 1990. During his time at Pfizer he enlisted in the U.S. Army from 1955-1956 before receiving an honorable discharge.

Bob loved quarter horses and was a lifelong member of the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA). In 1968 he graduated from Oklahoma Farrier’s College as an accomplished farrier and in 1972 settled in Pawcatuck to raise his family and established “Stonington Stables” where he single-handedly built his multi-stall barn and exhibited his craftsmanship. Bob had a quick wit and wonderful sense of humor and enjoyed family gatherings, playing cards, sharing stories, watching UConn women’s basketball, bull riding and horse racing, and telling a convincing joke distinguishable only by the twinkle in his blue eyes. An avid outdoorsman his entire life, Bob cherished sharing his extensive knowledge of wildlife, nature, and gardening with his children and grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his family, extended family, and the many friends he made over the years both locally and during his travels to Oklahoma and Alabama.

Visiting hours will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Gaffney Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, R.I. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Thomas More Church, 87 Mystic Road, North Stonington. There is no procession from the funeral home to church. Burial will follow at St. Joseph’s Cemetery, 959 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, R.I.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his name to Stand Up for Animals, 33 Larry Hirsch Lane, Westerly, R.I., a cause Bob highly supported.

For online condolences please visit www.gaffney-dolanfuneralhome.com
Obituaries

Cecil Edward O'Dell

Cecil Edward O'Dell of 73 Stewart Road, Pawcatuck passed away on Friday, Sept. 13 at the Westerly Hospital at the age of 53.

He was the beloved husband of Doris (Gagnon) O'Dell. He was born in Westerly, R.I. Feb. 9, 1949 a son of the late Cecil and Elva (Miller) O'Dell.

Mr. O'Dell was most recently employed as a delivery driver with Anderson Oil Co. of Ledyard, Conn. A communicant of St. Michael Church in Pawcatuck, Cecil was also an accomplished guitar player and singer. He was formerly employed at Harris Graphics as a machinist for over 20 years.

Loved by all who met him, Cecil also served with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

In addition to his wife of 31 years he leaves two sons Christopher E. O'Dell and Andrew E O'Dell both of Pawcatuck, one brother Sandy O'Dell of Westerly, one sister Elva M. Devaney of North Stonington, Conn., and one granddaughter Quinn G. O'Dell of Pawcatuck. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Tuesday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael Church, Liberty St. Pawcatuck. Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery.

There is no procession from the funeral home. Visiting hours will be held in Gaffney-Dolan funeral home 59 Spruce St. on Monday from 6-8pm.
His career path led him to become the library director of Thames Valley College in Norwich, retiring in 1992. While on the Thames Valley faculty, he served as president of the Federation of Technical College Teachers, Chapter 1942, for five years.

He will be remembered for his keen intelligence, fairness, compassion for others, devotion to his family and friends and hearty laugh. He loved literature, American history, building projects, art, poetry, music, the ocean and beaches. He was appreciated for his many “history lessons” and engaging sense of humor and willingness to help any family member or friend who asked. Every gathering in his home was filled with his energy, knowledge, humor and love.

Before his illness, he was an active member of, and served as secretary for a period of time for, the New London Chapter 250, Order of Ahepa, which serves community interests.

In addition to his wife, he leaves his son, William F. O'Donnell Jr. of New London; two brothers, Raymond O'Donnell and his wife, Virginia, of Uncasville, and Richard Gary O'Donnell and his wife, Pauline, of St. Petersburg, Fla.; sister, Marguerite Luck and her husband, Dane, of Woodbridge, Va.; a brother-in-law, Fred Serluca Sr. of New London; a sister-in-law, Margaret Serluca of Waterford; and many caring nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a sister, Elizabeth Connolly and her husband, Joseph Connolly Anthony Serluca, and loving niece, Lisa O'Donnell DiMaggio.

The family is very grateful to his private duty nurse, Kate, and his private caregivers, Nina and Ted, whose care was loving and exceptional. Also our many thanks to all of the compassionate hospice caregivers, especially Beverly and Jim, and RNs Nancy and Roz. They all treated Bill with respect and dignity for over two years.

A memorial service for Bill will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10, at Calvary Church, Church Street, Stonington. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Center for Hospice Care, 227 Dunham St., Norwich, CT or AFTD, 290 King of Prussia Road, Radnor, PA 19087.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave a note of consolation.
Jacqueline O'Farrell

Stonington — Jacqueline (Curley) O'Farrell, 80, of Pawcatuck died peacefully June 13, 2016.

Born in Chester, Pa., to the late Walter and Lena Curley, Jackie moved to Pawcatuck at a young age and made her longtime home on Courtland Street. A graduate of Stonington High School, Jackie attended Willimantic State Teachers College (now Eastern Connecticut State University), where she met her future husband, Robert. She graduated in 1957 with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education.

Jackie and Bob were married in July 1959. She taught for a combined 15 years at North Stonington Elementary School and West Broad Street School. After putting her teaching career on hold to raise her four children, Jackie returned to the classroom at St. Michael School in Pawcatuck, where she primarily taught fourth grade. She loved her time at St. Michael, cherishing moments and memories from her career there, including the friendships she formed with her fellow teachers.

Along with her husband, Jackie volunteered countless hours at Pawcatuck Little League. She was recognized for her efforts in 1991 when she was presented with the Distinguished Service Award, at the time becoming the first husband and wife to each win the award.

Upon retirement from St. Michael, she very much enjoyed her time working first at Live and Learn, an educational store in Westerly, and then at Family Dollar on Granite Street.

Jackie is survived by her children, Thomas and his wife, Teresa, of Groton, Lynn Vossler and her husband, John, of Pawcatuck, and Michael and his wife, Renee, of Norwich. Jackie is also survived by nine grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

She was predeceased by her husband, Robert; her sister, Patricia Keane; and her son Timothy, whose wife, Sue, resides in Preston.

The family would like to thank the staff at Apple Rehab in Watch Hill and Home & Hospice Care of Rhode Island for the outstanding care they provided Jackie in her final days. In addition, the family would like to thank Dr. Joseph Dotolo for his years of care and commitment.

Visiting hours are from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 16, at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 17, at St. Mary's Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. There is no procession from the funeral home to church. Burial will follow at St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.

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

In lieu of flowers, it was Jackie's wish that donations be made to St. Michael School, 63 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379.
Margaret (Moran) O’Farrell

Margaret (Moran) O’Farrell, 100, of Courtland St., Pawcatuck (formerly of Hartford, Conn.), died on Sept. 27, 2007 in the Mary Elizabeth Nursing Home, Mystic. She was the widow of the late Paul O’Farrell.

Born in Hartford, she was the daughter of the late James and Nellie (Mooney) Moran. Mrs. O’Farrell had been employed as a secretary for the city of Hartford schools. She was a communicant of St. Michael the Archangel Church.

Survivors include two daughters-in-law, Mary O’Farrell of Buffalo, N.Y. and Jacqueline O’Farrell of Pawcatuck; six grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

She was pre-deceased by her two sons Paul O’Farrell and Robert O’Farrell, as well as five siblings and a grandson, Timothy O’Farrell.

Calling hours are omitted.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Mass of Christian Burial, which will be celebrated Monday at 10:00 a.m. in St. Michael the Archangel Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. There is no procession from the funeral home to the church.

Burial will be in Mt. St. Benedict’s Cemetery, Bloomfield, Conn. Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, is in charge of the arrangements.

Margaret O’Farrell

Pawcatuck — Margaret (Moran) O’Farrell, 100, of Courtland St., Pawcatuck, and formerly a long-time resident of Hartford, died Sept. 27, 2007, in Mystic. She was the widow of Paul O’Farrell.

She was also predeceased by her two sons, Paul O’Farrell and Robert O’Farrell.

She is survived by two daughters-in-law, Mary O’Farrell of Buffalo, N.Y., and Jacqueline O’Farrell of Pawcatuck.

Calling hours are omitted. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Monday in St. Michael the Archangel Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. Interment will be in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield.

The Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, is in charge of the arrangements.
Priscilla O’Hanlon

Mystic — Priscilla K. O’Hanlon passed peacefully from this life to more life on Thursday, July 5, 2012.

She was born on June 3, 1927, in Bristol, Pa., the daughter of the late Origin Joseph Kingsbury and Dorothy E. (Fenton) Kingsbury. On Jan. 12, 1945, she married the late Harold A. O’Hanlon at St. James Catholic Rectory in Manchester. Together they raised 10 children and many more kids who made their home with them (you know who you are).

Priscilla was a Girl Scout leader for many years in Mystic; she also was a member and very involved in her church community of the Old Mystic Baptist Church. She enjoyed crafts and had a great passion for quilting and belonged to several quilt guilds.

She leaves to cherish her memory her sister, Dorothy Smith of North Adams, Mass. She also leaves her sons, Craig (Eileen) of Arizona, John (Sonia) of New Jersey, Allan of Idaho, and Terry (Donna) of Gales Ferry. She also leaves her daughters, Wendy (Red) Beard of New Mexico, Bonnie Haggan of Groton, Priscilla (Ron) Coumerilh of Idaho and Heidi (Charlie) Plungis of Mystic. She also leaves her godson, Kevin Fortuna. She is also survived by her 27 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and her six great-great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Harold, who died July 31, 1981; eldest son Harold Jr. who died Aug. 11, 1945; her grandson, Jason Haggan, who died July 2, 1975; her oldest daughter, Candy, who died Feb. 11, 2005; her son, Brian, who died July 28, 2011; and her great-great-granddaughter, Alaina, who died Jan. 18, 2012.

Her family will greet relatives and friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 11, at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 310 Fort Hill Road, Groton. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Mystic.

The family would like to thank the staff at Apple Rehab for the wonderful care they provided for their mom for the last seven and a half years.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Apple Rehab Mystic, 28 Broadway, Mystic, CT 06355.

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

He was the husband of the late Mary Elizabeth Cowell O’Keefe.

A lifelong resident, he was born in Pawcatuck, Aug. 16, 1898, a son of William and Mary Ellen Fallon O’Keefe.

Mr. O’Keefe was a self-employed builder for many years. He was a communicant of St. Michael Church in Pawcatuck and a member of the Carpenters Union No. 94 in Warwick.

Mr. O’Keefe is survived by a son, Ronald O’Keefe of Pawcatuck; a daughter, M. Elizabeth “Betty” Ferguson of Westerly; a brother, Herbert O’Keefe of Pawcatuck; a sister, Ann Swan of Mystic; 15 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a sister, Kathleen.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Michael Church on Thursday, Oct. 17. Burial is in St. Michael New Cemetery. The Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial gifts may be made in Mr. O’Keefe’s name to the Stonington Visiting Nurse Association, 20 S. Anguilla Road, Pawcatuck 06379, or to St. Michael School, 63 Liberty St., Pawcatuck 06379.

Herbert O’Keefe

PAWCATUCK — Herbert O’Keefe, 87, of 62 Pequot Trail, died Thursday at Westerly Hospital.

He was the husband of Jean (Cawley) O’Keefe.

A lifelong resident of Pawcatuck, he was born Oct. 7, 1910, the son of the late William and Mary Ellen (Fallon) O’Keefe.

He was the former owner and operator of H.L. O’Keefe Plumbing and Heating.

He was a communicant of St. Michael Church, a member of the Winnapaug Country Club, the Pawcatuck Country Club, the Pawcatuck Lions Club and the Pawcatuck Fire Department.

He was also a member of the Master Plumbers Association of Westerly/Pawcatuck.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Lawrence O’Keefe of Burlington, Vt.; two daughters, Mary Capizzi and Eileen Knight, both of Pawcatuck, 10 grandsons, two granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.

He was predeceased by a daughter, Jane Longo. He also was predeceased by four brothers and four sisters.

The funeral will be Monday at 9:15 a.m., from the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. at St. Michael Church, 62 Liberty St.

Burial will follow in St. Michael New Cemetery.

