Arthur Saddow

Arthur Saddow, 75, of 46 South Broad St., Pawcatuck, who operated a tailor shop in Stonington village for many years prior to his retirement, died this morning at The Westerly Hospital. He was the husband of Affef (Zahard) Saddow and the late Victoria (Haik) Saddow.

Mr. Saddow was born in Homs, Syria, Sept. 14, 1908, a son of the late Michael and Miriam Saddow.

He was a member of St. Ann's Orthodox Church of Waterford.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Saddow is survived by two sons, Michael Saddow of Warwick and Victor Saddow of Newport; a daughter, Mrs. Marion Durfee of Mystic; a brother, Edward Saddow of West Warwick; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, Wednesday at 11 a.m. Burial will be in St. Sebastian's Cemetery, Westerly. Visiting hours will be Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m.

SADDOW—In Westerly, R.I., May 13, 1985, Arthur Saddow, husband of Affef (Zahard) Saddow and the late Victoria (Haik) Saddow, residence 46 South Broad St., Pawcatuck.

Funeral services in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly Wednesday at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends invited. Visiting hours Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m.
Thomas Sainsbury

Stonington — Thomas E. Sainsbury of Pawcatuck passed away on Sept. 8. He was 98.

He was born in Providence on June 10, 1919. He married Palma Samson in 1946.

Mr. Sainsbury served in World War II and then graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design. He retired from Harris in 1981. He also enjoyed many hobbies and sports that he passed on to his children and grandchildren, including his love of the Boston Red Sox.

During Tom's years he was involved with the Pawcatuck Little League, the Town of Stonington Board of Tax Review, St. Michael's Parish, Mystic Seaport and the Disabled American Veterans.

He will be sadly missed by his wife and their 11 children, Frances Bonardi, Mary Lou Battles, Laurel Fernandes, Barbara Santiago, Tom Sainsbury and Michelle Murphy, who live locally; Patricia Barber of Keene, N.H., Col. Michael Sainsbury of Fort Lee, Va., Phillip Sainsbury of Millersville, Md., Maureen Wirta of Groton, Mass., and Maj. Paul Sainsbury of Warner Robbins AFB, Ga. He is survived by his sister Margaret Brennan, 26 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Gaffney Dolan Funeral Home in Westerly. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in St. Michael Church, Liberty Street, Pawcatuck, on Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 11:30 a.m.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to either the VNA of SECT, 403 North Frontage Road, Waterford, CT 06385, or St. Michael's Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379.
Donald Saltus III


After working in a number of local restaurants, he opened Jasper’s Oyster Bar in South Norwalk. Jocko went on to own two landmark dining establishments in Westport, The Mansion Clam House and Tavern on Main.

Jocko was predeceased by his father, Donald and nephew, Jake Saltus.

He leaves behind his mother, Barbara, of Stonington; his sister, Bobbi; and brothers Matt of Austin, Texas, Duke of Westport and Brett of Fairfield; and nine nieces and nephews. He also is survived by his girlfriend, Joyce Turner of Stonington.

Jocko recently moved to the sleepy seaside village of Stonington, where he worked at the Water St. Cafe. When not working, Jocko loved to spend his leisure time doing what he loved most, fishing, boating and kayaking with his girlfriend Joyce. Jocko will be greatly missed.

A memorial service is planned for August.
Rose Sanda, 80

Longtime Stonington resident

STONINGTON — Rose Arruda Sanda, 80, of Trumbull Avenue, died Sunday evening, Dec. 29, at the Groton Regency, where she was a patient for the past week.

She was born in Sommerville, Mass., the daughter of Manuel and Mary Martin Arruda.

She was a resident of Stonington for more than 55 years. She was married to Joseph Sanda who died in 1982.

Mrs. Sanda was a communicant of St. Mary Church, Stonington, a member of the Stonington Borough Democratic Womens Club, and a long time active member of the Portuguese Holy Ghost Club Auxiliary.

She worked for many years prior to her retirement as a home health aide.

Mrs. Sanda is survived by two sons, Richard Sanda of Stonington, and Joseph Sanda of Old Mystic; one brother, James Arruda of Stonington; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, Jan. 2, at St. Mary Church, Stonington. Burial is in Stonington Cemetery. Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, was in charge of arrangements.

Contributions in Mrs. Sanda's name may be made to the Stonington Ambulance Corps., P.O. Box 424, Stonington 06378.
Gerry Sanderson
Mystic — Gerry Peter Sanderson, 42, born April 1, 1963, in Stamford, died tragically Aug. 4, 2005, in a house fire in Mystic.

Gerry was raised in Greenwich and had resided in Mystic for the greater part of the last 20 years.

He is lovingly survived by his wife, Mariana (Jesus) Sanderson and her family, Jose Carlos Torres and Stella Maris Yeron. Gerry is also survived by his parents, Susan (Abercrombie) Sanderson of Mystic and Harry Edward Sanderson of Canandaigua, N.Y. He leaves his brothers, Harry “Jay,” Edward Jr. and wife, Dianna, Sean Michael and wife, Kelly and Neal Casey Sanderson and sister, Elizabeth “Lizzie” DeNardi Sanderson. Gerry was greatly loved by his nieces and nephews, Jennifer Lynn and Pfc. Gerry Edward DeNardi, U.S. Army, Madison Joyce, Hanna Estelle, and Harry “Trey” Edward Sanderson III. Gerry will be greatly remembered by a long list of cherished and honored friends, whom the family thanks immensely for so loving Gerry.

Gerry was an accomplished chef at the restaurants Bravo Bravo in Mystic and Olio in Groton, a cherished and valued employee and “adopted” child to Carol and Butch Kanabas. An avid sailor, Gerry sailed throughout the area his whole life. Besides his family, Gerry’s greatest love was sailing and the thrill of learning.

The family will greet relatives and friends at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic, on Monday, Aug. 8, from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. with a service to follow at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers and to honor Gerry’s love of reading and history, the family asks that donations be given in his name to the Mystic and Noank Library, 40 Library St., Mystic CT 06355.

For directions or to send the family an online condolence/remembrance, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Lyn Sandow

Mystic — Lyn Sandow, 79, of Mystic, owner of Barely Used Books, died Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016, at home.

She was born June 19, 1937, as Marilyn Sarah Anderson, in Lowell, Mass., to George and Gertrude (Bras- sard) Anderson. Lyn grew up in the Sturbridge, Mass. area and attended high school in Southbridge, Mass., graduating from the University of Connecticut in 1959.

She worked at Resources Development Corp in East Lansing, Mich., designing training materials for the oil industry under the name Lyn Sandow. Materials covering a number of oil-industry subjects were so successful that they were still being used years after publication when Ms. Sandow had left the company. She worked for Grolier Educational Corporation in the late 1960s to early 1970s as head editor and published the highly successful "PREP" series for children in the 1980s. Lyn worked with her husband to form the first home computer educational publisher, Program Design Inc. (PDI) while living in Greenwich. The company was later sold in the 1980s. Lyn moved to the Stonington area when her husband was employed by a local military contractor doing educational and training technology projects.

She later opened Barely Used Books in Mystic. Books played an integral part in Lyn's life. She was the author of a children's series of books, "My First Tool Books" among others. She studied bookbinding with an expert craftsman and opened her own book bindery under the name "Monks Walk" in Mystic. She loved to repair customers' bibles and antique books, preserving them for another generation. In addition, she made beautiful boxes to order for some of these books with collected paper for these items.

Lyn herself collected children's books and mysteries, and her business (Barely Used Books) reflected these favorites. She loved animals and rescued many dogs and cats in her life. Before she became ill, she cooked for the New London homeless shelter.

Lyn never stopped learning, taking classes in fiber art, jewelry making and silversmithing. She was an excellent seamstress and delighted in making whimsical crafts of all kinds. According to friends, she had a wonderful sense of humor. She loved classical music, Mexican art, and thrift shops. She was a member of the Mystic River Yarns knitting group and will be missed.

John Victor, a retired tech writer, was her husband of 49 years. She has no children. Ms. Sandow is survived by her husband and sister, Jean Miller of Kansas City, Mo.; three nephews, Eric and Christopher Miller and Dominic Trescotta Jr.; and one niece, Eve Trescotta. A third sister died of a brain tumor at age 36.

Lyn's death was due to pancreatic cancer after a long illness.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the CT Humane Society, ASPCA or CT Animal House.

The family would like to thank the staff at Center for Hospice Care Southeastern Connecticut for their help at the end, with special thanks to Nancy and Sandy. Also, thanks to Carol Goodman for her help under difficult circumstances. Services and burial are private.
Obituaries

David R. Santacroce

David R. Santacroce, 58, of Pawcatuck, passed away Saturday, March 31, 2007 at Yale New Haven Hospital. He was born in New London on June 26, 1948, the son of Rudolph and Rita McLaughlin Santacroce. He was a graduate of St. Bernard's High School, Class of 1966, received his Bachelor's Degree from Bentley College in Waltham, Mass. in 1970 and completed his education with his MBA from the University of New Haven in 1981. He married Kathleen Bergin at Saint Mary's Church in Waltham, Mass. on Sept. 10, 1971. They settled here and raised their family.

In addition to his wife of 35 years, he is survived by their three daughters, Abigail Rita Santacroce, Kristine Bergin Santacroce and Caitlin Mary Santacroce, all of Pawcatuck. He is also survived by one brother, John Santacroce of Groton, and numerous nieces, nephews, in-laws and cousins.

Dave's working career spanned several different endeavors. He worked for a time at General Dynamics Electric Boat in Groton, and later owned and operated Penny's Doughnuts in Pawcatuck for several years. In most recent years he made his living buying and selling nautical goods of all types. He was a family man who loved spending time with his three daughters. A lifelong resident of this area, he loved being near the ocean and all that it has to offer such as boating and fishing. At home he enjoyed cooking and baking. He loved his dogs that were a part of the family through the years. He took up woodcarving for a time, and liked taking photos.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at 10 a.m. at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Pawcatuck. Burial will follow in Stonington Cemetery.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend and may also call at Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic on Tuesday afternoon and evening from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. In lieu of flowers his family wishes memorial contributions be considered for the David R. Santacroce Memorial Scholarship, c/o Roberta Kinney, Chelsea Groton Bank, 116 West Broad St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379. This college scholarship will be awarded annually to a student who is a graduate of both St. Michael School and Stonington High School.

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

Stonington — Ernest R. Santangelo, 84, of Stonington, died Sunday, Nov. 7, 2004, at Grand Islander Health Care Center in Middletown, R.I.

He was born in New London on Feb. 28, 1920, the son of Prospero and Rosalia Santangelo. After graduating from high school he served in the Air Force with the 435th Troop Carrier Group during World War II. After leaving the armed forces he continued his education by attending Rutgers Graduate School of Banking in Rutgers, N.Y., taking courses in banking and management.

He was employed by the U.S. Government at the Naval Submarine Base in the Disbursements Department. Later he was employed by the Connecticut Bank and Trust Co., serving as vice president of the Loan Department until his retirement in 1975.

His interests included collecting antiques, spending time with family and friends and handcrafting many beautiful, award-winning needlepoint projects throughout his lifetime.

He is survived by a sister, Marie Santangelo Nott, of Portsmouth, R.I.; two brothers, Albert Santangelo, of Salem, and John Santangelo, of Novato, Calif. He also leaves a niece, Betty Talbot Grace, of Wilmington, N.C., and several other nieces, nephews and special friends.

He was predeceased by brothers and sisters, James, Joseph and Philip Santangelo, Vincenza Librizzi, Frances Grimes, Helen Talbot and Mildred Cross.

The funeral will be held from Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, on Thursday, November 11th, at 9:15 a.m. with a funeral Mass at St. Mary Church, Stonington at 10 a.m. Following the Mass, burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, New London, CT. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home on Wednesday evening from 4-7 p.m.
Angelo G. Santaniello (1924 - 2015)

Stonington - Retired Supreme Court Justice Angelo G. Santaniello, 90, loving husband of Kay Santaniello, formerly of New London, passed away on Sunday, March 1, 2015, in his home in Pawcatuck, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born May 28, 1924, in New London, to the late Samuel and Katie Santaniello. He was a 1942 graduate of the former Bulkeley School in New London, a member of the Bulkeley Alumni Association and proud to be a “Bulkeley Boy”. He was a member of the graduating class of 1946 of the College of the Holy Cross and served as president of the Alumni Association. In 1976 he received the In Hoc Signo Award, the Alumni Association’s highest honor which is an expression of respect and admiration for those who have given most generously of their time and talents to Holy Cross. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He graduated from Georgetown University School of Law in 1950.