Visiting hours are 5-8 p.m. Sunday at the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Visiting Nurse Association, 20 S. Anguilla Road, Pawcatuck 06379.
OBITUARY

Jane 'Jean' O'Keefe

Pawcatuck — Jane “Jean” (Cawley) O'Keefe, 92, of Pequot Trail, Pawcatuck, passed away at Mystic Manor on Thursday, July 3, 2008. She was the wife of the late Herbert O'Keefe.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, she was the daughter of the late John and Margaret (Doherty) Cawley. A communicant of St. Michael Church in Pawcatuck, she was also a former member of the St. Michael Ladies Guild as well as the Ladies Auxiliary. She was formerly an avid golfer and had belonged to the Winampaug Country Club. She also was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

She is survived by a son, Lawrence O'Keefe of Stonington; two daughters, Mary Capiziano and Eileen Knight, both of Pawcatuck; a brother, Charles Cawley of Lake Harwinton; two sisters, Margaret Conti and Mary A. Cawley, both of Pawcatuck; as well as eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by a daughter, Jane Longo and also five brothers and two sisters.

Visiting hours will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. A Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. Michael Church, Liberty St., Pawcatuck. Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to either the Mystic Manor Recreation Fund or Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, 227 Dunham St., Norwich CT 06360, in Jean's memory.
Dean Alan O’Lari, 47, beloved husband of Tracy (Robinson) O’Lari of Stonington, died peacefully at home, Nov. 23, 2003.

Born on Oct. 24, 1956, in Athol, Mass., he was the son of Charles and Gloria (Noel) O’Lari of Westerly and West Palm Beach, Fla.

A graduate of Westerly High School and the University of Rhode Island with a bachelor’s degree in natural resource turf management, Dean was previously a finish carpenter and site foreman for Clark Construction and for the past several years was the superintendent of the Stonington Country Club where he received an Audubon Sanctuary designation from The Audubon Society.

Dean was a member of the Town of Stonington Wetlands and Water Treatment committees. He was a soccer coach for the Stonington Youth League, an all-around athlete, golfer and bicycle racer. He was on the board of directors of the Latimer Point Condominium Association.

Dean and family recently joined the congregation of the Union Baptist Church of Mystic. A devoted husband, father and friend, Dean also found great satisfaction in his work and enjoyed TV sports, especially NASCAR and NHL hockey.

In addition to his wife and parents, he is survived by two loving daughters, Thea and Meg O’Lari, both of Stonington; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Charles and Laura O’Lari of Voluntown, Conn., and Joel O’Lari of Westerly; a sister and brother-in-law, Sara and George Minnick of Shirley, Ind.; and a niece, Hope O’Lari of Voluntown.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Union Baptist Church, Mystic. Interment will be at a later date at the convenience of the family. Friends are invited to the Mystic Funeral Home on Route 1, Mystic, on Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Donations can be made to the Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut or to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

Providing care to the O’Lari family is the Brooklawn Funeral Home of Rocky Hill, Conn.
Stonington — Carolyn Joyce (Woodrow) O'Leary passed away with her family by her side on July 19, 2019 at the Apple Rehab in Watch Hill.

Carolyn was born in Mystic. She was the wife of the late Daniel J. O'Leary and the daughter of the late Frances and Carroll Woodrow. Carolyn lived her whole life in Stonington, where she raised her family.

Carolyn will be best remembered for her love of music, staying up late in the night playing her albums. She also had an enormous love for the Stonington Point and sharing memories of spending time growing up in the Stonington Borough.

She is survived by her sister, Gail Woodrow of Stonington; her children, daughters Donna Baker of Stonington and Deborah Kappeler of Bradford, R.I., and son Daniel J. O'Leary III of North Carolina. She had eight grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her son, Kevin P. O'Leary; two brothers, Roland and Carroll Woodrow; and a sister, Renay Pietrowski.

The family would like to thank the staff of Chestnut Cottage at The Elms and Watch Hill Apple Rehab for their kindness and excellent care.

At the request of the family, services will be private.
Daniel J. O’Leary
STONINGTON — Daniel J. O’Leary, 61, of Shawondasee Drive, died Thursday morning, April 29, at The Westerly Hospital, after a lengthy illness.

He was born June 13, 1937, in Chicago, Ill., the son of the late Daniel and Mary Pruneau O’Leary. He attended local schools.

Mr. O’Leary joined the Navy in August 1954 and stationed aboard the U.S.S. Fulton in New London.


Mr. O’Leary was a welder at Electric Boat in Groton from 1958 to 1972. From 1972 to 1994, he worked at Millstone Generating Station. He was a member of Local 777 Steam Fitters, Plumbers and Welders, a member of Nina Council of Knights of Columbus of Stonington, the Neptune Engine Co. of the Stonington Fire Department, the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society, the Social Society of Frohsinn, the American Legion Post in Niantic, and the Groton and Westerly Lodge of Elks. Mr. O’Leary was an avid softball fan and played with the Electric-Boat Athletic Club, and with the Stonington Recreation League. He also played soccer with Benny Souza’s soccer team in Stonington.

In addition to his wife, Mr. O’Leary is survived by two sons, Daniel J. O’Leary Jr. of North Carolina and Kevin O’Leary of Stonington; two daughters, Debbie Kappeler of Bradford, R.I., and Donna Baker of Stonington; three sisters, Mercedes Vance and Kathy Clark, both of Chicago, and Lynn Kaplan of Schenectady, N.Y.; a brother, Brian O’Leary of Chicago; and eight grandchildren. He was predeceased by a brother, Terry O’Leary.

Services will be private. Mystic Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Gifts in Mr. O’Leary’s memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 300 Research Parkway, Meriden, CT 06450.
Edward O’Leary
Stonington — Edward O’Leary, of 366 North Stonington Road, died on Oct. 18, 2007 at his residence.
Impellitteri-Malia Funeral Home, New London, is handling the arrangements which are incomplete.

Edward O’Leary
Stonington — Edward G. O’Leary, 66, of 366 North Stonington Road, Stonington, died on Thursday, Oct. 18, 2007, in Groton. Mr. O’Leary grew up in Danielson and attended local schools.

His is survived by two children.

Mr. O’Leary was formerly an Auxiliary State Trooper and was currently employed at Foxwoods Casino where he had worked for many years.

Services and burial will be held at Holy Cross Cemetery in Danielson at a later date.

Impellitteri-Malia Funeral Home is assisting the family.

He leaves his two sons, William A. Fagan Jr. and his wife, Maureen, of Midlothian, Va., and Kevin Fagan, of Stonington; two sisters, Jeanette Sullivan, of Tallahassee, Fla., and Grace Saxton, of Belgrade Lakes, Maine; five grandchildren and their spouses, Peter and Heather Fagan, Christopher Fagan, Victoria and Mathew Toomey, Brian, and Michael Fagan; and seven great-grandchildren, Katherine, Ellen, Mary and Ryan Toomey, Jessica and Samantha Fagan, and Jack Fagan.

In addition, Bill leaves the “three daughters he never had” Pam Guidara, Ann Sullivan and Eva Sullivan Guidara, all of Stonington, and their children.

The funeral service will begin at 11:45 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007, from the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, followed by a Funeral Mass at 12:30 p.m. at St. Mary Church Stonington. Burial will follow at St. Mary Cemetery. The family will receive friends Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Bill was a proud, longtime member of Alcoholics Anonymous; in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Edmund’s Retreat Recovery Program, P.O. Box 399, Mystic, CT 06355.

The family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for our online guest book and directions.
Kevin Patrick O’Leary

Kevin Patrick O’Leary, 44, of 16 Temple St., Stonington, died Monday, July 5, 2004, at The Westerly Hospital.

He was born in Westerly, Oct. 22, 1959, son of Carolyn (Woodrow) O’Leary of Stonington and the late Daniel J. O’Leary.

He was a 1977 graduate of Stonington High School and had been the manager of the Golden Eye Fish Co. at the Stonington Town Dock. More recently, he worked with Local 777 Pipe Trades Union.

He was a member of St. Mary Church in Stonington, a member of the Groton Lodge of Elks, a member of the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society in Stonington, and of the Social Society of Frohsinn in Mystic.

He enjoyed travel and was an avid Green Bay Packers fan.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by a brother, Daniel J. O’Leary of North Carolina; two sisters, Debbie Kappeler of Bradford, R.I., and Donna Baker of Stonington; his maternal grandmother, Frances Woodrow of Stonington; and several nieces and nephews.

Relative and friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. Burial services will be at the convenience of the family.

Contributions may be made in his memory to the Stonington Ambulance Corps, P.O. Box 424, Stonington, CT 06378 or to a charity of the donor’s choice.
William O'Leary
Is Dead at 72

William F. O'Leary, 72, of 137 West Broad Street, Pawcatuck, husband of the late Anna K. (Lynch) O'Leary, died Wednesday at The Westerly Hospital.

Mr. O'Leary was for many years proprietor of a grocery store in Pawcatuck and later conducted a real estate and insurance business until his retirement two years ago.

He was a member of the board of directors of the Stonington Community Credit Union, a member of St. Michael's Church and the Holy Name Society, the Westerly Lodge of Elks, and the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.

Born February 1, 1898 in Fort Ann, N.Y., he was a son of the late Timothy and Sarah O'Leary.

He is survived by several nieces, nephews and grand nieces and grand nephews.

The funeral will be held from his late home tomorrow morning at 8:45 o'clock followed by a requiem mass in St. Michael's Church at 9. Interment will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

In Westerly, R.I., November 25, 1970, William F. O'Leary of 137 West Broad Street, Pawcatuck, Conn.

Funeral from his late residence, Saturday morning at 8:45. Requiem mass in St. Michael's Church, Pawcatuck at 9 o'clock. Burial in the family plot in St. Joseph Cemetery, Norwich. Calling hours at residence Friday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Cummings Funeral Home, 82 Cliff St., Norwich in charge of arrangements.

William F. O'Leary
Pawcatuck

William F. O'Leary of 137 West Broad St., Pawcatuck, died at Westerly Hospital Wednesday.

He was born in Fort Ann, N.Y., Feb. 1, 1898, son of the late Timothy and Sarah O'Leary.

For many years, he was proprietor of a grocery store in Pawcatuck and later conducted a real estate and insurance business, retiring two years ago.

He was married in Sacred Heart Church, Norwich Town, Nov. 27, 1922, to the former Anna K. Lynch, who died Dec. 26, 1967.

He was a member of St. Michael Church, Pawcatuck, and the Holy Name Society, Westerly Lodge of Elks, and was on the board of directors of Stonington Community Credit Union and a member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.

Surviving are several nieces, nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

Cummings Funeral Home, 82 Cliff St., Norwich, is in charge of arrangements.
Moira O’Malley

Stonington — Moira (Kennedy) O’Malley of Stonington, wife of 47 years to Cormac K.H. O’Malley, died on Christmas Day at home surrounded by her family. Born in Worcester, Mass., she was the daughter of the late John and Helen (Oriscoll) Kennedy and has been a resident of Stonington since 1980. In addition to her husband, she leaves her two children, Bergin O’Malley of Stonington and Conor O’Malley and his wife, Devon, of Baltimore, Md.; her three brothers, Brendan Kennedy, Sean Kennedy and his wife, Ann, and Brian Kennedy and his wife, Frances, and two grandchildren, Emmett and Elliott Boyle of Stonington.

A service will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019 at the Calvary Church in Stonington on Church St. Her burial will be private. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Stonington Community Center or to the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center.
F. Edward O'Neil

F. Edward "Ed" O'Neil, 94, of School Street, Westerly, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011, at his home. He was the widower of the late Gladys E. (Shippee) O'Neil, who predeceased him in May 2006. The couple had been married for almost 65 years.

Born in Stonington, he was a son of the late Frank E. and Gladys E. O'Neil.

Ed worked at the Columbia Narrow Fabric Company in Shannock for 38 years until the plant closed. He retired in 1983 from the R.I. Electric Protective Co., in Providence, where he had been the company treasurer.