In September 1950, he started his own law practice, and in 1953, he invited the late C. Robert Satti to join him forming the law firm Santaniello & Satti. He was appointed as a Circuit Court Judge in 1966 and Judge of Common Pleas in 1971. He was elevated to a Superior Court Judge in 1973. He served as the Chief Administrative Judge of Civil and the Administrative Judge of the New London Judicial District from 1978 to 1985. In 1985 he was appointed to a Connecticut Supreme Court Justice where he served until he stepped down in 1987 to become a Senior Associate Justice. As a Senior Justice he is credited with developing the Pre-Argument Conference Program and ran the “Supreme Court on Circuit” program. In 1994, he reached the mandatory retirement age and became a State Judge Trial Referee until 2010.

In addition to his wife, Kay, he is survived by his daughters, Lisa Dittman and her husband, William, of Pawcatuck and Maria Kewer and her husband, William, of Oakdale; his son, S. Gary Santaniello of New London; his sisters, Gloria Hatfield of New London and Mary Rowe and her husband, Kenneth, of New London. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Amanda Kewer, William Dittman Jr., Emily Kewer, Caitlyn Dittman, Terri Dittman Fredericks, and Stephanie Dittman Horn.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Catherine (Driscoll) Santaniello; his brother, Anthony Santaniello; and his sisters, Agatha O’Neill and Vera McQuown. He is also survived by several cherished nieces and nephews and three great-grandchildren.

He was a member of the New London and Connecticut Bar Associations, the Italian Dramatic Club, lifetime member of the Order of the Sons of Italy, the New London Elks Lodge 360, the First Wednesday Club, the Italian American Civic Association, and he was the first mate president of the Southeastern Connecticut Visiting Nurse Association.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to St. Bernard High School in Uncasville, (saint-bernard.com Give to SB) or to the College of Holy Cross Financial Aid or Crusader Athletics Fund in Worcester, Mass. (holycross.edu Make a Gift).

His family will receive relatives and friends from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Impellitteri-Malia Funeral Home, 84 Montauk Ave., New London. Guests are asked to gather for a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. on Friday in St. Joseph Church, 17 Squire St., New London. Interment to follow in St. Mary Cemetery with military honors.

Funeral Home
Impellitteri-Malia Funeral Home
84 Montauk Ave. New London, CT 06320
(860) 443-3600

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Rocco was an avid golfer. He loved the sport not only for the personal challenge, but for the integrity of the game. He discovered his new love of boating and fishing with his family. People could always rely on him for the latest Minnesota Twins stats!

He will be remembered as a devoted and wonderful husband and father who will be deeply missed.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his two daughters, Lindsay and Elyse Santoro, both of Mystic; two sisters, Christine Durcangelo and her husband, Armand, of Sunrise, Fla., and Patrice Deane and her husband, George, of Alpharetta, Fla.; his mother-in-law, Mary Danella of Cherry Hill, N.J.; and three sisters-in-law, Sharon Carney and her husband, Frank, of Cherry Hill, N.J., Susan Crowe and her husband, John, of Hainesport, N.J., and Stefni Gorgo and her husband, Ralph, of Cherry Hill, N.J.

The family will receive friends from 9 to 1 p.m. on Friday, July 3, 2009, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic (51 Williams Ave.) followed by a funeral mass at 1:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Church, 32 East Main St., Mystic. Burial will be private.

The family requests donations be made to The Rocco Santoro Memorial Fund c/o Ellen Grenger, esq., 49 Whitewall Ave., Mystic, CT 06355.

The Santoro family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for directions and to share an online message of condolence.
Blanche Santos /2/13/00

Ledyard — Blanche Smith Santos, 81, formerly of 77 Homestead Road, Ledyard, died Monday at the Mary Elizabeth Nursing Center.

She was born on Sept. 24, 1919, in Moore County, N.C., the daughter of the late Ernest and Florene Allen Smith.

She married Antone D. Santos on July 8, 1943, in St. Mary Church in Stonington. He died in July of 1993.

Mrs. Santos was employed at the Bostitch Co. during World War II. She later worked as an injection mold operator at the Monsanto Co. in Stonington, retiring in 1967.

She was a communicant of St. Mary Church in Stonington.

She is survived by three sisters, Beaulah Rose and Bonnie Sheehan, both of Asheboro, N.C. and Beatie Marley of Robbins, N.C.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by a brother, Herne Smith.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. Burial will be private.

A calling hour will be held from 1-2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home, prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the B.E.S.B.-Ann Croteau Memorial Fund, 184 Windsor Ave., Suite A, Windsor, CT 06095.
Henrietta Santos

Stonington — Henrietta L. Santos, 91, of Pawcatuck, died Saturday morning at her home.

She was born in Hamburg, Germany, July 19, 1911, the daughter of Martin and Amelia Dralle Clements. They moved to this country when she was just 5 months old. She remained a lifelong resident of this area. She attended local schools.

She married Surfrane “Bunny” Santos in Stonington on November 28, 1932. He predeceased her September 19, 1986.

She and her husband owned and operated Bunny’s Shoppe, an ice cream and soda shop at the corner of Church and Water Streets in Stonington for many years.

Mrs. Santos worked for several years as a cook at the former Borough School and could often be found cooking and serving food at fund-raisers on behalf of the area schools, civic groups and also the Stonington Como.

She served as president of the PTO for the Stonington school system and was also a Cub Scout leader while her children were young.

She is survived by her 7 children: 3 sons, Surfrane (Sonny) Santos of Stonington, Ernest Santos of Weston, Vt., and Robert Santos of Stonington; 4 daughters, Audrey Lebron of Tampa, Fla., Johonor Santos of Ledyard, Teresa Grimes of Stonington, and Henrietta Wilcox also of Stonington; one sister, Amelia Macalon of Anna Maria Island, Fla.; 17 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a brother, Fritz Clements.

A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday in Stonington Cemetery, 345 North Main Street, Stonington. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in her name to Stonington Ambulance Corps, P.O. Box 424, Stonington, CT 06378; or VNA of Southeastern Ct, 403 North Frontage Road, Waterford, CT 06385.

Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic is in charge of arrangements.
Jose Santos, 77

Worked at American Velvet Company

PAWCATUCK — Jose Santos, 77, of Canary Street, died Sunday, May 18, at his home after a lengthy illness.

He was born Dec. 2, 1919, in San Miguel, the Azores, the son of Manuel and Maria Rosario Pacheco.

Mr. Santos married Maria J. Costa in San Miguel in 1948. He came to the United States in 1969.

Mr. Santos worked as a helper in the finishing department at the American Velvet Company in Stonington, until retiring in 1983.

Mr. Santos was a communicant of St. Mary Church in Stonington. He was a member of Our Lady of Fatima Society, and the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society, both in Stonington.

Besides his wife, Mr. Santos is survived by one son, Joe M. Santos of Pawcatuck; one daughter, Maria Rosario Santos, with whom he made his home; and one sister, Berta Lopes of Pawcatuck.

He was predeceased by three sisters, Georgiana Madeira, Lurdes Madeira, and Gloria Michado; and two brothers, Manuel Santos Ponte and Miguel DaPonte.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary Church on Wednesday, May 21. Burial is in St. Mary Cemetery. The Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, was in charge of arrangements.
Maria Santos

Pawcatuck — Maria J. (Matias) Santos, 86, of Pawcatuck, beloved wife of the late Jose Santos, passed away peacefully Thursday, Nov. 13, 2008, at home with her family by her side.

Born in San Miguel in The Azores, she was the daughter of the late Manuel and Maria (Correia) Matias and lived in Stonington for most of her life.

Maria was retired from the American Velvet Co. in Stonington and was a communicant of St. Mary Church, Stonington.

She leaves a son, Joe Santos, and her daughter, Maria Paradis and her husband, Sylvio, all of Pawcatuck; many nieces and nephews; and her beloved cat, Mr. Magoo.

The family will receive friends from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, followed by a funeral Mass at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial will follow at St. Mary Cemetery, Stonington.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718. (www.cancer.org).

The family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for the online guest register book.
Richard J. Santos, 72, beloved husband for 48 years of Patricia A. (Esposito) Santos of Fusaro Avenue, Westerly, passed away at Apple Rehab The Clipper on Wednesday, July 27, 2011.

He was born in Stonington, a son of the late Joseph C. and Mary Santos. Richard was employed as a field service engineer for Davis-Standard for 25 years until his retirement. Dick, who was an avid golfer, then became a starter at Boulder Hills Country Club. He was a communicant of the Church of the Immaculate Conception and a life member of the BPOE #678 Westerly Lodge of Elks. Richard was also a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

In addition to his wife, he leaves his daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia A. and Ronald Gaccione, of Westerly. He is also survived by two brothers and their spouses, James and Rita Santos, of Pawcatuck, and Raymond and Jean Santos, of Westerly, as well as his two grandchildren, Shawn and Evan, and several nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be held on Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 111 High St., Westerly, on Saturday at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in St. Sebastian Cemetery, Westerly. For online condolences, please go to www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com.
Shirley Santos

Mystic — Shirley Elaine (McMullen) Santos, 65, of Mystic, died at Yale-New Haven Hospital on Saturday, March 3, 2018.

She was born in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, Canada, to Daniel McMullen and Jean Flemming. She attended Brighton High School in 1967 but got her high school diploma later in Alameda, Calif. On Dec. 27, 1969, she was married to Lambert "Bert" Santos of Cavite City, Philippines, in a civil ceremony in Boston, Mass.

Shirley is survived by her husband, Bert; and children, Jeffrey, Daniel and Jessica of Mystic, and Jennifer of Kittery Point, Maine; grandchildren, Hunter and Lella of Mystic and Michael of Kittery Point; son-in-law, Steve Hendrickson of Kittery Point; and daughter-in-law, Amanda of Mystic. Other surviving family members are brother, Charles with sister-in-law, Debbie McMullen; sister, Brenda Augustinos; and sister, Cathy with brother-in-law,

Jim Shea, all of Boston; and sisters-in-law, Loie and Marge McMullin, both of Canada.

She was predeceased by both parents; and brothers, Doug, Greg and Don of Canada; and a sister, Patricia of Boston.

She was also predeceased by her beloved granddaughter, Alexis.

Shirley was an avid Boston sports fan, a lifetime Red Sox and Celtics fan, she also enjoyed watching the Patriots. Shirley enjoyed family card games and going to bingo, mostly with sister Brenda.

Shirley will be celebrated and remembered in a funeral Mass at noon Saturday, March 24, 2018, at St. Mary Mother of the Redeemer Church. The church is located on 69 Groton Long Point Road, Groton, and is directly across from the Town of Groton Police Station.

Donations in Shirley's name may be made to the Catholic Charities supported by St. Marys Church.

The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is assisting the family.
Surferane "Bunny" Santos, 80, a lifelong Stonington resident, died Friday at his home in Grandview Park.

Santos was the husband of Henrietta (Clemens) Santos, and the son of the late Antone and Julia (Cunha) Santos.

He retired in 1971 from Electric Boat, where he worked as a machinist. Prior to that time, he worked at the former Atwood Machine Co in Stonington. He also operated Bunny's Shoppe, an ice cream and soda shop at the corner of Church and Water Streets in Stonington.

He was a member of St. Mary's Church, and a longtime member of the Neptune Engine Co. of the Stonington Fire Department. He was also a member of the Stonington Fire Police.

He served on the board of governors of the Stonington Community Center, and helped form the twilight baseball league in Stonington.