A U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, he was honorably discharged with the rank of staff-sergeant following three years of service.

He was a communicant, lector and trustee at St. Mary's Church in Carolina for many years. Ed was also a president of the Charlestown Town Council from 1952 to 1956 and served on the Richmond and Chariho school committees covering a six-year period.

Ed is survived by his two sons, Brian D. O'Neil of Westerly and Stephen M. O'Neil of Clemson, S.C.; a daughter, Kathryn E. O'Neil, of Defuniak Springs, Fla.; a brother, Donald J. O'Neil of Groton, and a sister, Marilyn Crowley of Stonington; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Robert E. and James A. O'Neil.

Visiting hours are omitted. A funeral service will be celebrated Monday at 9:30 a.m. in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Interment will follow in R.I. Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 301 South County Trail, Exeter.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations in his memory be made either to St. Mary's Church, Box 475, Carolina, R.I. 02812-0475 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

For online condolences, go to www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com.
James A. O’Neil, 76, of Mount Holly, Vt., died suddenly on Dec. 8, 2006, at Rutland Regional Medical Center, Rutland, Vt.

Born June 8, 1930, in Pawcatuck, the son of Frank and Gladys O’Neil, he grew up in Pawcatuck and graduated from Stonington High School.

He served as a radar technician for four years as a member of the Air Force during the Korean War.

He married Marilyn Mather on Oct. 11, 1958, in Old Lyme, Conn. They raised their family in Old Lyme, where he was active in all levels of the youth baseball program, Little League, Babe Ruth and American Legion.

After 37 years of working in the clinical research department of Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in Groton, he and his wife retired in 1988 to their log home in Mount Holly, Vt. He continued to be active in youth baseball, helping his son coach Ludlow Little League and high school baseball at Black River High School.

He even got to see the Red Sox win a World Series!

Mr. O’Neil is survived by his wife; two sons, Thomas R. O’Neil of Bluffton, S.C., and James M. O’Neil of Ludlow, Vt.; a daughter, Debra A. Coughlin of Old Lyme, Conn.; two brothers, Edward O’Neil of Westerly, and Donald O’Neil of Mystic; a sister, Marilyn Crowley of Pawcatuck; and six grandchildren, Holly O’Neil, David O’Neil, Bethany O’Neil, Katie O’Neil, Ian Coughlin and Chadwick Coughlin.

He was predeceased by a brother, Robert O’Neil.

He was devoted to his family and will be sadly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Annunciation Church, Ludlow, Vt., on Dec. 13, Father Beaudin officiating. Interment will be at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Black River High School Booster Club, 43 Main St., Ludlow, VT 05149.
Arthur O'Neill

Stonington — Arthur J. O'Neill, 87, beloved husband for 63 years to Esther (Turco) O'Neill, of West Vine Street, Pawcatuck, passed away at his home on Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2012.

Born in Providence, R.I., he was the son of the late Arthur E. and Eleanor O'Neill. He lived his entire life in Pawcatuck, graduating from St. Michael School and Stonington High School.

Arthur was employed as a clerk with the U.S. Postal Service for 46 years until his retirement in 1990. He was a lifelong communicant of St. Michael Church and a member of the Calabrese Society, the St. Michael Holy Name Society and the Postal Workers’ Union. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

In addition to his wife, he leaves his sons, John and Vincent O'Neill, both of Pawcatuck; and his daughters, Elinor Skoog of Andover, Teresa DeDominicis of Stonington and Carol Brindle of Salt Lake City, Utah. He also leaves a sister, Agnes Nardone of Westerly; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Arthur was preceded by a son, Kevin O'Neill; and a sister, Sister Eleanor O'Neill.

Visiting hours will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. A funeral liturgy will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday in St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial with full military honors will follow in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to St. Michael Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379 in Arthur’s memory.

For online condolences, please go to www.gaffney-dolanfuneralhome.com.
Carol O'Neill

Stonington — Carol R. (Reed) O'Neill, 74, beloved wife of James H. O'Neill of Castle Meadow Drive, Pawcatuck, died on June 21, 2010, in the Pendleton Nursing Home, Stonington.

Born in Gloucester, Mass., she was a daughter of the late Raymond and Eleanor (Keating) Reed.

Calling hours are omitted. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Westerly Yacht Club, 1 Watch Hill Road, Westerly.

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

For online condolences go to www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com

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Born in Gloucester, Mass., she was the daughter of the late Raymond and Eleanor (Keating) Reed.

Carol had been employed as a Registered Nurse, retiring in 2007 from Yale University. She had also previously been employed at several area medical facilities.

She was President of the Westerly Registered Nurses Club and also Chairwoman of the Scholarship Fund. Carol volunteered her time at the Westerly Yacht Club serving on several committees with her husband. She volunteered for “Meals on Wheels,” and also at the Mystic Seaport. Carol loved the beach and was a member of the Seaside Beach Club in Weekapaug.

In addition to her husband, she also leaves three sons, Craig O'Neill of Ventura, Calif., Keith O'Neill and his wife Michelle of Pawcatuck, and James O'Neill, also of Pawcatuck; her daughter, Tracy Bazydlo and her husband Alex, of Pawcatuck; a brother, Bruce Reed and his wife Mary and their four children, of Rockport, Mass.; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours are omitted. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Westerly Yacht Club, 1 Watch Hill Road, Westerly.

Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, RI 02891 is in charge of arrangements.

For online condolences, go to www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com.
Esther (Turco) O’Neill

PAWCATUCK — Esther (Turco) O’Neill, 80, of Pawcatuck, passed away on March 14, 2018. She was the beloved wife for 63 years to Arthur J. O’Neill who predeceased her.

Esther was born in Westerly, the daughter of the late Natalie and Rosina Turco.

She was a Westerly High School graduate class of 1945 and a graduate of Bryant College, Providence, Rhode Island.

Esther’s joy in life was the love of her family, faith and her amazing friends. Her infectious smile and positive attitude radiated her loving kindness for all. She was a devoted parishioner and communicant of St. Michael’s Church and a member of the Daughters of Isabella. Esther worked and retired from Chelsea Savings Bank in Pawcatuck.

She leaves her five children, John and Vincent O’Neill, both of Pawcatuck; Stacey O’Neill of Andover, CT, Teresa DeDominicis (Dom) of Stonington and Carol Brindle (Phil) of Salt Lake City, UT. She is also survived by eleven grandchildren; five great grandchildren; sister Claire Peduzzi; daughter-in-law Patricia O’Neill; and sisters-in-law, Agnes Nardone and Laverne Turco. Esther was predeceased by her son Kevin O’Neill, sister Margaret Gomes, brother Vincent Turco and son-in-law Pete Skoog.

Visiting hours are omitted. A Funeral Liturgy will be held on Monday at 10 a.m.; at St. Mary's Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial will follow at St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the St. Michael Capital Campaign, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379, in Esther’s memory. Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, R.I., is in charge of the arrangements. For online condolences please visit www.gaffneydolansfuneralhome.com
Kevin P. O'Neill

Kevin P. "Odie" O'Neill, beloved husband of Patricia "Tricia" (Curtin) O'Neill, passed away away on Friday evening Nov. 11, 2005 at home on Wheeler Drive in Pawcatuck surrounded by his loving family at the age of 53.

Born in Westerly, he was the beloved son of Arthur J. and Esther (Turco) O'Neill of Pawcatuck. Kevin was employed for many years as a Union Boilermaker, a member of the Connecticut Local #237, where he had also served as a member of the Executive Board.

A communicant of St. Michael Church, Kevin was also a former CCD teacher. Kevin was a rabid New York Yankee fan and also loved the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame football team. A long time member of the Westerly-Pawcatuck YMCA, Kevin was also very giving of his time. He was a volunteer for Hospice and also the WARM Shelter.

A former coach and volunteer at the Pawcatuck Little League, he also loved to ride his bike to the beach and enjoyed working out. He was very handy around the house and was also a very accomplished woodworker and had his own woodshop in his home.

Kevin was a member of the Class of 1970 at Stonington High School. He also attended Hartford Technical School and Thames Valley State Technical College. He was formerly employed at Electric Boat General Dynamics in Groton for 15 years.

The most important thing to Kevin was spending quality time with his family. In addition to his loving wife of 32 years, he is survived by two sons, Scott T. and Christopher J. O'Neill, both of Pawcatuck.

He also leaves two daughters, Alicia M. O'Neill of Westerly and Kimberly S. O'Neill of Mystic. He is also survived by two brothers, John "Odie" and Vincent O'Neill, both of Pawcatuck, and three sisters, Elinor Skoug of Bebron, Conn., Teresa DeDominicis of Mystic, and Carol Brindle of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Kevin is also survived by his loving mother-in-law, Margaret S. Curtin, of Pawcatuck. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, extended family and many friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in St. Michael the Archangel Church, Liberty Street, Pawcatuck, Wednesday at 10 a.m. There will be no procession from the funeral home to the church.

Visiting hours will be held in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, family requests contributions to the Lawrence and Memorial Hospital Cancer Center, 365 Montauk Ave., New London, CT 06320 or to The Hospice of Southeastern CT, 179 Gallivan Lane, Uncasville, CT 06382 in Kevin's memory.
Peter O’Neill

Mystic — Peter O’Neill, born in Atlanta, on March 5, 1929, passed away peacefully on May 27, 2008, with his loving family at his bedside.

Peter spent the majority of his working career in the dredging industry, running Price Brothers Dredging business which operated throughout the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway. Peter’s true love was sailing, and he was both an accomplished offshore racer and boat builder. He won many significant offshore sailboat races throughout the United States during his racing career.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sally, and their three children, Darcy, Tim, and Michael; and seven grandchildren, Matthew, Katie, Sally, David, Megan, Wyeth, and Mack.

A service is planned for at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 3, 2008, at the Wadawanuck Club, in Stonington, where Peter was an active member. Friends are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, any contributions may be given to the VNASEC, 463 N. Frontage Road, Waterford, CT 06385 or Hospice of SECT, 227 Dunham St., Norwich CT 06360; both were tremendously helpful.
Robert O'Neill Jr.

Mystic — Robert O'Neill Jr., 81, of Mystic, passed away on Oct. 4, 2018.
The Mystic Funeral Home has charge of the arrangements.
Sally O'Neill

Mystic — Sally (Price) O'Neill peacefully passed away at home with her family in Mystic on April 28, 2016. Sally was born in Hancock, Mich., in 1931, the daughter of Gayle and Hazel Price, and sister of Gayle "GB" Price Jr.
Growing up primarily in Dayton, Ohio, she graduated from Oakwood High School in 1949 and later from Smith College in 1953. Returning to Dayton after graduation, Sally worked in social services before moving to San Francisco and starting a career working as a news reporter.
It was in San Francisco that Sally met and married her late husband of 51 years, Peter O'Neill. Sally and Peter migrated back to the Midwest living in Toledo, Ohio, where they started their family of three children, Darcy O'Neill Garland, who now resides in West Hartford, and Timothy and Michael O'Neill of Stonington.
It was later after moving to Stonington where Sally lived for nearly 40 years that she became an enthusiastic and successful real estate agent working at Pooquot Properties. Sally's passion from an early age was golf, learning from her father and playing with her family, and later competing successfully at the district and state levels in Ohio. She was most proud to be a women's champion on multiple occasions at Inverness Club, where she was a very active member while living in Toledo.
Sally loved to garden, filing her house and yard with beautiful flowers, and was a very talented interior designer. Most of all, she had a great love of family gatherings, hosting boisterous and gourmet food-filled get-togethers. She will be remembered for the ever-popular Sunday night family dinners, which she adored.
Sally leaves behind her children, daughters-in-law Margaret O'Neill and Joan O'Neill; and loving grandchildren Matthew, Katie and Sally Garland, David and Megan O'Neill, and Wyeth and Mack O'Neill. All will miss her greatly.
The family would like to express sincere thanks to Sally's team of nurses and aids for their compassionate care and support.
A celebration of Sally's life is planned for Sunday, June 12, with details to follow, and the family asks that, in lieu of flowers, a donation be made in her name to The Center for Hospice Care Southeast.
John O'Rourke

Stonington — John D. O'Rourke, 75, of Stonington, beloved husband of Julia (Serrano) O'Rourke, passed away peacefully, Monday, Dec. 27, 2010, at home.