In addition to his wife, survivors include three sons, Surferane "Sonny" Santos of Stonington, Ernest Santos of Lord's Point and Robert Santos of North Stonington, four daughters, Audrey Lehron of Tampa, Fla., Johonor Santos of Ledyard, Teresa Grimes and Henrietta Wilcox, both of Stonington; two brothers, Ernest Santos of Ohio and Antone Santos of Ledyard; four sisters Julia Waltz of Arizona, Delinda O'Neil of Stonington, Josephine Giordano of Watch Hill and Margaret Von Buehren of Westerly; 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Mary's Church. Interment will be conducted at the convenience of the family. The Thomas L. Neilen & Sons Mystic Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

There are no calling hours.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Stonington Visiting Nurse Association, Inc., 227 North Water St., Stonington.
Pawcatuck — Thomas A. Santos, 76, of Pawcatuck, died Friday, Feb. 22, 2019, after a brief illness.

Born in New London, he was the son of the late Alfred and Mary (Correia) Santos and lived in Pawcatuck for many years.

Tom began his career owning and operating several local businesses, including Nationwide Insurance Co. in Mystic, the former Now & Then Music Store in Gales Ferry, and New England Raceway Store in North Stonington, and he was a popular DJ.

A selfless individual, Tom was always willing to help others, serving his local community and being a member for over 40 years with Lions Club International, serving previously in the Ledyard and Pawcatuck Lions Club and

more recently, in the New London Lions Club (in numerous officer and cabinet positions), receiving the Knight of the Blind Award.

An accomplished author of two books, "My Son Todd and My Guardian Angels" and "Mystic in the Fifties" he was past Chairman of the SECT Authors and Publishers Assoc. (CAPA) and wrote several articles in local periodicals.

Tom founded and hosted his popular TV show, "Books and Things with Tom," a televised show that ran for many years on Comcast and TVC Channel 12, interviewing people of local interest.

He is survived by his grandson, Cody Santos of Preston; and his beloved companion, Dara Karas of Pawcatuck; and several extended family members. Tom was predeceased by his son, Todd C. Santos in 1994; and his brother, Cary.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate his life from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at the Pawcatuck VFW Post 1265, 160 Broad St., where he was a charter member of the Men's Auxiliary and past secretary. Potluck dishes are welcome. His burial will be held privately.

The Mystic Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.
Michael Saponara


He was born on Feb. 5, 1936, in Hartford, where he was raised. He was the son of Anthony (Elin) and Angela (Bianca) Saponara.

Mr. Saponara was the sole proprietor for the Newport Bootery One Plus One for 15 years, later opening and operating One Plus One Antiques and Collectibles in the same location. He was a man of many interests, his greatest being writing and poetry, and had moved to his new home to finish his books on numerology and genealogy, writing under the pen name of Aran Opus.

With the help of his family and hospice caregivers, Mr. Saponara was able to fulfill his wish to spend his final days at home.

Mr. Saponara is survived by his wife of 48 years, Julie M. Borkewsky Saponara of Pawcatuck; sons, Michael Alexander Saponara of Pawcatuck and Christopher A. Saponara; and daughter-in-law Nancy Dunne of Telluride, Colo. He is also survived by his sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary Hall of Wethersfield, Josephine and Ted Denmark of Ithaca, N.Y., and Rose (Papillo) and Fran Coleman of Simsbury; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents and his sisters, Lucy (Rondinone) Saponara and Antoinette Phee.

Donations in his memory may be made to Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, 179 Gallivan Lane, PO. Box 502, Uncasville CT 06382-0502.

The D'Inoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic, is in charge of arrangements. For obituary information, directions, or to send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Francis Saporita

Francis Joseph Saporita, 74, passed away at his home on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005.

He was born in Pawcatuck to Guiseppe (Joseph) S. Saporita Sr. and Angelina (Grills) Saporita.


He is preceded in death by his brothers, Joseph S. Saporita, Jr., Anthony P. Saporita and brother-in-law George N. Friedlander, a Boston philanthropist and national business executive.

Francis received a master's degree in education from Boston College and worked as an educator for over 21 years. He taught in Pawcatuck and New London as well as in Ukiah, Healdsburg and San Francisco, Calif. Francis was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Always one to focus on working for the highest achievements, in high school he received the Harvard University Book Prize, Music Prize, Achievement Cup, was a National Honor Society member all four years and valedictorian of his graduating class. He was a member of the Summer Chorus at Harvard University and the Connecticut All State Symphony and a member of Moose Lodge #458 and Toastmasters International, where he received the Company Trophy, Area Trophy and District Trophy.

He enjoyed classical music and was an accomplished violin, viola, organ and piano player. He read continuously for his own personal growth and enjoyed writing poetry, acting, public speaking, gardening and gourmet cooking.

A funeral liturgy service will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 1 p.m. at Daniels Chapel of the Roses, 1225 Sonoma Ave., Santa Rosa. Interment in Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Santa Rosa.
Pawcatuck — Helen M. Saporita, 86, of 15 Edwards St., died Tuesday at The Westerly Hospital.

She was born on March 13, 1913, in Westerly, the daughter of Joseph and Rosaria Luzi Comforti.

Mrs. Saporita was the widow of Joseph E. Bonoma and the wife of Joseph S. Saporita Jr.

She was a member of a weekly card group and also participated in area card parties. She was a communicant of St. Michael’s Church in Pawcatuck and was a member of the Pawcatuck Italian-American Club and a volunteer at The Westerly Hospital for 23 years.

She was a superb cook and enjoyed several pastimes, especially her garden and household plants.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, Philip J. Bonomo of Pawcatuck and Joseph E. Bonomo Jr. of Wexford, Pa.; a daughter, Grace M. Quaratella of Pawcatuck; three sisters, Rose Delicato, Jessie Marinello and Virginia Cofone, all of Westerly; seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by three sisters, Mary Siaco, Ellen Ciccora and Josephine DeBartolo; and a brother, Peter Comforti.

The funeral will assemble at 9 a.m. Friday at Rushlow-Iacoi Funeral Home, 64 Friendship St. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 10 a.m. in St. Michael’s Church, 60 Liberty St. Burial will follow in St. Michael’s New Cemetery.

Calling hours will be 3-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Contributions may be made in her memory to St. Michael’s Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379 or to The Westerly Hospital, 26 Wells St., Westerly RI 02891.
Antonio Sardo

Stonington — Antonio A. Sardo, 87, of Stonington, passed away peacefully, Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009, at The Westerly Hospital.

Born on March 12, 1922, in Monte, Murtoa, Portugal, he was the son of the late Agostinho and Felicidade (da Silva) Sardo.

He married Laurinda Tavares on June 19, 1948, in Portugal. Shortly after they were married they came to the United States, settling in Stonington in 1967.

Antonio was retired from the American Velvet Co. after many years of service. He was a faithful parishioner of St. Mary Church.

Besides his wife of 61 years, he leaves his two daughters, Rose and Maria Sardo, both of Stonington; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a daughter, Maria Amelia Sardo; a sister, Evangelina Sardo; and a nephew, Manuel Carinha.

Funeral services will begin at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10, from the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, followed by a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial will follow at St. Mary Cemetery in Stonington. The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington, CT 06378 or to the Alzheimer’s Association of CT, 279 New Britain Road, Suite 5, Kensington, CT 06037, www.alz.org.

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

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Obituaries

Evangelina Sardo

Evangelina (daSilva) Sardo, 81, of Stonington, died March 18, 2007, in The Westerly Hospital, Westerly. She was the widow of Joseph Sardo. Born in Murtosa, Portugal, she was the daughter of the late Agustinho Sardo and Maria daSilva, and had been employed as a reeler at the American Velvet Co. for 28 years before retiring in 1985. She was a communicant of St. Mary's Church in Stonington, a member of our Lady of Fatima Society, and one of the last remaining Portuguese immigrants living in Stonington Borough. She was a devoted wife and mother and will most fondly be remembered for her beautiful flower gardens that everyone who passed by would stop to admire. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Manuel and Rosemary Sardo of Westerly; her brother, Antonio Sardo of Stonington; and two nieces and two nephews.

Calling hours will be held Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary Church, Stonington. There is no procession from the funeral home to the church. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, Route 1, Stonington.
Laurinda A. (Tavares) Sardo

PAWCATUCK — Laurinda A. (Tavares) Sardo, 99, of Pawcatuck, CT, wife of the late Antonio Sardo died Saturday, October 19, 2019 surrounded by her family.

She was born in Monte Murtosa, Portugal and was the daughter of the late Antonio Joaquin Tavares and Blandina Das Neves DaSilva.

Laurinda was a Braider for the former Kellem's in Stonington retiring in 1989.

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

Her two daughters, Maria and Rose Sardo of Pawcatuck survive her; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by a daughter, Maria Amelia Sardo, a brother, Antonio Tavares and two sisters-in-law, Evangelina Sardo and Eulalia Tavares.

The Sardo family would like to thank all the wonderful hospital & hospice nurses: Sheila, Linda, Heather & Julie for the years of care given to Laurinda during her long illness.

A calling hour will be held Wednesday, October 23rd from 6-7 pm at the Mystic Funeral Home on Route 1 in Mystic. Funeral services will begin Thursday, October 24th at 9:15 from the funeral home followed by a Mass at 10:00 am at St. Mary Church in Stonington. Her burial will follow the mass at St. Michael Cemetery in Pawcatuck.

Memorial contributions in her memory may be made to St. Mary Church. Mailing address for the church donations may be sent to: 60 Liberty St. Pawcatuck, CT 06379.
Manuel J. Sardo

Manuel Joseph Sardo, 82, of 4 Maple St., Stonington, died at his home Saturday after a lengthy illness. He was the husband of the late Maria (Sao) Sardo.

Born in Monte Murtosa, Portugal, Dec. 16, 1895, he was the son of the late Manuel J. and Maria Rosalia (Silva) Sardo. He came to this country 54 years ago, and made his home in Stonington for the past 42 years. He was the captain of the "Carol and Gay," a dragger in the Stonington commercial fishing fleet from which he retired 20 years ago.

A communicant at St. Mary's Church, he was a member of the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society and the New England Fishermen's Association.

He is survived by his daughter-in-law, with whom he made his home, Evangelina Sardo and one grandson, Manuel Sardo.

The funeral will be held from the Shea-Williams Funeral Home Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 8:30 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at St. Mary's Church, Stonington, at 9 a.m. with interment in St. Mary's Cemetery.

SARDO — In Stonington

Conn. Aug. 26, 1978, Manuel Joseph Sardo, aged 82, of 4 Maple St., Stonington, husband of the late Maria (Sao) Sardo, Funeral will be held from the Shea-Williams Funeral Home, 110 West Broad St., Pawcatuck, Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 8:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church, Stonington, at 9 a.m. Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Monday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.
SARDO — (Suddenly) in Stonington, Conn., Sept. 11, 1924, Maria Sardo, wife of Manuel J. Sardo, aged 59, at her late home, 4 Maple Street.

Funeral from the Harry O. Williams Funeral Home, Inc., 54 Main St., Stonington. Thursday, Sept. 14 at 8 A.M. Solemn high mass of requiem at St. Mary's Church at 9:30 A.M. Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery. Calling hours this Wednesday afternoon and evening 2 to 4 and 7 to 9:30 P.M.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Maria doCruz Sardo

Mrs. Maria doCruz Sardo, wife of Manuel J. Sardo, died suddenly Monday at her home, 4 Maple Street, Stonington. She was 59 years old. A native of Portugal, Mrs. Sardo has been a resident of Stonington for nine years. She was born in October, 1894, the daughter of the late Manuel J. and Maria Silva doCruz.

In addition to her husband she is survived by a son, Joseph M. Sardo of Stonington, a brother, Manuel J. Cruz, also of Stonington, and two sisters, Rosalina doSilva Cruz and Laura doSilva Cruz, both of Portugal.

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Margaret Sarrasin

Mystic — Margaret Craig Sarrasin, 91, formerly of Moss Street, Pawcatuck, died peacefully Nov. 23, 2013, at Lawrence Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

Margaret was born on July 12, 1922, the daughter of Francesco and Orsola (Fau- liac) Sammataro. She grew up in Pawcatuck and graduated in 1940 from Stonington High School.

She married William T. Craig, Jr. in 1951, who predeceased her in 1969. She later married John A. Sarrasin, who predeceased her in 1988. She was a communicant of St. Michael's Church.

Margaret was employed by the First National Store in Pawcatuck for over 35 years, retiring at the age of 70. After retirement, she enjoyed traveling, playing bridge at the Westerly Senior Center, and watching her beloved Red Sox and UConn women Huskies.

She is survived by her son, William T. Craig III and his wife, Carol, of Mystic; her daughter, Mary Ellen O'Connor and husband, Richard; of Holyoke, Mass.; her sisters, Ann Siibold and husband, George, of Rhinebeck, N.Y., Carmella Moore of Stonington, Rosemarie DeVivo and husband, Jim, of Wallingford; and her brother, John "Jack" Sammataro of Pawcatuck; two step-grandsons, Scott and Michael Barnes; and many nieces and nephews.

Her daughter, Margaret Ann Loughi and her sister, Josephine Urso, predeceased her.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30, at St. Mary's Church, Stonington borough. Burial will follow the service at Riverbend Cemetery, Westerly. There will be no calling hours.

The family would like to thank the staff of Academy Point at Mystic, where Margaret made her home the last two years, for the wonderful care given to her.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to St. Michael's Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379.

The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is assisting the family with arrangements.
Ethel A. Durfee Norcia Saunders, 84, passed away at the Watch Hill Manor Nursing Home in Westerly, R.I., on Feb. 12, 2009.

Mrs. Saunders was born on May 13, 1924 in Pawcatuck, Conn., a daughter of the late Horace Durfee and Ruth (Hecker) Durfee.

She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Alice Durfee, of Westerly; and her children, Ernest Norcia (Marti Roland) of Wallingford, Pa.; Antoinette Gauvin (Paul) of Pawcatuck; Samuel Norcia of Westerly; Deborah Davis (Ronald) of Norwich, Conn.; Sharon Mason (Earl) of Orem, Utah; Susan Dean (Erich) of Griswold, Conn.; and Sally Simpler (Richard) of Pensacola, Fla. She was a much-beloved grandmother and great-grandmother.

She was predeceased by her husbands, Ernest Norcia and Frank Saunders; her brother, Clarence, William, and Horace Durfee; and her sisters; Marion Burdick, Ruth Mitchell, and Edith Durfee.

She married Ernest Norcia on March 12, 1944. When Ernie died unexpectedly on May 3, 1951, Ethel was left to raise their seven children, but not alone. Loving aunts and uncles from both sides of the family stepped in to provide assistance, which was warmly welcomed and which Ethel always remembered with great tenderness.

Mrs. Saunders was an avid organic gardener and taught her children a deep love and appreciation of nature. When the youngest were in junior high school, Ethel also returned to school. She earned a nursing degree from Windham Technical College in 1963 and worked at the Westerly Hospital for several years. She later attended Brigham Young University, where she earned her RN and Nurse Practitioner degrees.

She served as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Peru, Lima Mission from 1975 to 1977, teaching nutrition and hygiene to native Peruvians. Upon returning to the United States, she married Frank Saunders and worked as a public health nurse for the town of Groton, Conn. The couple retired to Alabama and Florida, and when Frank passed away in 2000, Mrs. Saunders remained in Florida, close to her daughter and son-in-law, Sally and Rick Simpler. She moved “back home” to Pawcatuck in the spring of 2003.

Until last February, when she had a fall requiring nursing care, she made her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Toni and Paul Gauvin in Pawcatuck. For the past year, she resided at Watch Hill Manor where an attentive staff provided compassionate care and a “home away from home.”

A graveside service will be held on Monday, Feb. 16 at 1 p.m. in the River Bend Cemetery, Beach Street, Westerly. Calling hours are respectfully omitted.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly, R.I. For online condolences and shared memories, visit www.buckler-johnston.com.
Obituaries

Lillian A. Saunders

Lillian A. (Hobson) Saunders, 89, of High Ridge Drive, Pawcatuck, died peacefully on Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009, at The Westerly Hospital. She was the wife of Carl W. Saunders. Sadly, he predeceased her in 1983.

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., on Jan. 30, 1919, she was the daughter of the late Henry E. and Anna (Petersen) Hobson.

Mrs. Saunders was a buyer for the Strawbridge and Clothier Department Store in Philadelphia and later worked at the former Heather House and Tilden Thurbur Store in Westerly and Watch Hill.

Lillian was a member of the Ruth Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and a member of The Westerly Hospital Ladies Aide Association and the YMCA Garden Club.

She will be sadly missed by her daughter, Nancy A. McAndrew and son-in-law Joseph Harrison McAndrew of Pawcatuck. She was the loving grandmother of Nancy Hobson McAndrew.

She also leaves her sister, Gladys Walton of Pennsylvania.

She was predeceased by her sister, Henrietta Newman.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Church of St. Clare, Crandall Avenue, Misquamicut. Burial will follow in St. Sebastian Cemetery, Westerly. Calling hours are respectfully omitted.

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

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

For online condolences and shared memories www.buckler-johnston.com.
Margaret Saunders

Mystic — Margaret Edna “Peg” Chesbro Saunders, 91, of 242 Packer Road, died Sunday at her home.

Mrs. Saunders was born on Dec. 11, 1905, at the family farm at Burnett’s Corners in Mystic, the daughter of Edwin A. and Carrie I. Lawrence Chesbro.


Mrs. Saunders attended Old Mystic schools.

She lived and worked on the family farm her entire life and took great pride in her gardening work. The family farm, known as The Chesbro Farm, was one of the oldest farms in Mystic and was founded by Mrs. Saunders’ grandfather. It once contained over 125 acres and was well-known for its strawberry patches and cranberry bogs.

Mrs. Saunders is survived by a daughter, Carrie S. Bell of Mystic, a sister, Alice C. Pike of Branford; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St. Burial will follow in Elm Grove Cemetery. There are no calling hours.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Old Mystic Fire Department, Old Mystic, 06372.

Margaret Saunders
Lived on Chesbro Farm

Margaret Edna “Peg” Chesbro Saunders, 91, of Packer Road, died Sunday, Nov. 16, 1997, at home.

She was born at the family farm at Burnett’s Corners in Mystic on Dec. 11, 1905. She was the daughter of Edwin A. and Carrie I. Lawrence Chesbro.

The family farm, which was known as the Chesbro Farm, was one of the oldest farms in Mystic. It was founded by Mrs. Saunders’ grandfather. At one time, it contained more than 125 acres, and was well known for its strawberry patches and cranberry bogs.

A devoted homemaker, Mrs. Saunders lived and worked on the family farm her entire life, and took great pride in her gardening work.


Mrs. Saunders is survived by a daughter, Carrie S. Bell of Mystic, a sister, Alice C. Pike of Branford; two granddaughters and two great-granddaughters.

The funeral service was held on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic. Burial followed in Elm Grove Cemetery.

Gifts in Mrs. Saunders’ memory may be made to the Old Mystic Fire Department, Old Mystic, 06372.
Nellie Saunders

Stonington — Nellie "Peg" Vars Saunders, 82, of 15 Circle Drive, died Friday at the New London Rehabilitation and Care Center in Waterford.

She was born on May 23, 1918, in Norwich, the daughter of the late Harold A. and Rose Tatro Vars Sr.

She retired in 1989 following 20 years of employment as a maintenance engineer at United Nuclear Corp.

She is survived by a daughter, Beverly A. Helmick of Groton; a son, Parker Taylor Jr. of Stonington; four sisters, Ruth Maugle and Agnes Richard, both of Norwich, Doris Fries of Apple Valley, Calif., and Rose Hofer of Leesburg, Fla; and two brothers, Edgar Vars of Uncasville and Arthur Vars of South Venice, Fla.

She was predeceased by a sister, Violet Lamperelli; and two brothers, Harold Vars and William Vars.

A funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Labenski Funeral Home, 107 Boswell Ave., Norwich.

Burial will follow in Maplewood Cemetery.

Calling hours will be 7-9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 790 Maple Ave., Hartford 06114-2317.
Stanton C. Saunders

Stanton C. Saunders, 98, died on Aug. 21, 2006, at the Mariners Health Center at Pendleton in Mystic. He was a leading citizen of Westerly, known by friends and business colleagues as "Curly." The husband of the late Winnifred "Nev" Francis Saunders, he was born in Westerly on Jan. 24, 1908. He was the son of James Aldrich and Iva "Davis" Saunders and a direct descendent of Thomas Stanton, the second white settler in Stonington who established a trading post along the Pawcatuck River in the 1640s. He was also a direct descendent of Tobias Saunders, one of the original settlers in 1662 of the town of Westerly and the first representative from Westerly to the Rhode Island colonial legislature.

A lifelong resident of Westerly, Stanton Saunders was educated in Westerly schools and in 1928 joined the U.S. Army Air Corps serving in Panama. Upon returning to Westerly, he established "Curly's" newsstand, soda fountain, lending library and picture framing business in the building in Pawcatuck that now houses the Prime Time Café. Rebuilding the current bridge over the Pawcatuck River in 1930 left only a small footpath for access to Pawcatuck from Westerly, which ended the businesses on the Connecticut side.

Mr. Saunders went to work for The Cottrell Company in Pawcatuck, progressing from the shipping department to cost accounting and the job of paymaster. In 1936, he moved to sales. During World War II, he procured government contracts not only for Cottrell, but also for many industries in the Westerly area, creating employment important for the town. After the war, he became sales vice president of Cottrell and when Harris Seybold Corporation bought the Cottrell Company in 1953, he became vice-president of marketing and a director of Cottrell. He was often called upon to speak at conventions and universities about the graphic arts industry, and contributed articles to industry periodicals. He continued as a key executive until he retired at age 75, and then undertook a consulting role with the company until well into his eighties.

Mr. Saunders was also an active participant in community organizations. He served as vice-president of the Stonington Tricentennial Committee for the 1949 year-long celebration of the town's founding. During that time, he appeared on the Margaret Whiting radio talk show in New York, as well as Providence TV station WJAR to provide publicity for the Tricentennial. Mr. and Mrs. Saunders were both very active in the Westerly Historical Society, and Stanton was for many years chairman of the Orlando R. Smith Trust which oversees the Babcock-Smith House Museum.

An avid sailor and golfer, he was a member for many years of The Watch Hill Yacht Club and The Misquamicut Club. He belonged to the Union League Club of New York, and in Westerly belonged for 51 years to a poker club which had been founded in 1914.

Mr. Saunders is survived by three daughters, Janet S. Wright of Miami, Fla., Margaret S. Barclay of Westerly, and Sally S. Saunders of Waramoin, New South Wales, Australia, as well as his son-in-law Don J. Barclay. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Roger E. Vaughan Jr. and his wife Rochelle of Smithfield, Courtland R. Chapman III and his wife Laurie of Guilford, Conn., and Thomas S. Chapman and his wife Kerry of Brighton, Mass.; as well as five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and a nephew and their families.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Carl W. Saunders of Pawcatuck and Milton A. Saunders.

A memorial service will be held at the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly on Saturday, Aug. 26 at 2 p.m. Calling hours are respectfully omitted.

Burial will be in River Bend Cemetery, Beach Street, Westerly.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made in his memory to the Orlando R. Smith Trust (Babcock-Smith House trustees) in care of Steven Greene at 1 Canal St., Westerly, RI 02891.

For online condolences: www.buckler-johnston.com
Stephen Saunders
Stonington — Stephen A. Saunders, 69, of Pequot Trail, formerly of Wethersfield, died Saturday at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London.

He was born on June 16, 1931, in Westerly, the son of the late Clarence and Virginia Burrows Saunders.

He married Mildred Saretzki on Sept. 5, 1955, in Ashaway, R.I.

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

He was a graduate of the Rhode Island Institute of Technology.

Mr. Saunders was employed by the Travelers Insurance Co. in Hartford for 35 years, retiring in 1983.

He was a member of the Apache Junction Arizona Elks Lodge, the Silas Deane Masonic Lodge in East Hartford, and the Hugh Simonelli Veterans of Foreign War Post in Mystic. He was also a member of the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society in Stonington.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Keith Saunders of Wethersfield; a daughter, Karen Telesca of Rocky Hill; and three grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a sister, Ruth Kenyon.