Born in Westerly, he was the son of the late Morris and Helen (Booth-Walker) O'Rourke and lived in Stonington for the past 45 years. He was a millwright with Pfizer for many years up until his retirement in 1995.

John was a skilled and excellent carpenter. He loved woodworking, especially cabinetry. He also enjoyed gardening and traveling with his family. One of his greatest accomplishments was restoring his antique Model A Ford.

Besides his wife, he leaves his two sons, John D. O'Rourke II of Memphis, Tenn., and Kevin O'Rourke and his wife, Sharon, of Pawcatuck; his granddaughter, Kathleen Werner and her husband, Ryan, of Gales Ferry; sister Shirley Yerrington of Norwich; sister-in-law Rose McGaw of Stonington; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a brother, Maurice O'Rourke.

Family and friends are invited to remember John from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3, 2011, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave an online message of condolence.
John D. O'Rourke II

Memphis, Tenn.—John D. O'Rourke II, 55, of Memphis, Tenn., formerly of Stonington, died unexpectedly, April 4, 2019, as the result of an automobile accident.

Born in New London, he was the son of the late John D. O'Rourke and Julia (Serrano) O'Rourke.

He resided in Memphis, Tenn., for the last 13 years and was employed with Pratt & Whitney for many years.

John enjoyed the outdoors, loved his automobiles, and especially airplanes. A selfless individual, he was always there to lend a helping hand to anyone in need and will be missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his brother, Kevin O'Rourke and his wife, Sharon of Pawcatuck; his partner of 10 years, Brandon Little of Memphis, Tenn.; his aunt, Rose McGaw of Stonington; uncle, Anthony Serrano and his wife, Sandra of Pawcatuck; several cousins; and numerous friends in Tennessee.

Relatives and friends are invited to remember John from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Mystic Funeral Home on Route 1 in Mystic.
Julia O'Rourke

Mystic — Julia A. (Serrano) O'Rourke, 77, of Mystic, died peacefully, Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019.

A resident of Academy Point for the last several years, she previously resided in Stonington for all her life.

Born in Stonington, she attended local schools and was the daughter of the late Francisco and Mary (Moniz) Serrano.

She enjoyed knitting, sewing and making many quilts.

She is survived by her two sons, John D. O'Rourke II of Memphis, Tenn., and Kevin O'Rourke and his wife, Sharon, of Pawcatuck; her sister, Rose McGaw of Stonington; a brother, Anthony Serrano and his wife, Sandra, of Pawcatuck; granddaughter, Kathleen Werner; her great-grandson, Ryan Werner and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, John D. O'Rourke in 2010 and her numerous siblings, Joseph Serrano, Anna Hancock, Marguerite Rollinson, Mary Sherman and Francis Serrano.

Her family will receive relatives and friends from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Mystic Funeral Home located on Route 1 in Mystic. Funeral services and burial will be private.
Maurice O'Rourke III

PAWCATUCK — Maurice O'Rourke, III, of Pawcatuck, CT passed peacefully on August 25, 2019 surrounded by his family.

Maurice was born December 2, 1959 to Patricia O'Rourke Shafer and the late Maurice O'Rourke Jr. In addition to his mother he will be forever missed by his daughter, Jamie and her children, (Ariana, Maurice, Vincent and Serenity), his siblings, (Karen, Brien, Shawn, Kelly, Patrick, Sylvia), an Aunt and Uncle; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and his dog Snoopy.

A celebration of his life will be held at Pawcatuck VFW, Saturday, 8/31 from 4-6 pm. For those wishing to send a floral tribute or a card, you may send directly to the O'Rourke family: 4 Lincoln Ave, Pawcatuck, CT 06379.
Morris O'Rourke, 102

Pawcatuck — Morris "Salty" O'Rourke, 102, formerly of 28 Garden St., Pawcatuck, died Tuesday at the Westerly Nursing Home in Westerly.

Born on March 27, 1899, in Port Dinorwic, Anglesey, Wales, he was the son of the late John and Mary Evans O'Rourke.

He was the widower of Helen Walker O'Rourke.

Mr. O'Rourke learned to sail on his father's fishing boats and by the time he was 14, served in the merchant fleet. He served in the Merchant Marines during World War I, and received the British War Medal Ribbon and the Merchant Marine Medal Ribbon. After moving to the United States, he joined the Coast Guard, and served from 1922 to 1945, ending his career as chief boatswain mate. His last tour was as station manager at Fort Trumbull Coast Guard Station in New London.

During his time in the Coast Guard, he intercepted ships bringing in liquor during the Prohibition Era, and during World War II chased submarines off Florida and the Bahamas and made patrols in the North Atlantic.

After his military service, he worked at Electric Boat in Groton and owned Salty's Service Station on Route 184 in North Stonington. He was also a janitor at the Westerly Public Library for several years before retiring.

On the occasion of his 100th birthday, Mr. O'Rourke was honored at a luncheon at the Coast Guard Academy, where he was made an honorary member of the Southeastern Connecticut Chief Petty Officer Association.

Mr. O'Rourke was a 50-year member of the Adelphi-Noodles Island Masonic Lodge in Stonington, Mass., the Benevolent Chapter, Mystic Chapter, Narragansett Commandery, the Scottish Rite and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. He was also a member of the Central Baptist Church, Westerly.

A son, John D. O'Rourke of Stonington; a daughter Shirley J. Yerrington, of Punta Gorda, Fla.; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren survive Mr. O'Rourke.

He was the father of the late Maurice O'Rourke and Jacquelyn O'Rourke.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, May 4, at 10 a.m. in the Central Baptist Church, 16 Elm St., Westerly. Calling hours are Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly. Burial with full military honors will be held in River Bend Cemetery, Beach St., Westerly.
Dr. I. Jay Oberman
Stonington — Dr. I. Jay Oberman, 83, of 53 Coveside Lane, Stonington, died Monday, March 1, at home.


For 25 years he served as clinical director at the Northwestern Institute of Psychiatry in Ft. Washington, Pa., until 1962, when he moved to Connecticut. At that time he joined the staff at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital.

In 1983, a psychiatric unit was created at York Correctional Institute, where Dr. Oberman was the first psychiatrist employed to work there.

In addition to his wife, Ilona, he is survived by two sons, Mark Oberman of Charlottesville, Va., and Jan Oberman of Sarasota, Fla., two daughters, Laura Gardner Baller of Noank and Leslie Overton of New York, N.Y.; and 14 grandchildren.

Dr. Oberman donated his body to the University of Connecticut Health Center for medical research.

A celebration of his life will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 5, at The Society of Friends, 57 Elm St., Westerly, R.I.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to The Library at York Correctional Institute, "USDI - YCI Library", C/O Principal Green, 201 West Main St., Niantic, CT 06357.

The family invites you to visit www.Bylesforobituary.directions, or to send a note of condolence.

Byles Memorial Home, 98 Huntington St., New London is assisting the family with the arrangements.
Kenneth Oehrle

Stonington — Kenneth Frederick Oehrle, of Pawcatuck, peacefully departed this life July 20, 2014, surrounded by his loving family at home.

Kenneth was the beloved husband of Dorothy Carlson, whom he married on March 31, 1956, in Sioux Falls, S.D., and the father of two daughters, Karen (Mrs. Benjamin Wright) of Avon, and Diane Oehrle of Narragansett, R.I.

Kenneth was born on Sept. 11, 1928, in Lawrence, Kan., to Ethel Mull and Charles F. Oehrle.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, and both daughters as well as four grandchildren, Jaclyn and Byron Brannon and Travis and Emily Wright. He is also survived his brother, Charles R. Oehrle of Indianapolis.

He was predeceased his sister, Marlene Albert of Illinois.

Kenneth received his commission in the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant in 1950 while attending the University of Nebraska. He served on active duty in Korea during the Korean War. He received his bachelor of science degree in police administration in 1954 at Michigan State University and was subsequently employed as a special agent with the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI). He worked with ONI and its predecessor organization, the Naval Investigative Service (NIS), until functionally transferred to the Defense Investigation Service (DIS) in 1972, when it was organized. With DIS he served as operations officer for the New England District, as an inspector on the IG staff and a team chief in the Special Investigations Unit.

He was a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and Staff College. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves and retired as a (full) colonel in Military Intelligence in 1981.

Ken had a passion for many things. He enjoyed travel, tennis, bridge, genealogy, photography, ceramics, gardening and woodworking, but above all, being with his family. Over the years, Ken and Dorothy visited over 35 countries.

A memorial service is planned for noon Friday, July 25, at the United Congregational Church in Pawcatuck. Interment will be in Arlington National Cemetery.

Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center.
Stonington — Dennis W. Offen, 66, passed away suddenly on July 3, 2019, at his home in Stonington. Dennis was born June 6, 1953, to Roger and Ethel Offen of Wallingford. He worked for Amtrak as a signals specialist for 30 plus years before retiring in 2018. Dennis is survived by two sisters, Karen Offen of Wallingford, Rhea Simmons of Valdese, N.C.; a half-brother Neil Offen and wife Susan of Meriden; a nephew Aaron Simmons; and nieces, Carie Ann Jean, Renee Morehouse and Rachel Grigely. A private service was held by the family.

Mystic — Mary Louise Rice, 72, of Mystic, passed away Friday, Aug. 23, 2019, at Pendleton Health and Rehabilitation Center in Mystic. Mary was born Nov. 14, 1946, in Lynn, Mass., to Edwin Barnicott and Thelma Starrett. She married Gary Rice Sr. of Waterford in 1966 and they were married for 40 years. Mary worked as a computer laboratory technician at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. with a memorial service starting at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30, 2019, at Byles Memorial Home, 99 Huntington St. in New London. A complete obituary will appear in Thursday's edition.
Robert Offen

Mystic — Robert W. Offen, CSP (retired), 68, of Mystic died unexpectedly Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at home.
Born in New Britain, he was the son of the late Brooks and Grace (Lutkins) Offen and lived in the Stonington and Mystic area for many years, previously residing in North Stonington.
He joined the Connecticut State Police in November 1968 and underwent standard recruit training at the Connecticut State Police Academy. For his first assignment he was sent as a patrol trooper to Troop E. Over the next 26 years he would serve in various roles within the state police, including the K-9 unit, the detective unit and the criminal investigations unit. In 1989 he was promoted to lieutenant. In 1990 he returned to Troop E and served as commanding officer until his retirement in 1992.

Bob was very active after finishing his career with the state police. He was a master woodworker and was always taking on new projects and acquiring new tools for his workshop. Bob loved to tend to his garden and to cook. He was also an avid golfer and recorded two holes-in-one over the course of his playing days. However, even with all of these jobs and hobbies, the activity he enjoyed the most was being in the company of friends and family and telling stories and having a good laugh.
He is survived by his three sons, Brooks Hocking and his wife, Holly, of Wallingford, Thomas Offen of Mystic and Eric Offen and his wife, Kerry, of West Warwick, R.I.; two grandchildren, Elizabeth Hocking of Norwich and Christopher Hocking of Woodbridge; three nephews and his many friends.
He was predeceased by his sister, Helen Woodruff.
Bob's family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, April 19, followed by a service at 1 p.m., at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1 (51 Williams Ave.), Mystic. Burial will be private.
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the 100 Club, www.hundredclubofct.org, where Bob was a longtime supporter and member.
Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave an online message of condolence.
Alfred Ogden

Alfred Ogden, 93, of Stonington and New York City, died on Friday 21 March 2003 in Manhattan.