A memorial service will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route I, Mystic. Burial will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor’s choice.
Gayla Savage

Stonington — Gayla Ann Savage, loving companion for 32 years of Thomas V. Riley of Farmholme Road, Stonington, passed away Saturday, April 3, 2010, at the Westerly Health Center.

Gayla was born in Westerly, the daughter of the late Frederick and Madeline Savage. She graduated from Brown University with high honors and then was employed for many years as a chief chemist at Pfizer. She had also formerly operated Gayla’s Tours and Travel and traveled extensively around the world. She enjoyed gardening and working in the yard as well.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 111 High St., Westerly. Visiting hours will be from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Monday in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.

For online condolences, please visit gaffneydolansfuneralhome.com.
Stonington — George J. Savin, 80, of Stonington, beloved husband of 57 years to the late Irene (Rogers) Savin, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2008, at The Westerly Hospital.

Born on March 1, 1928, in Southampton, N.Y., he was the son of the late John and Bridget (Mulcahey) Savin. George and his family moved to Stonington when he was a child. He attended local schools and was an exceptional athlete in football, baseball, and track at Stonington High School. One of his proudest accomplishments as an athlete was winning the state championship in the 220-yard dash in 1946. George enlisted with the U.S. Army and was stationed in Heidelberg, Germany, from 1947 to 1948, where he joined the Army’s football team. He was honorably discharged in 1948, returning to Stonington where he played semi-pro football with the former Red Devils for two years.


In 1954, George became a member of the Stonington Police Department. After two years as a supernumary, he was promoted to officer and was later promoted to sergeant and eventually lieutenant, retiring in 1983. During his years as a police officer, George remained active in athletics, coaching Stonington’s first Pee Wee football team and St. Mary’s basketball team for many years. He also founded the Athletic Booster Club of Stonington.

High School and was a member of the Neptune Fire Co. After his retirement from the police department, George was a security officer with Electric Boat for five years. He leaves his six children, Kathy Fitzpatrick and her husband, Peter, of Bancroft, Maine, Jack Savin of Pahoa, Hawaii, Linda Savitz and her husband, David, of Pawcatuck, Ellie Dunn and her husband, Gerry, of Pawcatuck, Paula Pucci of Westerly, and Scott Savin of Pawcatuck; a sister, Amy Clark of Mystic; four beloved grandchildren, Jonathan and Kara Savitz, Patsy Dunn, and Alexa Pucci; his mother-in-law, Louise Rogers of Westerly; as well as many relatives and friends.

He was predeceased by two brothers, William and Maurice Savin, and two sisters, Doris Rupp and Mary Savin.

Funeral services will begin 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 10, 2008, from the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, followed by a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial with full military honors will follow at St. Mary Cemetery, Stonington. The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Athletic Booster Club of Stonington High School, 176 S. Broad St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379.

The Savin family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for the online register book and directions.
Irene Savin

Pawcatuck — Irene (Rogers) Savin, 77, of Pawcatuck, passed away peacefully Friday, Sept. 7, 2007, at Mary Elizabeth Nursing Center in Mystic surrounded by her family.

Irene was born Jan. 1, 1930, in New Bedford, Mass., the daughter of Louise (Rodrick) Rogers of Westerly, and the late John Rogers.

She married George Savin on Jan. 14, 1950, at St. Mary Church in Stonington; they were happily married for 57 years.

Irene worked for the Stonington school system as a secretary for many years, retiring in 1991. She was also a communicant of St. Mary Church. Irene enjoyed the beach, traveling with her husband, and loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, George, and her mother, Louise Rogers, she is survived by her daughter, Kathy Fitzpatrick, and her husband, Peter of Bancroft, Maine; son, John Savin of Pahoa, Hawaii; daughter, Linda Salovitz, and her husband, David, and their children, Jonathan and Kara Salovitz of Pawcatuck; daughter, Ellie Dunn, and her husband, Gerry, and their child, Paisy Dunn, of Pawcatuck; daughter, Paula Pucci, and her child, Alexa Pucci, of Westerly; son, Scott Savin of Pawcatuck; two brothers, John Rogers of Westerly and Thomas Rogers of Pawcatuck; as well as many relatives and friends.

In addition to her father, Irene was predeceased by her brother, Paul Rogers.

Funeral services for Irene will begin at 9:15 a.m. Monday, Sept. 10, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, for a 10 a.m. Funeral Mass at St. Mary Church in Stonington. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Irene’s memory may be made to Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, PO Box 906, Uncasville CT 06382.

The Savin Family invites you to visit www.myisticfuneralhome.com for directions, obituary information, and an online memorial register to leave a note of condolence.
Samuel Sawyer

Mystic — Samuel J. Sawyer, 54, of Mystic died on Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 25 years, Maryann (Misiorek); and cherished daughter, Katharine.

He was preceded by his mother, Maureen (Smith) Sawyer; father, Jeffrey Sawyer; and stepmother, Marilyn (Lane) Sawyer.

Friends are invited to visit with the family and remember Sam from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018, at the Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic.

A complete obituary can be found at www.dinotofuneral.com.
Deborah Markey Sayles, 64, of Pawcatuck, CT, passed away April 25, 2011, at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Brookline, MA.

Mrs. Sayles was born December 29, 1946, in Bethesda, MD, to Clyde J. and Audrey (Fenelon) Markey. She attended Westerly High School, graduating in 1964. She continued her education at Lasell College in Newton, MA, graduating with a degree in retail management. Upon graduation, she worked at the John Hancock Insurance Home Office in Boston until she married her husband.

After raising her children, she was the Assistant and Recreation Director for the Town of North Stonington, CT, for 10 years. As an active member of the North Stonington Lions Club, she coordinated many of their charitable events, such as the annual Run for Sight Road Race. Deborah's dedication to serving the public earned her the North Stonington Citizen of the Year Award.

Deborah grew up by the shore in Avondale, RI, and was most at home with her husband, family, and friends at the beach. In her younger years, she was an avid skier and spent her winters at Mount Snow in VT. In her later years, she was surrounded by a close group of friends who regularly met every Friday.

She is survived by her loving husband, Dalton F. Sayles; her daughters Courtney Gencarelli and Quinn Sayles, and son-in-law J. Dennis Rollins of Groton, CT; grandchildren Kyle and Katelyn Gencarelli; her aunt Andree Fenelon Charous and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She will always be remembered as a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and trusted friend to many. Her smile, a beacon in the dark, will always be missed.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home in Westerly. Calling hours will be there on Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. The funeral will be held on Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church in Westerly. Donations may be sent in memory of Deborah Markey Sayles to The Lasell Fund, 3844 Commonwealth Ave., Newton, MA 02466-2716.
Claire Scanlon

Stonington — Claire “Ma” Scanlon, of Pawcatuck passed away peacefully Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014, with family by her side after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Claire was born Oct. 23, 1950, in New London, the daughter of the late James and Margaret (Kenyon) Scanlon. Claire was known as “Ma” to many who knew her. She had the grandest spirit of anyone who lived. We will always remember her love for life, her love for family and love for her friends. Ma was a special woman who through thick and thin, sickness and health, always had time for a laugh, a smile and an “I Love You.” She will be forever missed.

Ma loved music, the beach, the New York Yankees, chatting on the phone, and she especially loved every second she spent with her grandchildren.

She cherished time with her extended family, including her “identical cousin” Beth Connolly, and all of her Kenyon cousins, her nieces including Denise Donelin and Patricia Varma, and also her many lifelong friends from the Bronx, including Thurston Delaney Sr.

She is predeceased by her sister, Loretta Tardibuono; and her niece, Becky Boyd.

Claire is survived by her children, Thurston Delaney and his wife, Shelley, of Norwich, Darron Delaney of New London, and Amber Broderick and her husband, Steve, of North Stonington. Claire has six grandchildren, Mackenzie, Darron Jr., Quintin, Nora, Sophie and Anna Claire. She is also survived by her sister, Barbara Boyd; and her brother, Jimmy Scanlon.

The family would like to express its gratitude for the exceptional care and compassion Claire received from Hospice of SECT, VNA and Mystic Health and Rehabilitation Center.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday for a memorial gathering at Impellitteri-Malla Funeral Home, 84 Montauk Ave., New London. A memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, at St. Mary Star of the Sea, 10 Huntington St., New London. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to Hospice of SECT.
Westerly — Edna Tyson Schachner, age 93, of Westerly, died Saturday at the Carriage House at The Elms. She was born in Pawcatuck May 21, 1916, the daughter of Thomas B. Tyson and Eva Gregson Tyson. She was the widow of Joseph J. Schachner. She is survived by her stepchildren, Stephen G. Schachner of Tolland, Conn., Richard J. Schachner of Moravian Falls, N.C., and J. Robert Schachner of Tucson, Ariz.

She was predeceased by her sisters, Anne Tyson Schachner, Eva Tyson Walker and brother, G. Robert Tyson. Funeral services and burial in River Bend Cemetery will be private. The Thomas L. Neilan & Sons Funeral Home, New London, is assisting the family.
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Joseph J. Schachner

Joseph J. Schachner, 93, of Mystic Avenue, Pawcatuck, died Monday, April 11, 2005, at The Westerly Hospital, Westerly. He was the beloved husband of Edna L. (Tyson) Schachner.

Born in Pawcatuck on Oct. 31, 1911, son of George and Rose (Quinn) Schachner, he was a lifelong resident of Pawcatuck.

Mr. Schachner was an accomplished athlete and pitched for local amateur and semi-pro baseball teams. He was an avid bowler and fisherman.

He was employed for 48 years at the CB Cottrell/Harris Intertype Facility as an industrial blacksmith and retired as foreman of the Blacksmith Shop.

Mr. Schachner was very active in the community, taking part in events as the master of ceremonies, or speaking at local AA meetings. He had a great sense of humor and brightened the days of those with whom he had contact.

He leaves three sons and daughters-in-law, J. Robert and Nancy W. of Tucson, Ariz., Richard T. and Maureen of Moradian Falls, N.C., and Stephen G. and Judith of Tolland, Conn.; 10 grandchildren; and 17 great grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Anne (Tyson) Schachner; a sister, Rita S. Kenyon; and brothers, William, Austin, Louis and Walter.

Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly, is in charge of arrangements. A graveside service will be private. A memorial service is being planned and will be announced at a later date.

Donations in his memory may be sent to The Westerly Hospital, 25 Wells St., Westerly, RI 02891.
Andrew F. "Andy" Schackner

Mystic - Andrew F. Schackner, beloved husband of Susan A. (Swiszcz) Schackner, died unexpectedly at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital on March 12, 2017. He resided in Mystic.

Andy, son of the late Austin J. and Mary C. Schackner, was born in Westerly at the former Margaret Edward Anderson Hospital. He is a graduate of the former Immaculate Conception School and Westerly High School.

He proudly served his country in Vietnam in the U.S. Army 18th Military Police Brigade and retired from a long career as a letter carrier with the U.S. Postal Service in Groton. An avid sports fan, he loved the Pittsburg Pirates, PC Friars and the Connecticut Huskies. He played high school basketball and enjoyed coaching the former youth CYO basketball teams at his former parish, Immaculate Conception. Andy traveled with his teams for competitive sports throughout the Providence Diocese.

Andy was a communicant of St. Mary's Mother of the Redeemer Parish in Groton and an usher at the 5:30 evening Mass. His love of gardening was evident, planting his own seeds for his vegetables and plants. He had a love for nature and outside work was his passion. Andy was a fun-loving person, a kind and gentle man with a zest for life, love for his family, his country and his faith.

Besides his loving wife, he is survived by his sister, Catherine M. and brother, George J., both of Westerly. He was predeceased by his brother, Gerald A. "Jerry". Andy was the uncle of Gerald "Jed" Schackner and Peter J. Schackner of Westerly; his nieces, Lynn Mary Brooks of Narragansett and Kate E. Sullivan of Plainfield; five great nieces and nephews; and many cousins and friends. He also leaves his mother-in-law, Clara M. Swiszcz; sisters-in-law, Helen Schwartz (Alan) and Linda Stevens; a niece, Samantha Stevens; a nephew, Scott Stevens; and great nephew, Prescott Stevens.

The family will greet relatives and friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2017, at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, R.I. A Funeral Liturgy will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, St. Patrick's Day, at St. Mary's Mother of the Redeemer, Groton. There is no procession from the funeral home to church. Burial with Full Military Honors will follow at RI Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 301 So. County Trl., Exeter, RI.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Andy's parish, St. Mary's Mother of the Redeemer, 69 Groton Long Point Road, Groton, CT 06340. For online condolences please visit www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com

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Anne Schackner

Pawcatuck — Anne T. Schackner, 87, of 13 Prospect St., died Thursday at the Westerly Health Center in Westerly.

She was born on Dec. 8, 1913, in Westerly, the daughter of the late Angelo and Maria Capalbo Comforti.

She was the wife of Louis L. Schackner.

For many years, Mrs. Schackner was a waitress at the Elm Tree Inn in Pawcatuck.

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

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, Thomas L. Schackner of Manchester and Lawrence J. Schackner of Cheshire; three daughters, Maryanne Dreary of Pawcatuck, and Jeanne S. Turo and Therese S. Sutcliffe, both of Westerly; 20 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by three brothers, Frank “Shorty” Comforti, Joseph Comforti, and Salvatore “Sally Dude” Comforti; and two sisters, Eleanor Comforti and Minnie Pendola.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at noon Saturday at St. Michael Church, 62 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery. There is no procession from the funeral home.

Calling hours are 5-8 p.m. today at the Gaffney Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. Michael School Educational Endowment Trust, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379.
Louis Schackner
Louis L. Schackner, 90, devoted husband of the late Anne T. Schackner, passed away, surrounded by his family, Saturday, May 29, 2004, at the Westerly Health Center. He was born on December 4, 1913 in Pawcatuck, CT. He was the son of the late George and Rose (Quinn) Schackner.

In his early years he worked at the George C. Moore Co. where he met his wife of 64 years Anne Comforti. He also worked for 40 years with his brothers William and Walter at Schackner’s Radio Shop, later taking a job at Maxson’s Automatic Machinery in Westerly until his retirement. He will be remembered for his love for his wife, family, 20 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and many nieces nephews and good friends. He was an avid New York Yankees fan.

Louis is survived by five children: Maryanne Deary of Pawcatuck, CT; Thomas Schackner of Manchester, CT; Jeanne Turo of Westerly, RI; and one brother, Joseph Schackner of Pawcatuck, CT. In addition to his wife and parents, he is predeceased by three brothers William, Austin, and Walter, and a sister Rita Kenyon.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in St. Michael of the Archangel Church, Wednesday, June 2, at 9:30 a.m. Friends and relatives are invited to attend. There is no procession from the funeral home.

Visiting hours will be in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, R.I., Tuesday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, family requests contributions be made to St. Michael School Educational Endowment Trust, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT, 06379, in his memory.
Lucina Schackner

Pawcatuck — Lucina K. Schackner, 94, formerly of Wilcox Manor, Pawcatuck, died at Fairview Nursing Home, Groton, on Saturday, April 20, 2002.

She was the wife of the late William H. Schackner.

Born in Fall River, Mass., on March 17, 1908, she was a daughter of the late George J. and Annie F. (O'Dea) Bauerle.

Mrs. Schackner was a communicant of St. Michael Church of Pawcatuck. She was also a longtime member of the former St. Michael's Ladies Guild.

She is survived by four daughters, Maureen Smith of Westerly, Patricia Colonis of Waterford, Lucina Heipt of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., and Anne Kele of Greenwich; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by a brother, Charles Bauerle and George Bauerle Jr.; and a sister, Mary Lebuis.

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

Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery.

Visiting hours will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly.
Rudolph Schaefer III

Stonington — Rudolph J. Schaefer III, of Stonington and Key Largo, Fla., died on Friday, June 10, 2011, in his home, surrounded by his loving family.

Mr. Schaefer was born on Aug. 29, 1930, in New York City to Rudolph Jay Schaefer Jr. and Lucia (Moran) Schaefer.

Rudie attended the Rye Country Day School, Choate, Washington and Lee and graduated from Hofstra University with a bachelor of business administration degree. Rudie also attended the Harvard Business School PMD Management Program.

After graduation, Rudie enlisted in the Navy in June, 1952. He served active duty aboard the USS MacGowen, DD678, from 1953 to 1957 in the Middle East, attaining the rank of lieutenant junior grade. He remained in the Naval Reserve until 1969.


He joined the F&M Schaefer Brewing Co. in 1957 and later served as president of the brewery from 1972 to 1975. His great-grandfather had founded the F&M Schaefer Brewing Company in 1842.

Mr. Schaefer was involved and worked on many boards throughout his life. He was vice president and board member of the New York School For The Deaf and a board member of the United Hospital in Port Chester N.Y., the New Rochelle Hospital as well as Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London. Rudie was also a board member of the Lincoln Savings Bank and the New London Savings Bank.

A philanthropist throughout his life, Rudie was especially proud of his work with Mystic Seaport, serving as a trustee in 1975 and later president and chairman of the board from 1983 to 1989.

His love of the sea and yachting sparked a life-long interest in marine art. He was very proactive in supporting many aspiring marine artists. Rudie was instrumental in building the Mystic Maritime Art Gallery at the Mystic Seaport in honor of his father, Rudolph J. Schaefer Jr.

Mr. Schaefer was actively involved in many clubs and organizations including the Cruising Club of America, founder of the Stonington Country Club, Stonington Harbor Yacht Club, Ocean Reef Club, member and commodore of the Key Largo Anglers Club, New York Yacht Club.

Former memberships include the American Yacht Club, Larchmont Yacht Club and the Shelter Island Yacht Club.

Rudie is survived by his wife, Jane; son, Rudolph J Schaefer IV; daughters, Martha H. Schaefer, Edmee S. Zahringer, Lucia S. Chase and Greta S. Schaefer; and son-in-laws, Charles J. Zahringer and Mark M. Chase.


He is survived by his stepmother, Janet Udall Schaefer, brother, William M. Schaefer, and sister, Edmee S. Combs.

He is predeceased by his sister, Lucy S. Pedersen; and daughter, Anne E Schaefer.

A service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 16, 2011, at the Calvary Episcopal Church, 27 Church St., Stonington.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Mystic Seaport, P.O. Box 6000, 75 Greenmanville Ave., Mystic, CT 06355 or Hospice Southeastern Connecticut, 227 Dunham St., Norwich, CT 06360.
Rudolph Schaefer IV
Stonington — Rudolph Jay Schaefer IV, born Aug. 16, 1958, passed away from cancer on May 17, 2018, surrounded by his family. He was the son of Rudolph J. Schaefer III and Jane Isdell Schaefer of the P&M Schaefer Brewing family.

He graduated from Rye High School in 1976, and received his architectural degree from RISD in 1992. He started his own architecture firm in 1995.

He lived and worked in Hawaii from 2002-17, and was instrumental in founding the sport of lacrosse for Hawaii’s youth. He taught architecture at the University of Hawaii from 2007-12, and was a community member of St. Clements Parish.

He was predeceased by his father Rudolph J. Schaefer III, and sister Anne E. Schaefer. He is survived by his children Alexandra M. Schaefer and Rudolph J. Schaefer V of his first marriage with Jacquelyn M. Hart; and children Helena K. Schaefer and Jamie K. Schaefer of his second marriage with Kikilia A. Fordham. He is also survived by his mother Jane L. Schaefer, his four sisters, Martha A. Schaefer, Edmae S. Zahringer, Lucia S. Chase and Greta J. Schaefer, and his stepgrandmother Janet U. Schaefer.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 22, at Calvary Church in Stonington.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in his honor can be sent to the Aloha Youth Lacrosse Association or to Academic Scholarships at his alma mater, RISD.

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

Visiting hours will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. A funeral liturgy will take place at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary’s Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial with full military honors will follow at Maplewood Cemetery, Norwich.

For the full obituary please visit www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com.
Mystic — Theela McCrordon Schaffhauser left this earth March 17, 2019. Born the fifth of six children to Rodney and Edna McCrordon in Atkinson, Maine, she moved with her family to Connecticut early in her life. She earned her bachelor’s degree in English from the University of Connecticut at Storrs, boarding with family and working long hours to pay her tuition.

She held many jobs in her life, including those at a nursing home, a dude ranch and for the State of Connecticut, retiring as a supervisor from the Department of Children and Families in 2003. It was while working for the state that she met her husband of 48 years, Philip Schaffhauser. Sharing a love of travel, Theela and Phil visited Europe, the Caribbean and many places in the U.S., with trips to Italy and Alaska making especially lasting impressions. The gardens they tended together were a source of great pride to them both.

Amassing a wide circle of friends, Theela was active in three different book clubs, and always looked forward to spirited games of bridge with a regular group of fellow enthusiasts. When she moved to Mystic in 2017, she quickly became a member of the neighborhood “Breakfast Club,” meeting each Sunday morning at a local restaurant.

Forever remembered and never replaced, Theela leaves behind her sister, Sylvia Miller and husband Dr. Robert E. Miller; brother, Roderick McCrordon and his wife Christine McCrordon; sisters, Charlene Hemmer and Iola Miller; brother-in-law, Lloyd Schaffhauser and his wife Helen Kemp; brother-in-law, Robert Dion; grandchildren, Ola Schaffhauser and Malachi Castner; daughters, Karen Schaffhauser and Adrienne Pratt; and son-in-law, Timothy Pratt. She was predeceased by her husband, Philip Schaffhauser in 2015; by her sister, Sandra Dion; and by brothers-in-law, James Miller and Louis Hemmer. She shared a deep bond with 15 nieces and nephews, including her godson Derek Dion.

Theela believed that caring for others and being cared for in return was life’s greatest gift. That love extended to animals, and she cared for many pets during her life, remaining devoted even when they misbehaved.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Theela’s memory may be made to the Groton Animal Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 7023, Groton, CT 06340. www.grotonanimalfoundation.org.

The family will greet relatives and friends at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 23, at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church, 32 E. Main St., Mystic. From noon to 3 p.m., all are welcome to attend a celebration of Theela’s life at M/BAR, 30 Broadway Ave., Mystic.
Tuesday, January 6, 2015

James Schalla Sr.

Mystic — James “Jim” T. Schalla Sr., 80, of Old Mystic, husband of 41 years to Irene (Klewin) Schalla, passed away Dec. 31, 2014, at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital.

Born in Portage, Wis., he was raised by his aunts, Mary and Martha Hartman. He arrived in New London aboard the USS Fulton in 1954, and remained in Connecticut but was true to his state of Wisconsin.

Jim was a skilled home builder and master carpenter who worked independently and with various companies before being employed by General Dynamics Electric Boat. He retired as a carpenter supervisor after 23 years with Electric Boat and later went to work at Foxwoods Resort in gaming (they thought he was probably the oldest craps dealer on the East Coast), subsequently working at Home Depot, finally retiring in 2001.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran serving during the Korean War, honorably discharged as a torpedoman’s mate petty officer 3rd class in 1954, and was a member of the American Legion Post 115 in Noank.

He enjoyed music and sang for many years with the St. Mary Church choir and New London Sea Notes. He also was a member of the Mystic Polish American Club.

Jim loved his Green Bay Packers and UConn men’s and women’s basketball teams, fishing, all animals (especially the many dogs and cats that he had), and learning about all variety of things. He will be missed by his two dogs, Te-Sha and Sha-ma. They were thoroughly spoiled by him.

In addition to his wife, Irene, he leaves his six children, James T. Schalla Jr. and his wife, Cindy, of Summerville, S.C.; Donna Leone Schalla of Mystic, and her husband, Marc Llimargas of Casas, Barcelona, Spain, both living in Mexico; Penny Schalla of Oakdale, Douglas Schalla and his wife, Angela, of Preston, Kerry Swanson of Old Mystic; and Lorelei Bray and her husband, Carlton F. Bray Sr., of Mystic; eight beloved grandchildren; Jamie Schalla Danjoint, James T. Schalla III, Jason McNerney, Brittany, Austin, and Tiffany Schalla, and Shawn and Carlton F. Bray Jr.; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his parents, Robert and Leone Schalla, at the age of 9; older brothers, Robert and Donald Schalla; and younger sister, Mary Jane Schalla Neys; his first wife, Elaine Johnson Schalla Swanson; and twin grandsons, Robert James and Douglas Thomas Schalla.