He was born in Brooklyn on 14 October 1909. Mr Odgen served as a lieutenant colonel in the US Army in World War II and was decorated with the Legion of Merit.

Mr Ogden was a former partner of the firm of Alexander & Green and former counsel to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius and Reboul, MacMurray, Hewitt, Maynard & Kristol. He served as a trustee or director of The Fay School, Population Reference Bureau, the Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Foundation, the Lavenberg Foundation, Mystic Seaport Museum, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Robert College of Istanbul, Turkey, the English Speaking Union, the Winston Churchill Memorial fund, Planned Parenthood New York City, and the Children's Museum, in New York.

Mr Odgen is survived by his son, Alfred T. Ogden II; three grandchildren Alix R Ogden Matthews, Alfred T Ogden III MD, and Mary Fell P Ogden; and two great-grandchildren, Katherine S Matthews and Alexander R Matthews.

Funeral services were held at Calvary Church in Stonington Borough on Sunday 30 March 2003. A memorial service was held at Frank Campbell in New York City on Wednesday 2 April 2003.

Donations in Mr Odgen's memory may be made to The Mystic Seaport Museum, PO Box 6000, Mystic CT 06355; or to Yale University, PO Box 803, New Haven CT 06508; or to Robert College of Istanbul, 276 Fifth Avenue, New York NY 10001.
Sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn. B.C.P. p. 307. Sorrow has crept into the nearest presence of our Lord. We weep at the death of our friends, so while we express that we felt weeping deep sorrow when we were parted by death, Jesus himself experienced the very loss we have for each other in Christ. Unembarrassed the very love we have for each other in Christ. The Sorrow, however, does not make human agony.

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POSTLUDE: "Hallelujah Chorus"

The Dismissal

Prayers of Commendation

Hyman 608 Eternal Father, strong to save

Media


Psalm 23 (King James Version)

The Old Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:1-13

Opening Sentences

Waltz

Hyman 259 "Final Farewell"

A Prayer for Alfred Ogden

Prelude: "Amazing Grace"

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Alfred Ogden

A Celebration of the Life of
Henry Ohlmann


He was born in Baisely Park, Queens, N.Y., on Oct. 8, 1923, to Harry and Theresa (Heiselmann) Ohlmann. On Sept. 23, 1948, he married Sophie Peitler. She died on Sept. 17, 1978.

In early 1941, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. During World War II, he served on the USS Ericsson in the Atlantic, and then transferred to sub service in the Pacific aboard the USS Redfish. He served aboard the USS Tusk, USS Sennet, taught at the sub school in Groton, he was the chief of the boat aboard the USS Patrick Henry and retired from active duty off the USS Nautilus in 1964. He immediately began his second career at Electric Boat, where he retired as a procurement quality control analyst in 1988.

He was very proud of his children's accomplishments. He loved to travel the world. He was able to see almost every corner of it through his career in the Navy and later in life on extended cruises with Ethel. Some of his favorite places include Holy Loch, Scotland, China, and Easter Island. He was currently planning a trip to the Amazon and Antarctica. He enjoyed model railroading.

He is survived by his son, Christopher, and his wife, Karen, of Wallingford; his daughter, Stacey, and her husband, David Leitch, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; and grandchildren Liam, Sarah, Shawn and Kimberly. He also leaves behind his dear companion and fiancée, Ethel Geberth of Pawcatuck. He will be sadly missed by his buddy, Murphy.

Hank's family will greet relatives and friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, at The Di- noto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Mary Mother of the Redeemer Church, Groton Long Point Road, Groton. Burial will follow at St. Patrick Cemetery, Old Mystic.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his honor may be made to St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen (www.svdpp.org), 120 Cliff St., Norwich, CT 06360.

For additional information, directions, or to share a note of remembrance with Hank's family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
OBITUARIES

Anthony Oliver

Anthony F. Oliver, 72, of Route 138, Pachaug, died unexpectedly at the W. W. Backus Hospital, Norwich, Monday afternoon. His wife, Mary (Costa) Oliver, died in 1974.

A former resident of Stonington, he had lived in Pachaug for the past 20 years.

Mr. Oliver, who was employed as an electrician for over 50 years with the American Velvet Co. in Stonington, retired five years ago. Following his move to Pachaug he operated the Lamplighter Antique Shop on Route 138.

He had served with the Navy Sea Bees from 1941 to 1947 during World War II and again during the Korea Conflict from 1949 to 1952. He was a life member of the Neptune Engine Co. of the Stonington Borough Fire Department, the Stonington Fire Police, Stonington Ambulance Corps and the James W. Harvey American Legion Post.

Mr. Oliver was a communicant of St. Mary's Church.

A son of the late Julius and Amelia (Roberts) Oliver, he was born Jan. 1, 1911 in Gouveia, Portugal, and came to the United States as a youth.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Charles Fellows; a sister, Mary Oliver, both of Stonington; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held from Thomas L. Neilan and Sons Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, Thursday at 8:30 a.m. with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church, Stonington at 9 a.m. Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery. Calling hours will be held today from 7 to 9, and Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.
STONINGTON — Margaret “Margy” Costello Oliver, 41, of Farmholme Road, died Thursday night, May 9, at her home.


Besides her husband and parents, she is survived by one son, Patrick H. Oliver of Stonington; one daughter, Katherine A. Oliver of Stonington; two sisters, Patsy Burn of Seattle, Wash., and Ann Costello of San Francisco; and two brothers, John D. Costello and Terry Costello, both of Seattle.

The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Calvary Church, 33 Church St., Stonington Borough. Burial will follow in the Calvary Memorial Garden. There are no calling hours.

Byles-Groton Memorial Home, 310 Thames St., is in charge of arrangements. Donations in her memory may be made to Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, 365 Montauk Ave., New London, 06320.
Mary Oliver

Franklin, N.C. — Mary A. Oliver, 96, of Franklin, N.C., formerly of Stonington, passed away Thursday, March 11, 2010.

Born March 27, 1913, in Gouveia, Portugal, she was the daughter of the late Julius and Amelia (Coelho) Oliver.

At the age of 4, Mary’s family moved from Portugal to Stonington, where she attended Stonington Borough School. She left at the age of 16 to care for her mother and father.

She went to work for Atwood Machine Co. in 1942. Before retiring in 1973, she worked for Universal, Flax, and finished her career working for Monsanto.

Mary was active in rolling bandages for the Red Cross during the war and volunteered many years at Red Cross Blood Drives. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, a past member of the Portuguese Holy Auxiliary and a member of the Nina Circle Daughters of Isabella since 1947.

Mary loved to bowl and did so up until the age of 87.

She is survived by special nieces and nephews, Mary and Robert Smith of Franklin, N.C., and Betty and Charlie Fellows and family of Stonington; a great-nephew, Robert Smith Jr. and his wife, Wendy; Judy Rebello and family; and several more nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Elsie Rebello; brother-in-law, Manuel Rebello; a brother, Anthony Oliver; a great niece, Lisa Smith; and a nephew, Mario T. Rebello.

She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Funeral services will begin at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday, March 20, from the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, followed by a funeral mass at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Church Stonington. Burial will follow at St. Mary Cemetery, Stonington. The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 19, at the funeral home.

The family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneral-home.com to share an online message of condolence.
Mary S. Oliver, 85
Communicant of St. Patrick Church

NOANK — Mary Stella Pont Oliver, 85, of Elm Street, Mystic River Homes, died Friday morning, Nov. 29, at the Mystic Manor Convalescent Center.

She was born in Stonington, July 1, 1911, the daughter of Marion and Mary Stella Madeira Pont. She attended local schools and Stonington High School.

A longtime resident of Denison Avenue, she was a communicant of St. Patrick Church.

Her husband, Jesse Oliver, died October 26, 1975.

Mrs. Oliver is survived by two sons, Manuel L. Oliver and Jesse Oliver Jr., both of Mystic; three daughters, Kathryn Police of Mystic, Helen Bill of North Stonington, and Mary Kacor of Waterford; a brother, Manuel Pont of Ledyard; a sister, Antoinette Pimental of West Warwick, R.I.; 24 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Jesse Oliver, on Oct. 26, 1975.

The funeral will assemble at 10:45 a.m. Monday at Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, and proceed to a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Church in Groton. There are no calling hours.
Michael A. Oliverio

Michael A. Oliverio, 80, beloved husband of 53 years of Eleanor (Abosso) Oliverio, of 42 West Arch St., Pawcatuck, died Nov. 27, 2002, at The Westerly Hospital.

Born March 8, 1922, in Bradford, he was the son of the late Donato and Anna Maria (Amato) Oliverio.

Mr. Oliverio was a self-employed building contractor for many years and was the former owner/operator of Rosalini’s Restaurant during the 1970 and 1980s. He was a former member of the B.P.O.E. #678, the Westerly Yacht Club, and the Pawcatuck Italo Club.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, being discharged with the rank of boatswain’s mate second class and receiving the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, American Area Ribbon, European-African-Middle-Eastern Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Medal.

He was an avid vegetable gardener and a loving father and grandfather.

In addition to his wife in Pawcatuck, he is survived by three sons, Michael S. Oliverio of Cornelius, N.C., David J. Oliverio of Windsor, Conn.; Mark S. Oliverio of Hopkinton; a daughter, Elaine Alfiero of Westerly; a brother, Samuel Oliverio of Pawcatuck; three sisters, Mary Romano of New London, Virginia Gentile of Westerly, and Delphina Harmon of Delaware; three grandchildren, Jennifer Oliverio, Michael Oliverio, and Steven Oliverio, all of Cornelius, N.C.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a brother, Daniel Oliverio.

Calling hours are omitted. Funeral service and burial will be held at the convenience of the family. Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, is in charge of arrangements.
Nancy Olmstead
East Lyme — Nancy Cushing Olmstead, 82, a resident of Niantic for 29 years, died Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, at Nutmeg Pavilion in New London.

Mrs. Olmstead was born on Aug. 18, 1922, in Lake Forest, Ill., the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Goodrich Cushing.

She graduated from Columbia-Presbyterian School of Nursing in New York and worked as a registered nurse at Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital and, later, the Mary Basset Imogene Hospital in Cooperstown, N.Y. She moved to Stonington with her husband and children in 1954 and resided there until moving to Niantic in 1974.

Mrs. Olmstead returned to college in the late 1960s, graduating from Connecticut College in 1973 as a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. She remained at Connecticut College as a research associate throughout the 1970s during which time she contributed to several research bulletins and co-authored, with the late Dr. William Niering, the “Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Wildflowers, Eastern Region.”

Mrs. Olmstead served on the board of directors of the Stonington Visiting Nurse Association and, later, the Shoreline Visiting Nurse Association. She was a member and frequently an officer of the board of trustees of the Thames Science Center in New London. Mrs. Olmstead also served on the board of trustees of the Science Center of Southeastern Connecticut, now the Science Epicenter and DNA Learning Center, which replaced the Thames Science Center when the latter moved to Newport, R.I.

Mrs. Olmstead is survived by her son, John C. Olmstead of Stonington; her daughter, Susan E. Olmstead of Niantic; and four grandchildren, Timothy and Megan Olmstead and Niko and Torrin Ewers.

Notice of a memorial service for Mrs. Olmstead will be provided at a later date.

Fulton-Theroux Funeral Home, Niantic, is handling the arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to the Science Epicenter and DNA Learning, 33 Gallow Lane, New London 06320.
Dorothy M. "Dot" Olsen (1926 - 2017)

Dorothy M. "Dot" Olsen, 90 of Mystic, passed away Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at Avalon Nursing Center at StoneRidge after a brief illness. Dot was born on October 20, 1926, in Lynn, Mass., the daughter of the late Carl and Marion (Williams) Graham. After graduating from high school, she worked in the Accounts Payable department of GE before she met the love of her life, Bob Olsen in 1946 while he was on leave from the Navy. They married on September 17, 1949. Dorothy’s support of her husband's naval career was unwavering, requiring frequent moves and overseeing the home front raising five children. Dot and Bob’s travels took them to naval assignments in Massachusetts, San Diego, Corpus Christy, Panama, Maryland, New York and finishing their Navy life after 26 years on a small Navy Airstrip in Charlestown, Rhode Island, that we now know as Ninigret Park. Dorothy was always willing to help whether it was helping sailors and their families establish budgets as a Navy Relief volunteer or coordinating church activities. Dot was the president and treasurer of the Episcopal Church Women's Group at St. Elizabeth Church, in addition to being a Sunday school teacher for many years. Dot was a great bridge player, coordinating Wednesday and Thursday evening bridge at the Westerly Senior Center for many years. Ultimately, Dot and Bob settled at StoneRidge in Mystic where Dot's bridge prowess continued.

Dot was predeceased by Bob in 2012 and remained a StoneRidge resident until her passing. Dot is survived by her five children; daughter Linda and husband Rudy Sherych of Lakeside, OR, their children Jennifer (husband Tom) Harlow and Jessica Sherych, son Robert and wife Linda Olsen of Burley, ID, their children, Christina and Robbie Olsen, son Gary and wife Dorie Olsen of Providence, R.I., daughter Donna Brown of Gales Ferry, her sons, Jesse and Ryan (wife Danielle) and daughter Debra and husband Everett Wilhelm of Mystic, their children Roslin and Cameron, and seven great-grandchildren.

At the end of the day she will be remembered as a strong willed, capable lady who had a strong love of family and country. She will be missed dearly by all who knew her.

Her family will greet relatives and friends from 4 to 7 p.m., on Monday, April 3rd, at the S.R. Avery Funeral Home, 3A Bank St., Hope Valley, R.I. A Memorial Service/Celebration of Life will be held at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, April 4th, at St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church, 63 Canonchet Road, Hope Valley, R.I., with burial to follow at the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery, Exeter, R.I.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Elizabeth Church in Canonchet, R.I. For online condolences, please visit www.averyfuneralhome.com

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He is survived by his wife Eneida (Mendez) Olsen; and his son Cruz Olsen. He is also survived by his parents, Karen (Stillman) Olsen and Christopher Olsen; and brother Matthew Olsen.

Joshua grew up in Norwich and attended Norwich Public Schools. He was a skilled carpenter and an extremely talented sketch artist. His journey through life was not always easy and he faced many challenges, but still he remained a kind and generous person with a big heart who was always willing to help others. He loved children, especially his many nieces and nephews and above all treasured being the father of his adoring son Cruz. Although he left us much too soon, our love for him will never diminish and he will live on in the hearts of his loved ones forever.

In addition, he is survived by his stepchildren, Jessica and Luis Izquierdo; maternal grandmother Marilyn Stillman; father-in-law Ramon Mendez; and his close cousins, Jennifer, Philip, and Justin.

The Woyasz & Son Funeral Home is assisting with private arrangements.
Robert (Bob) Olsen, 85, of Mystic, passed away May 1st at the Avalon Nursing Center.

He was born on March 17, 1927, in Lynn, Mass., the son of the late George and Margaret (Haggart) Olsen.

After graduating from high school, he joined the Army and later transferred to the U.S. Navy after acceptance into the naval officer aviator training program receiving his commission in June 1948 as a naval pilot. His 26 year naval career encompassed flight squadrons in both the eastern and western sea frontiers. He was considered a “mustanger” having entered the service as an Army E1 and retiring as a Navy LCDR. His service took him and his family all over the country from Corpus Christi, Texas; San Diego, Calif; Pensacola, Fla.; Oahu, Hawaii; Coco Solo, Panama; Washington, D.C.; New York, N.Y.; and East Greenwich and Charlestown, R.I.

He had many accomplishments throughout his career, most notably as a senior staff pilot under Admiral John McCain transporting dignitaries including the U.S. Ambassador to the UN at the time, Arthur Goldberg and his last assignment was commander of the Naval Auxiliary Landing Field at Quonset in Charlestown. Currently known as Ninigret Park. At Charlestown his was a role model and father figure for the young sailors under his command. His family has many fond memories of clam bakes, hunting, fishing and Christmas parties with the sailors on the base.

After his retirement from the Navy, he worked at Electric Boat where he retired after 16 years of dedicated service.

He is a member of St. Elizabeth Church in Canonnchet,

S.P. Avery
FUNERAL HOME
New London — Jerry Gordon Olson, 82, of New London, passed away March 27, 2019, at Yale New Haven's Lawrence + Memorial Hospital in New London.

Jerry was born in New Haven, Feb. 6, 1937, the son of Martin and Julie (Ryan) Olson. He graduated from Hamden Hall School in Hamden and attended Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, Mass.

Jerry enlisted in the United States Coast Guard and trained as a diver. He served four years, including one year in the Aleutian Islands in Alaska, and an assignment in New York City until he was honorably discharged. He frequently reflected on his days in the Coast Guard and maintained a love for the service.

He then worked with his father, a real estate developer, building shopping centers in Connecticut, the last being the Groton Shopping Plaza in Groton. Then Jerry located property off I-95 in Mystic, where he designed and created Olde Mystic Village, taking special pride in the waterfront that he personally built.

A community supporter, Jerry served on the boards of Eastern Connecticut Symphony, Easter Seals, The Carousel Museum, Three Rivers Community College, Thames River Family, New London Ledge Lighthouse and the American Cancer Society to name a few. He was also a member of the First Wednesday Club, The Thames Club and the New London Rotary Club, too.

Jerry was interested in antiques, Corvettes, lighthouses and possessed the adventure to travel. He canoed down the Amazon River, ballooned across Australia, rode a horse and buggie to Petra (Jordan), and traveled extensively in the U.S. and Europe — frequently visiting family in Norway.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Vivian Stanley of New London; children, Eric G. Olson (Jamie) of Orlando, Fla.; Scott E. Olson (Kimberly) of Holly Springs, N.C., and Capt. Todd M. Olson (Rebekah) of Mystic; stepdaughter Yvette Mulholland of Davis, Calif., and stepson James P. Stanley (Jessica) of Marion, Mass.

He was predeceased by his sister Sylvia Michaels of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Fla. and is survived by his brother Martin Olson (Iris) of Augusta, Maine and sister Joyce Olson Resnikoff of Waterford. He also leaves nine wonderful grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours are from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Thomas L. Nellam Sons Funeral Home, 12 Ocean Ave., New London. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at St. Joseph Church, with interment to follow in Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic.

Condolences may be shared on Jerry's memorial page at www.nellanfuneralhome.com and donations can be made in his honor to the charity of your choice.
Melvin E. Olsson
Credit Union and as a member of the Town of Stonington Police Commission as well as on many other boards and commissions over the years. In addition, Mel was active until his death, as a union consultant to the statewide John J. Driscoll United Labor Agency where he worked on initiatives such as green jobs training, community benefit contracting standards, providing labor history education, expanding the student internship/union mentoring model in unionized workplaces beyond EB, and promoting registered apprenticeships and nontraditional job training and careers for women. As a labor leader and UAW retiree, Mel was widely respected as a fervent believer in the importance and value of unions, and he served as a mentor to countless workers and union members.
Along with his contributions to the community, Mel and Dorothy were extremely close with Mel's childhood friends, the San Juan families. They thoroughly enjoyed their tradition of Sunday gourmet meals, and cruises, and many other family gatherings together.

Mel had a deep love for his home and family. Mel also had a passion for horse racing and bred and trained his own thoroughbreds in New York state. He shared this love with his daughter, Alyssa, and enjoyed their summer trips to the Saratoga Race Course. He was a father-like figure to his grandsons, Kyle and Gavin, who were the love of his life. He attended every sporting activity, and musical event, and supported them in any endeavor their hearts desired. He cherished their daily visits to his farm in Mystic. Mel took pride in teaching his daughter and grandsons life lessons and always doing the right thing. He instilled in his family the same sense of humility, pride, and integrity, and all the qualities that made Mel such a well-respected man.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019, followed immediately by a funeral service at 2 p.m. at Byles Memorial Home 99 Huntington St., New London. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: Gemma E. Moran Food Center, 374 Broad St., New London; Headstrong Foundation, 232 Green St., Holmes, PA 19043; John J. Driscoll United Labor Agency, 56 Town Line Road, Rocky Hill, CT 06067.
Ida Orlando, 90, of Longboat Key, Fla. and Pawcatuck, Conn., died on June 4, 2008.

Born on Oct. 15, 1917, she married Maurice "Mo" Orlando, founder and CEO of Ortronics, Inc. in 1951. Mrs. Orlando was an accomplished seamstress and taught sewing at the Singer Sewing Machine Co. in Westerly. She was known for her Japanese Bunka needlepoint work. She enjoyed singing, playing the organ and piano, dancing and socializing with friends.

Mrs. Orlando learned to play golf at Elm Ridge County Club in Pawcatuck and continued to play on Longboat Key. She formed the Ladies League at Spanish Main Yacht Club before she moved to Emerald Harbor. Mrs. Orlando is preceded in death by her son, Stephen. She is survived by her husband, Maurice; her son, Roland Otto, Jr. of Duxbury, Mass.; her daughter, Margaret Pescetello of Longboat Key; her sister, Barbara LaMarche of Pawcatuck; her brother, Ernest Findeisen of Westerly; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Service, which will be held on Wednesday, July 2 at 11 a.m. in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Memorial contributions in Ida's memory may be made to TideWell Hospice and Palliative Care, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238.
Ida Orlando

Pawcatuck — Ida L. Orlando, 90, of Longboat Key, Fla., and Pawcatuck, died peacefully in her sleep on June 4, 2008.

She was an accomplished seamstress and taught sewing for many years for the Singer Sewing Machine Co., in Westerly. She was also known for her beautiful needlework of art, especially her work in Japanese Bunka needlepoint. Among her other artistic talents, Ida loved to sing, play the piano or organ, and to dance and socialize with her many friends.

Ida was also an avid golfer, where she learned to play at Elm Ridge CC in Pawcatuck. She continued to play on LBK while residing at Spanish Main Yacht Club where she was the president of the newly formed Ladies League before she moved to Emerald Harbor.

She married Maurice V. Orlando on May 5, 1951. He was the founder and chief executive officer of Ortronics, Inc., a worldwide recognized manufacturing company of electronic wiring components with manufacturing facilities in both Connecticut and Florida.

Ida was predeceased by their son, Stephen A. Orlando of Longboat Key, Fla., and Stonington, in November 2005. She was also predeceased by a brother, John Findelstein, and two sisters, Margaret Booth and Jeanette Duhamel.

Survivors include her husband, Maurice "Mo"; a sister, Barbara LaMarche of Pawcatuck; a brother, Ernest Findelstein of Westerly; a son, Roland L. Otto Jr. of Duxbury, Mass.; a daughter, Margaret O. Pescatello of LBK, Fla.; and five grandchildren, Jeffrey J. Pescatello of Waterford, Carolyn P. Johnson of Carthage, N.C., Amy L. French of New London, Alexandria Orlando of LBK, Fla., and Stephen Orlando of Holmes Beach, Fla. In addition, she has three great-grandchildren.

Plans for a private memorial service are incomplete.

Memorial donations may be made to Tide Well Hospice of Sarasota, 55 Rand St., Sarasota FL 34236.
Nickolena M. Orlando

Nickolena M. Orlando, 80, of 1 Ledge Ave., Pawcatuck, died Friday evening, March 5, 1993, at The Westerly Hospital.

Born Aug. 12, 1912, in Pawcatuck, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Josephine (Mariano) Orlando.

Miss Orlando had been employed as a weaver at the George C. Moore Co. in Westerly for many years before retiring.

She was a communicant of St. Michael Church, Pawcatuck.

She is survived by a brother, Joseph J. Orlando, with whom she made her home; a nephew, Andrea Dinoto of Pawcatuck; and several cousins.