Calling hours will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 8, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial with military honors will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery, Route 27, Mystic.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington, CT 06378 or to any local animal shelter of one’s choice.

The family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave an online message of condolence.
Rose Buck-Schaub, 57, beloved wife of Steven Schaub, passed away peacefully at her home on March 22, 2012. Bunny was born in Westerly to Alfred Jr. and Clara Buck.

Bunny worked in the financial community, for the Chelsea Groton Bank, The Standard Register Co., as manager, the Groton Municipal Credit Union, and performing personal bookkeeping services. She enjoyed cooking, shopping, entertaining, and making a nice home.

She was a beloved wife, sister, aunt, a compassionate friend, and will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Her sense of family and values knew no bounds, and her beauty was matched by her classic elegance and sense of style. We are all blessed to know Bunny; she enriched our lives, and made each of us a better person, and her example will guide us always.

She is survived by sister Debra and Barry Harvey; sister Toni and Michael Piscatelli; brother Alan and Diane Buck; brother Michael and Rosemary Buck; two nieces; four nephews and a large loving family. She was predeceased by her father Alfred, who passed on Oct. 22, 1996.

Visiting hours will be held on Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St, Westerly. A Funeral Liturgy will be conducted at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck on Monday at 10 a.m. Burial will immediately follow at The River Bend Cemetery, Westerly. For online condolences, please go to www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com.
Elizabeth Scheibeler


Beth was born Oct. 29, 1923, in Boston, daughter of the late Capt. John Jacob and Margaret Winchester Scheibeler of Mystic. She was a graduate of Fitch High School and went on to receive a bachelor of fine arts from Rhode Island School of Design.

Education was central to her life and took many different incarnations: an elementary school art teacher, exhibit interpreter at Mystic Seaport, Sunday school teacher at the Unitarian Universalist Church, and numerous volunteer services as an art therapist and storyteller of Native American legends.

Lifelong passions led her to become a civil rights and peace activist and staunch environmentalist. She touched the lives of all that knew her, including hundreds of children from North Carolina to Connecticut, who knew her simply as “Baba the Storyteller”.

She was preceded in death by her brother, John J. Scheibeler Jr. and her son, John Paul Kirkpatrick.

She is survived by her daughters, Margaret E. Kirkpatrick, Maile K. Epperson, Sandra K. Thompson, Pamela K. Okerblom; her brother, Atty James N. Scheibeler; six beloved grandchildren; a large extended family; and many loving friends.

Memorial services will be held in Greenmanville Church at the Mystic Seaport on Sunday, Aug. 17, 2003 at 4 p.m. followed by a life celebration at the Membership Building.

Donations in her memory can be made to her favorite charities: The Southern Poverty Law Center, The Sierra Club, and the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian.
Helen Schell

Morristown, Tenn. — Helen Marie (Connors) Schell passed away Nov. 28, 2012, in Morristown, Tenn.

She was born Oct. 13, 1921, daughter of the late Miles and Elizabeth Connors. She graduated from Garden City High on Long Island and Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania. Helen resided in Stonington and Mystic as well as Hope Valley, R.I., spending her last years close to her daughter Maria in Tennessee. Helen was an avid tennis and golf player as well as an accomplished artist who was an elected Artist Member and exhibitor at the Mystic Arts Center.

Helen was predeceased by her husband, Herbert H. Schell Jr., and her brother, Miles Connors.

Helen is survived by her children, Timothy Schell (Susan) of Evanston, Ill., Christopher Schell of Volo-untown, Karen Murphy (Frank) of Northford, Margaret Schwartz (George) of Flemington, N.J., John Schell (Laura) of Seabeck, Wash., Maria Blackstone (David) of Bulls Gap, Tenn., and Eric Schell (Gail) of Westerly; grandchildren Timothy and Leslie Murphy, Daniel and Adrienne Schell, Alexandre Schell, George Schwartz, Nicolette, Arielle, and Declan Blackstone, Kayla, PFC Drew (Kaley) and Abigail Schell; and a great-grandchild, Aydan Smith. She is also survived by her brother, James (Anna) Connors.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 17, at St. Mary's Church, Stonington.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in her memory to the Mystic Art Center, 9 Water St., Mystic, CT 06355.
Herbert H. Schell Jr., 58, vice president of the American Velvet Company of Stonington, died yesterday at Lawrence and Memorial Hospitals in New London following an eight-month illness. He was the husband of Helen (Connors) Schell of 27 Mistuxet Ave., Mystic.

Mr. Schell was born in Jamaica, N.Y., March 8, 1920, a son of the late Herbert H. and Abridail (O'Leary) Schell. He came to the area in 1947, working for the American Velvet Company until the time of his death. He had been a Mystic resident since 1956.

During World War Two, Mr. Schell was a fighter pilot with Squadron Six of the U.S. Navy, serving in the Pacific Theater aboard the U.S.S. Hancock. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Mr. Schell attended Poly Preparatory School and Colgate University. For many years he was a member of the board of directors for the Catholic Charities of New London, and a former president of it. He was also on the board of directors of the Stonington Community Center.

In addition to his wife, whom he married in 1945 in Garden City, Long Island, Mr. Schell leaves four sons: Timothy H. Schell of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Christopher M., John C. and Eric E. Schell, all of Mystic; three daughters, Mrs. Frank Murphy of New Haven, Margaret C. Schell of Basking Ridge, N.J., and Maria D. Schell of Mystic; a sister, Miss Martina Dull Schell of Garden City; a brother, Edward T. Schell of Wilton, Conn., and one grandchild.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated tomorrow in St. Patrick's Church in Mystic at 10 a.m. There will be no cortege to the church, and there are no calling hours. Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Stonington. Shea-Williams Funeral Home of Mystic is in charge of arrangements.

DEATH NOTICES


A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Church in Mystic, Thursday, Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. There will be no cortege to the church. Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery, Stonington. There are no calling hours. Contributions in his memory may be made to Catholic Charities, 10 Pearl St., New London. Shea-Williams Funeral Home, 19 East Main St., Mystic, in charge of arrangements.
Westerly — Elsie (Mathews) Schemerhorn, age 88, passed away in Westerly on Wednesday, May 2, 2018. She was the beloved wife of the late Myron F. Schemerhorn, who predeceased her in 2004 after 56 years of marriage. Elsie was born in Stonington Borough to the late Manuel Mathews and Evangeline (Travers) Mathews. She was a lifelong resident of Stonington Borough. Elsie graduated from Stonington High School in 1946 and retired after more than 30 years at Electric Boat. Elsie enjoyed traveling, puzzles, and spending time with her family and her friends, especially her Tuesday Breakfast Bunch.

She is survived by her daughters, Karen Psimer and Linda Moroso; grandchildren, Michael, Sara, Kate, and Steven; and great-grandchildren, Athena, Izzi, Julia, and Myron (MJ), who brought her so much joy over the last few years. Elsie is also survived by her brother, John Mathews; and her nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be held on Wednesday, May 9 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, immediately followed by a Funeral Liturgy at 11 a.m., at St. Mary's Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial will be at St Mary's Cemetery, Stonington. For online condolences, please visit www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com.
Myron F. Schemerhorn, 76, of Chestbro Lane, Stonington, died Monday evening, Aug. 2, 2004, at The Westerly Hospital where he had been admitted on July 22.

He was born in Detroit, Mich., April 28, 1928, son of the late Clemens and Esther Rood Schemerhorn.

He was an Army Veteran of World War II. He married the former Elsie Mathews in St. Mary Church in Stonington on July 3, 1948. She survives.

Mr. Schemerhorn had been employed at the former Atwood Machine Co. in Stonington, and the former American Velvet Co. also of Stonington. He worked for 34 years at the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics retiring from the non-destructive test engineering department. He was a member of the National N.D.T. Engineering Association and the Westerly Lodge # 678 B.P.O.E.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Karen Psimer of Westerly and Linda Moroso of Bradford; two brothers, Ellis Moffitt of Pawcatuck and Herbert Adams and his wife Barbara of Fenton, Mich.; four grandchildren, Michael and Steven Moroso, and Sara and Kate Psimer, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by three sisters, Lou Stiles, LaClaire Greer, and Doris Goodman; and a brother, Emerson Moffitt.

The funeral will be held from the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, on Thursday at 10:15 a.m. with a graveside service at St. Mary Cemetery, Stonington, at 11. Relatives and friends may call at the funeral home Wednesday evening from 6 to 8.
Mrs. Schepis
Dead at 67

STONINGTON — Mrs. Katharine (Squadrito) Schepis, 67, wife of Paul Schepis of 134 Water Street, died Saturday morning at the Elms Nursing Home in Westerly following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Schepis, who most recently worked with her husband in the operation of Schepis Package Store, was born in Messina, Sicily, on June 2, 1898, a daughter of the late Joseph and Carmella Previty Squadrito. She came to this country at the age of five and has been a local resident ever since.

Mrs. Schepis was a communicant of St. Mary's Church and a member of Nina Circle, Daughters of Isabella.

Mr. and Mrs. Schepis were married at St. Mary's Church in the Borough by the late Father O'Brien on August 23, 1915.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Schepis is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Joseph P. Chiappone of Stonington; a brother, Cornelius Squadrito of Stonington; a sister, Mrs. Nocholetta Bartolucci of Groton; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The funeral will be held from the Williams Funeral Home, 34 Main Street, on Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. A requiem high mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church at 9 a.m. Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery. Contributions in her memory may be made to St. Mary's Church building fund.

SCHEPIS — In Westerly.

Funeral will be held from the Williams Funeral Home, 34 Main Street, Stonington, Tuesday, July 13, at 8:30 a.m. A high mass of requiem will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church at 9 a.m. Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home on Monday, 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Contributions may be made to St. Mary's Church building fund. Kindly omit flowers.
For the Record

Corrections

Elizabeth Babcock Scherr, who died Saturday, was the daughter of Horace and Elizabeth Palmer Loper Babcock. Her parents' surname was given incorrectly in yesterday's obituary.

Mrs. Scherr was a former children's librarian at the New York Public Library. The third paragraph of her obituary incorrectly referred to her as Mrs. Babock.

Obituaries

Elizabeth Scherr, 75; was college librarian

WILLIAMSTOWN — Mrs. Elizabeth Scherr, 75, of 300 Petersburg Road died Saturday at home.

Born in West Mystic, Conn., daughter of Horace H. and Elizabeth Palmer Loper, she grew up in Stonington, Conn. She graduated from Simmons College with a degree in library science.

Mrs. Babcock was a former children's librarian at the New York Public Library. In 1959, after her marriage to Albert E. Scherr III, she moved to Williamstown. For many years she was a librarian at the Williams College Library, where she also served as head of acquisitions and, later, as assistant librarian.

She was a longtime trustee of the Williamstown Library, and also served as a trustee of Pine Cobble School and the Recording for the Blind.

She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church and served on its Vestry.

Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Elizabeth Scherr Peric of Upper Montclair, N.J.; three sons, Albert E. Scherr IV of Portsmouth, N.H., Alexander Wand Scherr of Athens, Ga., and Edward Palmer Scherr of Danville, Calif.; a brother, Nathaniel Palmer Babcock of Fairfield, Conn.; a sister, Abigail Elizabeth Babcock of Port Washington, N.Y.; and five grandchildren.

FUNERAL NOTICE — Services will occur at St. John's Episcopal Church on Saturday, Jan. 31, at 2 p.m. Gifts may be given to St. John's Episcopal Church in memory of Elizabeth B. Scherr, and will be used to help young children of all kinds to address their needs and to assist their progress in life. THE GEORGE M. HOPKINS FUNERAL HOME, 61-67 Spring St., Williamstown 01267, is in charge of arrangements.
Barbara Schiller

Mystic — Barbara J. Schiller, 70, of
Greenhaven Road, Pawcatuck, died
Sunday evening at The Westerly
Hospital after a lengthy illness.