She was predeceased by a brother, James C. Orlando, in 1982.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael Church, Liberty Street, Pawcatuck, followed by burial in St. Michael New Cemetery. There are no visiting hours. Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, is in charge of arrangements.
Stephen A. Orlando

Stephen A. Orlando, 53, of Long Boat Key, Fla., formerly of Stonington, died peacefully Nov. 2, 2005, at The Westerly Hospital following an extended illness.

He was the beloved son of Maurice V. and Ida L. (Findeisen) Orlando of Long Boat Key.

Mr. Orlando was born in Westerly and was a graduate of Stonington High School with the Class of 1970 where he was an outstanding athlete and president of his senior class.

He was co-founder of Ortronics, Inc., in Pawcatuck, a worldwide leader of high speed data cabling systems for the telecommunication industry. He served as CEO from 1985 to 1998, when he retired.

Following his retirement, he pursued several other business interests including the Beach Head Restaurant on Block Island and an active cattle ranch in Florida.

He was a loving and devoted father. He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Westerly.

He was an active sportsman and fisherman. Mr. Orlando was passionate about the development and preservation of wildlife and their environment.

He will always be remembered for his love and generosity, and he will be sadly missed by all those whom he touched.

Surviving in addition to his parents are his son, Stephen M. Orlando; his daughter, Alexandria Orlando; and his former spouse, Lynne (Cameron) Orlando, all of Holmes Beach, Fla.; his brother, Roland Otto of Duxbury, Mass.; his sister, Margaret Pescatello of New London; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be held Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a funeral service Monday at 11 a.m. in Christ Episcopal Church, corner of Broad and Elm streets, Westerly. Interment will be private.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to the Diabetes Foundation of RI, Inc., 1117 Douglas Ave., Unit 2, North Providence, RI 02904 in his memory.
Thomas J. Orlando, 84

PAWCATUCK - Tom passed away at home on Saturday, July 7, 2018. He was married to Darlene (Clausius) Orlando and has three children, Thomas L. Orlando, Lawrence W. Orlando and Christine S. Crowley; two daughters-in-law, Myrna Orlando and Dianne Orlando; and one son-in-law Christopher Crowley.

Tom worked in construction, for loan companies and many years in banking, but he was happiest as a son, brother, best friend, husband, "Dad" and proud "Papa" to three grandchildren whom he loved very much, Rachel Orlando and Sean and Brendan Crowley.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Church, 111 High St., Westerly. Burial at St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck will follow. Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly is in charge of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the St. Michael Capital Campaign, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379 in Tom's memory. For online condolences please visit www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com
Catherine M.
(Harkins) Orr

PAWCATUCK, Conn. — Catherine M. (Harkins) Orr, of West Arch St., Pawcatuck, Conn., passed away at her home on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at the age of 80. She was the wife of the late James C. Orr.

Born in New London, Conn., she was a daughter of the late Bernard and Mary Harkins.

She was employed in customer service for Fisher Controls for many years and was a devoted communicant of St. Michael Church.

Catherine will be dearly missed by her four children, James C. Orr, Jr. and wife, Leslie, of Westerly, Michael P. Orr and wife, Carolyn, of N. Stonington, Daniel E. Orr, of Quaker Hill and Elaine Majeika and husband, Joseph, of Ashaway. She also leaves two brothers, Bernie Harkins, of Villages, Fla., and Jack Harkins, of New London; and a sister, Rose Gencarella, of Westerly. She was the grandmother to nine beloved grandchildren, Jessica Orr, Elizabeth Orr, Marcus Orr, Olivia Orr, Christopher Orr, Matthew Majeika and wife, Corrie, Caitlyn Majeika, Kristen Majeika, and Patrick Majeika, as well as four great-grandchildren, Juliette Majeika, Evelyn Majeika, Simon Majeika, and Catherine Majeika.

Visiting hours are respectfully omitted. A Funeral Liturgy will be held at St. Mary’s Church, 95 Main St., Stonington on Monday, April 18, at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck. Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly is in charge of the arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com.
James Orr

Stonington — James C. Orr, 85, beloved husband of Catherine (Harkins) Orr of West Arch Street, Pawcatuck, passed away at home on Feb. 17, 2013.

He was the son of the late James and Amelia Orr.

Jim had a long career at Stanley Bostitch for 43 years and was also a U.S. Army veteran. Jim enjoyed drives to Weekapaug, doing the jumble and crossword puzzles in the daily papers, and could often be seen at Bess Eaton enjoying coffee with friends.

He is survived by three sons, James C. Orr Jr. and his wife, Leslie, of Westerly, Michael P. Orr and his wife, Carolyn, of North Stonington, and Daniel E. Orr of Quaker Hill; and a daughter, Elaine Majeika and her husband, Joseph, of Ashaway, R.I. He is also survived by a sister, Peggy Mason of Mystic; a sister-in-law, Inez Orr of Hope Valley, R.I.; and nine grandchildren, Jessica Orr, Elizabeth Orr, and Marcus Orr of Westerly, Olivia and Christopher Orr of North Stonington, and Matthew, Caitlin, Kristen, and Patrick Majeika, all of Ashaway.

He was predeceased by a brother, William Orr, and two sisters, Roberta Ellis and Jeannie Bingham.

A funeral liturgy will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Visiting hours are omitted. Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Theresa Dick of the Visiting Nurse Association for all her kindness and professionalism.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to St. Michael Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379, in his memory.

For online condolences please visit www.gaffney-dolanfuneralhome.com.
William Osga

Stonington — William Martin Osga, 86, of Griswold and Stonington passed away on Friday, May 29, 2015.

He was born on Dec. 23, 1928, in Jewett City, son of the late Stanley Osga Sr. and Mary (Konicki) Osga. William was a U.S. Army corporal serving at Fort Knox, Ky., during the Korean War.

He was employed by Ashland and Ponemah Mills, the U.S. Post Office in Norwich and many years at Norwich Hospital, retiring in 1994.

He graduated from Griswold High in 1947 and was all-around best athlete. William was a life member of the Knights of Columbus, VFW of Jewett City, Griswold Fish and Game Club and the Adoration Society of St. Mary’s Church in Jewett City.

An avid sportsman, William loved fishing, hunting and the outdoors. An accomplished builder, he constructed his own home and renovated another. He was a kind, generous and helpful man to all who knew him and he will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy (Skaling) Osga; and son, Glenn Osga (Barbara) of San Diego, Calif.; and daughter, Sharon Osga Dugger (Robert) of Stonington; grandchildren, Ryan Osga, Lauren Osga (Evan Amo), Emily Osga, Amy Dugger and Patrick Dugger; brother, Martin (Elizabeth); aunt, Kathleen (Konicki) Yurecko; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

William was predeceased by a brother, Stanley Jr.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 2, 2015, at Sts. Thomas & Anne Roman Catholic Church in Voluntown. There will be visitation just prior to the Mass starting at 9:30 a.m. until approximately 10:15 a.m. at the Gagne-Piechowski Funeral Home, 490 Voluntown Road, Jewett City. Following the Mass, the interment will be within the Pachaug Cemetery.

For online condolences please go to www.gagnepiechowski.com.
Miss Ostman, Formerly Of Stonington, Dies

STONEGTON — Miss Jennie Ostman of 27 Sherman Street, New London, a former Stonington resident, died this morning in Norwich following a lengthy illness at the age of 86. Miss Ostman was born in Stonington on February 5, 1879, daughter of the late Frederick J. and Elizabeth (Hammond) Ostman.

She had lived in New London for the past 20 years, making her home with her late sister, Miss Lena Ostman, who died last year.

She was a member of St. James Episcopal Church of New London.

Miss Ostman is survived by a brother, William J. Ostman of Stonington, two nieces and eight grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held at the Williams Funeral Home, 34 Main Street, Stonington, on Tuesday at 2 p.m. Interment will be in Stonington Cemetery.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday at the She-Wills Funeral Home, Pawcatuck. Interment will be in Stonington Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home are from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. tomorrow.

Funeral Held for Miss Jennie Ostman

STONEGTON — The funeral for Miss Jennie Ostman of New London, a former Stonington resident, was held yesterday afternoon at the Williams Funeral Home, 34 Main Street.

The Rev. Edworth H. Mayberry of St. James Episcopal Church, New London, conducted the service. Interment was in Stonington Cemetery.

Miss Ostman died Sunday in Norwich following a lengthy illness. She was 86 years old.

OSTMAN — In Stonington, Conn. Sept. 26, 1944, William J. Ostman, aged 86 years, of 8 Denison Ave., Stonington, husband of Laura Smith Ostman, funeral service was held at the She-Wills Funeral Home, 110 West Broad St., Pawcatuck, Conn., at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29. Interment will be in Stonington Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 2 to 4 P.M. and 7 to 9 P.M. Wednesday.

William J. Ostman Dies in 81st Year

STONEGTON — William J. Ostman, 86, a former member of the Stonington Police Dept. and long-time town constable, died unexpectedly yesterday at his home, 8 Denison Ave.

Mr. Ostman was born in Stonington, Nov. 29, 1858, son of Frederick J. and Elizabeth Hammond Ostman.

During his youth, he was a commercial fisherman with his father. He was a policeman from 1924 to 1933 and after leaving the department was a guard at Atwood Machine Co. until his retirement in 1932.

He served several terms as an elected constable. He was elected in 1934. He was a veteran member of the Steamers Fire Co. of the Borough Dept.

He had been a member of Asylum Lodge of Masons since 1909.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Laura Smith Ostman; two daughters, Mrs. John E. Leonard of Hartford and Mrs. John P. Lopes of Wequetequock, and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday at the She-Wills Funeral Home, Pawcatuck. Interment will be in Stonington Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home are from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. tomorrow.

Funeral Held for Mr. Ostman

STONEGTON — Funeral services for William J. Ostman, 86, of Denison Avenue, husband of Laura (Smith) Ostman, were held this afternoon at the She-Wills Funeral Home, 110 West Broad Street, Pawcatuck.

The Rev. Carlston E. Worcester, Pastor of the United Church of Stonington, officiated at the service and at the committal at Stonington Cemetery.

Bearsers were James Whiting III, Roy L. Cole, Edwin D'Amico, J. Benjamin Burdick, Andrew W. Perry and George Burdick, all representing Asylum Lodge No. 57, A.F. & A.M., of which Mr. Ostman was a member since 1909.

Whiting, worshipful master, and James Rittenhouse, chaplain of Asylum Lodge, conducted a memorial service at the funeral home last evening.

Mr. Ostman, a 50-year member of the Steamers Engine Co. and the Borough Fire Department, constable and former police officer, died unexpectedly Tuesday at his home.

OSTMAN — In Norwich, Conn., Miss Jennie Ostman, 86, of 27 Sherman Street, New London, formerly of Stonington. Funeral service will be held at the Williams Funeral Home, 34 Main Street, Stonington, on Tuesday, July 26, at 2 p.m. Interment will be in Stonington Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Monday evening, 7 to 9.
Elise Owen, Flight Instructor And Civic Leader, Dies at 90

Elise von Rodenstein Owen, a former Stonington resident who, at the age of 90, said, “If someone wants to sum up my life, it could be said she did her thing as much as she was able,” died Monday at the age of 90.

She was able to do much.

“I really wanted to be a musician — a concert violinist — but I had to be a radio operator and I had to be a pilot and I had to be so many other things, I never quite made it,” she said.

The other things included a career in aviation. Group Command in the Civil Air Patrol during World War II, planning of the Stonington Tricentennial Street Pageant which in 1949 attracted 60,000 spectators into the village, a leading role in the founding of the Stonington Community Center, helping to establish the Stonington Tricentennial Scholarship Fund and witnessing an atomic bomb explosion in Nevada.

“I am a rebel. There was no mold for me. I had a remarkable family, no one ever said ‘No’ to anything I wanted to do,” she said.

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After the war, she returned to Stonington and taught flying at airports in Stonington, Waterford and Plainfield.

Her last flight was from Westerly State Airport, a flight she completed “with my best landing ever” and over 1,700 hours of flight time.

From the late 1940s into the 1970s she was active in a variety of community activities. She served as Stonington’s civil defense director, organized the New London County Civil Defense Mutual Aid Association, served as a director of Civil Defense Research Associates and was a member of the U.S. Civil Defense Council Shelter Committee. It was during this period, in the 1950s, that she witnessed the atomic bomb blast.

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Wanting to learn aviation "from the ground up" she found a "little flight mechanics school in Hartford which would accept a woman." She enrolled.

Before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor drew the United states into World War II, she had not only completed the mechanics school course of study but had also completed her flight training at Brainard Field in Hartford, earned private and commercial pilot licenses and had qualified as a flight instructor.

Then it was off to Tulsa, Okla., where she served as a flight instructor, training military pilots who were in short supply during the early stages of the war.

DEATH NOTICES

CROTZY — In Westerly, R.I., Jan. 26, 1988, Miss Florence M. Crotzy, daughter of the late Joseph and Melissia (Mooney) Crotzy, residence Watch Hill Road.

Memorial Mass will be held at the convenience of the family. Visiting hours omitted. Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., in charge of arrangements.

URBEC — In Westerly, R.I., Jan. 25, 1988, John G. Urcbic, husband of Margaret (Egzarian) Urcbic, of 235 E. 12th St., and Plainfield.

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Although accomplished on the instrument, one thing she never did do was become a "concert" violinist.

Miss Owen was the daughter of Howard S. and Erna von Rodenstein Owen, residents of New London and Washington, D.C., before moving to Stonington. Her father, she said, "invented the women's bicycle and my mother was the first woman to ride it — down the streets of Washington."

Of her ancestry, she once recalled, "My mother was an early leader in the women's suffrage movement in Ohio. Her father started out as a Lutheran minister, became an Episcopalian minister, and then said he couldn't care for souls when bodies needed help so he became a doctor and surgeon. His father conspired for revolution in Germany and was imprisoned. But he escaped, came to this country and never spoke the German tongue again."

Miss Owen died in Presbyterian Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia following a heart attack. She had moved from Stonington in the fall of 1977 to Crosslands, a Quaker retirement village in Kennett Square, Pa.

There are no immediate survivors.
Discuss New School

A meeting was held last evening at the Pawcatuck Board of Trade for the matter of a new high school building for the town of Stonington to be discussed. A matter that interests every citizen of Stonington, the need for accommodations for pupils well understood. For such a building and its location, there are questions that are of interest and not easily answered.

Caucuses and Delegates

A meeting of the Republican vote of Stonington was held in the hall Wednesday evening. Melvil S. Gilbert, chairman of the committee, was chairman, and John Moll, secretary. Choice of the following delegates:

- Frank L. Barlow, Samuel Harrington
- Elvin B. Byers
- J. C. Potter, Mrs. Cornelia B. Mott
- H. R. Kelly, Mrs. W. T. Wilcox
- Lawrence B. Sullivant

same evening the Democratic convention was held in the town hall, where F. Wilson, chairman of the committee, was chosen by acclamation. The following delegates were selected:

- Joseph Enos, John Dennis, J. Austin John Twomey, Cornelius in, Everett F. Wilson, G. Davis
- Edward T. Denfield, Albert James, Peter Ballestracci, James William O'Leary, George Jr., Nelson Wheeler
- Emil Schmidt, Jesse Henry Moore, Arthur G. James Higgins, James J. Patrick Sullivan, James J. M. day of last week, following the Stonington

Reception in New London for Knox

Preparations are being made for a huge reception for Col. Frank Knox of Chicago, vice presidential nominee of the Republicans, at the Mansion House in New London on Tuesday next, when that distinguished visitor visits the Whaling City. According to present plans all visitors who will participate in the reception are expected to be at the reception at 10:45 A.M., 15 minutes before the scheduled arrival of Col. Knox's train. As this will be the first visit of a major nominee since Gov. Alfred E. Smith was greeted at the station when he was campaigning for the presidency in 1928, it is expected that there will be a large turnout of members of both parties.

Mrs. Herbert S. Owen

The remains of Mrs. Herbert Sumner Owen, who passed away at her home, Linden Hall, on Thursday last, are to be laid to rest in Stonington cemetery Saturday morning. A high mass of requiem was held at St. Mary's Church at 9 o'clock. The celebration is being led by Patrick J. Mahoney, rector of the church. The bearers were Francis J. Connors, Raoul M. Delagrancy, Wolcott H. Sylvilla, and Frank J. Krizanek. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends and the floral offerings were of great beauty.

Mrs. Herbert Sumner Owen, nee Erna von Rodenstein, was born December 31, 1859, at St. Mary's Rectory, Lawrence Street, in what was then known as Manhattanville, New York city.

Her father, Charles Frederich von Rodenstein, born in Frankfort, Germany, was the first rector of St. Mary's parish and afterward studied medicine, "walking" the hospitals of Vienna.

Mrs. Owen's life might be said to have been divided into four distinct lives. Her childhood, spent in her father's library and in the atmosphere of music from her mother's (who was a beautiful musician) was a riotous and adventurous existence.

Whitney - Bailey

Capt. and Mrs. Raymond W. Bailey of Stonington have announced their marriage of their daughter Miss Lenore and Courtenay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Whitney of Wethersfield. The ceremony was performed at White Plains, N. Y., Aug. 17, and the officiating clergyman was Rev. George S. Payson. The couple were married by Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Van Dorn of Hartsdale, N. Y.

The bride is a graduate of Stonington High School and Willimantic Normal School and has been teaching in the East Hampton schools. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney will reside in Hartford. Stonington friends will wish them happiness.

Home Guards Not to be Compensated

The following letter, which will tell the story without need of amplification by us:

Dear Sir:

Your letter of August 24th addressed the Secretary of State, with reference to making an application for compensation for service in the Connecticut Home Guard, has been referred to this office for reply. I have received several such letters and have had the statutes searched and fail to find any section providing for compensation for service except in certain individual cases as were presented to the General Assembly in the na...
Friday of last week, follow-
meeting of the Stonington
town committee, it was
need that the aforesaid com-
had endorsed the following
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who were to be voted for at
ber election:
renes—Frank L. Bar-
the Road District, Samuel
all of Pawcatuck.
onge of Probate—Prosecut-
ey John F. Gallagher.

Jimmie Trumbull, Billy Tay-
drew Perry, 2d, Christopher
Jr., Bobby Back, Betty O'f-
Shirley Davis, May Billings,
Wheeler, Marcia Heath, tenison.

Cases in Our
artment
L. Bourbon 1.50
Orchard 1.60
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ing Port Bourbon 2.20
Oscar Pepper 1.85
Drum 1.75
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sisters and pets galore from deer
going galore, and individual rivalry
in the raising of large dog and cat
families with attending joys and
grievances.

In her student time, having ab-
sorbed her father's library, she
went to the Convent of the Sacred
Heart and then became a convert
to the Roman Catholic faith. Mus-
ic then became her interest and
she studied singing. A fellow stu-
dent and contemporary was Maud
Powell with whom she shared sev-
ral programs. On the eve of her
debut in light opera, she married
Herbert Sumner Owen and then
began her third life.

She lived a very exciting life for
20 years as wife and mother.

At the age of 50 she launched
out in yet another direction and
for the next 20 years lived an ac-
tive public life, for she had discov-
ered that she could talk as well as
singing that audiences could be mov-
ed "to tears and laughter," that
she could help to make ideas ma-
terial in substance. Her voice was
then used to move people to
thought and action, and her life
might then be called a crusade.
But whatever the cause, to her it
was a principle; the action became
the living idea.

She campaigned the State of
Ohio for woman's suffrage and
spoke from "soap box," pulpit and
grandstand at opening ball games.
She was assistant editor of the
Oriental Review and ran radio
classes for women at Hunter Col-
lege; New York, during the war.
Out of this experience grew the
Radio Corps which was gradu-
ally absorbed by the War Depart-
ment for replacement duty in this
country.

She was given a berth in the
office of the chief signal officer in
Washington, D.C., and was put
in charge of a "placement of
women in radio." After the
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vice in the Connecticut Home
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tion providing for compensation
for this service except in such in-
dividual cases as were presented
to the General Assembly in the
ature of a claim for injury sustained
in the line of duty. Recognition
for this service was given in the
form of a button.

I will be indebted to you if you
will be kind enough to forward me
a copy of the article showing the
newspaper which printed it that I
may publish a statement therein
to correct what appears to be an
formal statement.

Very truly yours,
William F. Ladd
Brig. General
The Adjutant General.

Small Attendance
at Boro Meeting

Mention was made in our last
issue that a tax rate of eight mills
had been levied by citizens of the
borough on the taxable property.
We will give further details
of the annual meeting which was
attended by only a few of those in-
terested and presided over by War-
den Edgar.

On motion of Burgess Charles
G. Cushman the rate was made
the same as last year, and the collector
is to be paid the same amount which is
also the amount paid in the pre-
ceeding year. The tax is due and
payable on September 30, 1936.

For the time being the need of
water is not foreseen and the
provision made last year for a
supply is adequate at the pres-
ent time.

New York then claimed her and
she opened classes at Tompkins
Square Library with an attendance
of over 100 men and women every
night. Lecturing on Current His-
tory, evolved from this experience
and it was then that she used her
solid background of unusual and
avid reading in her father's library.

Her life was one of great action,
her mind and spirit were robust
with the joy of life. She had to

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Rowena Owens

Mystic — Rowena Mosette Harwood Owens, 90, of Bishops Cove, formerly of Stonington Borough, died Saturday at home.

She was born on June 23, 1909, in New London, the daughter of Pliny and Rowena Mosette Lee Harwood.

She married Louis Cassard Owens Jr. on Aug. 12, 1933. He was a former vice president of the Bank of New York.

Mrs. Owens had lived in New York and Cape Cod prior to returning to Connecticut.

She was a volunteer for the National Audubon Society and Mystic Seaport, for many years devoting time to the Children's Museum at the Seaport. She was also a dedicated participant with the children's crafts program at the Stonington Library. She furnished the doll house that is on display at the Nathaniel Palmer House, and had worked on the doll house at Mystic Seaport.

Mrs. Owens was known for her needlepoint and her white garden that she tended at her former home on Main Street in Stonington.

She is survived by three grandsons, Stephen L. Owens of Fort Campbell, Ky., David W. Owens of Scituate, Mass., and Christopher M. Owens of Cape May, N.J.; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by a son, Michael Owens of New London.

A private service will be Friday at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Orleans, Cape Cod, Mass.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Children's Art program at Stonington Free Library, 20 High St., Stonington, CT 06378.

The Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.
Kenneth P. Ozanne
Owner of Sportsman Cafe

PAWCATUCK — Kenneth P. Ozanne, 51, of Pawcatuck, died Friday, July 11, at The Westerly Hospital, following a long illness.

He was born May 5, 1946, in Westerly, the son of Helen Bricker Ozanne and the late Raymond E. Ozanne. He graduated from Aberdeen High School in Aberdeen, Md. He was the husband of Karen Arthur Ozanne.

He worked as a commercial fisherman out of Stonington for 25 years. He was captain for Seaward Services in Newport, R.I., and the owner and operator of the Sportsman Cafe in Stonington.

Mr. Ozanne was past secretary and a 30-year member of the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society, a member of the Stonington Fishermen Association, the Westerly Yacht Club, and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Harley P. Chase post in Pawcatuck.

He was also a member of the American Legion. He served in the Navy on board the U.S.S. Rich for nine months during the Vietnam War. Mr. Ozanne also served in the National Guard. He helped form a men’s hockey league at Connecticut College.

Besides his wife, Mr. Ozanne leaves a daughter, Heather Barney of Westerly; a brother, Raymond R. Ozanne of Pawcatuck; several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be private. Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, is in charge of arrangements.