She was born in Hartford, Sept. 9,
1932, daughter of the late John and
Bertha Greaves Hoffert. She married
High J. Schiller in Simsbury on Sept 19,
1959. He survives.

Mrs. Schiller was a longtime
resident of the area, and was a member
of the United Congregational Church
in Pawcatuck. In addition to her
husband, she is survived by: one son,
William Schiller of Ledyard; two
daughters, Deborah Maxwit of
Ledyard and Susan Schiller of
Meriden; and one sister, Beverly
Farnell of Florida.

The funeral will be held at the
Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic,
on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Burial will
be in Stonington Cemetery. Relatives
and friends may call at the funeral
home on Tuesday evening from 7-9 p.m.
Hugh Schiller Jr., 8-17-5

Pawcatuck — Hugh J. Schiller Jr.,
74, of Greenhaven Road,
Pawcatuck, died Monday evening at
his home after a lengthy illness.
He was born in Bradford, R.I., on
Dec. 24, 1930, son of the late Hugh J.
and Annie Stafford Schiller.
Mr. Schiller was an Air Force vet-
eran of the Korean war.
He married the former Barbara
Hoffert in Simsbury on Sept. 19,
1960; she died in 2002.
Mr. Schiller had worked as a line-
man for the Narragansett Electric
Co. for 40 years retiring in 1995. He
was an avid salt water fisherman.
He is survived by three children,
William Schiller of Pawcatuck, Debo-
rah Maxwitl of Ledyard, and Sus-
an Schiller of Meriden; a sister,
Dorothy Shea of Pawcatuck; and a
brother, Robert Schiller of Illinois.
He was predeceased by a brother,
Jim Schiller.
Funeral services will be private.
There are no calling hours.
The Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1,
Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.
Dwayne Davis Schlais

PAWCATUCK — Dwayne Davis Schlais, 46, of Pawcatuck, CT died tragically Tuesday, September 3, 2019, at Yale New Haven Hospital after suffering a severe allergic reaction to multiple bee stings.

Dwayne was born April 1, 1973, in Westerly, RI and was a lifelong area resident of Pawcatuck, CT. He was a class of 1991 Stonington High School graduate.

Dwayne loved working with his hands and the outdoors. He was an experienced fisherman who in his early years worked on a commercial fishing boat out of Stonington. He was active in the construction industry for the years following gaining a diverse skillset in the trades of asphalt paving, concrete, drywall and framing.

Dwayne was always ready to pitch in and lend a hand to family, friend or stranger. His boisterous personality filled a room and his laugh was infectious. Dwayne was a great storyteller whether it was a quick one liner or an amusing anecdote he had an uncanny ability to lighten a mood and incite laughter. Dwayne loved life and possessed a gentle kindness that would leave an impression on all who knew him. He will be sadly missed.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Margaret Schlais, her significant other, Romeo Bariteau; brothers, Lonnie Schlais and Dean E. Schlais; nephews, Dean E. Schlais, Jr, Cody Schlais, Jacob R. Schlais and Dylan Schlais; aunt Carmela Miner; uncle, John Critcherson; former sisters-in-law: Susan Schlais and Toni L. Schlais; and numerous cousins.

He is preceded in death by his father, Lawrence Schlais; grandparents, Phyllis and James Critcherson.

The family invites you to celebrate Dwayne’s life Saturday, September 14, 2019, from 2:30p.m. to 8:00p.m. at the V.F.W. 160 South Broad St. Pawcatuck, CT. Burial will be at the family’s convenience.

Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main Street, Westerly, RI is assisting the family with arrangements.

For online condolences, please visit www.buckler-johnston.com.
Lawrence E. Schlais

Lawrence E. Schlais, 73, of Brookside Lane, Pawcatuck, died Oct. 3, 2005, in The Westerly Hospital, Westerly.

Born in Wausau, Wis., son of the late Gilbert and Edna Schlais, he had been employed as a bus driver for Laidlaw Bus Co. He was a graduate of Waukesha High School in Wisconsin and was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War.

He is survived by three brothers, Lonnie Schlais of Pawcatuck, Dwayne Schlais of Hope Valley, and Dean Schlais of Stonington.

In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by a son, Charles John Schlais.

Calling hours are omitted. All services will be private and will be held at the convenience of the family. Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, is in charge of the arrangements.
W. Kent Schmid

Served in the South Pacific, Naval reserves


Born in Bagota, N.J., Oct. 1, 1918, the son of William G. and Freda C. (Heilshorn) Schmid, he graduated from Montclair Academy in 1936, and from Amherst College in 1941. He later graduated from Midshipman’s School Prairie State Program as an ensign.

Mr. Schmid served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, aboard the USS Young (DD-580). After he was promoted to gunnery officer, he served in Aleutias and all battles in the South Pacific.

After the war, he taught ROTC in Hanover, N.H., and remained in the Naval reserve until his retirement at the rank of captain in 1978.

A former resident of Essex Fells, N.J., he was a winter resident of Naugatuck Point Road, Mason’s Island, for many years before moving there permanently.

A member of the Mason’s Island Yacht Club, the Mystic Seaport Museum and the Fleet Reserve Association, he had been a volunteer at the Retired Naval Officer’s Club.

Along with his wife, he leaves three daughters, Susan Bell, Gretchen Kraska and Karin Cowperthwait; and four grandsons.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Robert and Lloyd Schmid.

A memorial service will be held at Calvary Church, Stonington, Friday at 10:30 a.m. Interment will take place on Saturday at Mount Hebron Cemetery, Upper Montclair, N.J. The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., is in charge of the arrangements.

Contributions in Mr. Schmid’s memory may be made to the Stonington Visiting Nurses, South Anguilla Road, Pawcatuck, 06379, or to the Mystic Seaport Museum, P.O. Box 6000, Mystic, 06355.
David Schmidt

Mystic — David James Schmidt, 89, beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed peacefully on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016.

David was born May 8, 1926, in West Orange, N.J. His family lived in Brooklyn, N.Y., then moved to Buffalo, N.Y., where David enjoyed raising and racing carrier pigeons. After moving back to New Jersey, David graduated in 1944 from Caldwell High School (where he won a state championship in pole vaulting), then joined the U.S. Navy. David attended the Newark College of Engineering and graduated with a mechanical engineering degree in 1952 from the Brooklyn Polytech Institute.

In 1950 David married his sweetheart, Edith Virginia “Ginny” Winters. Together, for 65 years, they lived a full and long life, rich with family, friends and pets, raised their three daughters and enjoyed their five grandchildren. They loved tending to their house and yard, boating, traveling and serving their community and church.

David was on the cutting edge of the plastic industry and became nationally known as an expert in his field. He was employed by several companies, including Otis Elevator, Minnesota Mining, W.R. Grace, General Motors and Davis Standard in Stonington.

He was predeceased by his parents, Harry Schmidt and Emma Rose Olliffe, and his brother, Harry O. Schmidt.

David will be greatly missed by his wife, Edith Virginia Schmidt; his daughters, Laurelyn Gavitt and her husband, William Gavitt, Linda Joy Santos and Lisa Ellen Timbers and her husband, Mike Timbers. David’s five grandchildren, Travis Santos, Megan and Greg Gavitt, and Becky and Will Timbers, all fondly remember childhood summer vacations with their grandparents and will miss their “grandpa.”

A celebration of David’s life will take place at 11 a.m. May 6 at Mystic Congregational Church. Another notice of this memorial service will be published in The Day closer to the date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given in his memory to the Paralyzed Veterans of America.
J. Sneed Schmidt, 83

Sub officer in WWII, All-American football player

By JOHN FOLEY
Day Staff Writer

Stonington — Retired Navy Capt. J. Sneed Schmidt, formerly of Stonington, a highly decorated submarine officer in World War II and a former All-American football player, died Sunday at Fleet Landing, Atlantic Beach, Fla. He was 83.

Capt. Schmidt resided in Florida for the last six years. He retired from the Navy after 30 years, then worked at Electric Boat for 10 years. He and his family lived in Stonington from 1967 to 1992.

Capt. Schmidt, whose awards included a decoration for gallantry in 1944, was commander of the USS Argonaut on V-J Day, Aug. 14, 1945, when Japan surrendered, ending World War II and the largest undersea war in history.

Capt. Schmidt wrote a memorable line on the cease-fire order: “It seems too good to be true.”

His vessel received the dispatch in the East China Sea. Capt. Schmidt later mused, “We didn’t know whether the Japanese knew or not.”

Just before the order, the Argonaut rescued a Marine Corps pilot near the coast of Japan, dodged several torpedoes from a Japanese sub, and cruised through a minefield.

After the war, Capt. Schmidt’s assignments included the staff of NATO, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, and secretary of the academic board at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

Capt. Schmidt graduated in 1937 from the Naval Academy, where he was a running back on the football team and named to the All-America Team.

He was born on July 15, 1913, in St. Joseph, Mo., the son of Herman and Carrie Schmidt.

His wife, Dorothy Gilman Schmidt, died at age 57 in 1977. She was active in the community, an organizer of the Stonington Antique Show and a past president of the Stonington Garden Club.

Capt. Schmidt is survived by six daughters, Alice Callisto of Stockton, Calif., Letitia Becker of Virginia Beach, Va., Linda Krause of Port Gamble, Wash., Christine Greenberg of Annandale, N.J., Mary Ellen Clark of Salem, Mass., and Dorothy Petre of Marblehead, Mass.; two sisters, Dorothy Shaw of Arkansas and Marie Austin of Georgia, and nine grandchildren.

The funeral, with military honors, will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the U.S. Naval Academy. Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home, Jacksonville Beach, Fla., is in charge of arrangements.
Lillian Schmitter

Stonington — Lillian (Victoria) Schmitter, 89, of Woodland Avenue, Stonington, died Tuesday morning at the Westerly Hospital after a brief illness.

She was born in East Bridgewater, Mass., on March 29, 1914, daughter of the late Antone J. and Anna DeBragga Victoria.


Mrs. Schmitter had been employed by the former American Velvet Co. in Stonington as a research technician in the dye house.

She is survived by two brothers, John Victoria and William Victoria both of Stonington.

She was predeceased by a brother, Edmund J. Victoria; a sister, Hortense V. Costa; two step-brothers, Carl Sylvia and Fredimand Sylvia; and a stepsister, Isabel S. Kennedy.

There are no calling hours.

Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary Church in Stonington at a later date.

Contributions may be made in her memory to the American Heart Association, Box 5022, Wallingford, CT 06492 or to St. Mary Church, 95 Main Street, Stonington, CT 06378.

The Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic is in charge of arrangements.
Linda Schneider

Groton — Linda E. (McGill) Schneider of Groton passed away lovingly surrounded by her family at her home on Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018.

Born on Oct. 17, 1950, in Newport, R.I., she was the daughter of the late James McGill and Dorothy (Vosper) McGill. She lived in Groton for the past 64 years.

She graduated from Fitch High School in 1968. After attending UConn and obtaining her master's degree in education from Southern Connecticut State University, she taught at Sacred Heart School in Groton for 25 years. She was known as a strict but compassionate and loving teacher while teaching Pre-K, first grade and fourth grade throughout her career. She also served on the Sacred Heart Parish Council for many years, volunteered at St. Joseph’s Church in New London, and until recently was a member of the Groton Beach & Parks Committee.

She was married to Paul Schneider on Oct. 7, 1972; he passed away in 1997.

Her most cherished role in life was as a mother and grandmother, and she will be greatly missed by her family, whom she always put first. The last eight years of her life as “Grammy” brought a happiness and joy to her like no other.

She leaves behind her son, Bryan Schneider (Elizabeth) of Stonington; her daughter, Bethany Lyons (Eric) of Mystic; four grandchildren, Ava Lyons, Wes Lyons, Addison Lyons and Lila Schneider; and her brother, Robert McGill (Bonnye) of Florida. She also leaves her “S.O.” for the past 10 years, Rick Mears.

Calling hours will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, at St. Joseph's Church in New London. Burial will follow at Colonel Ledyard Cemetery, Groton.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Linda's memory may be made to The American Heart Association or the St. Joseph's (New London) Capital Campaign.
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The Rev. William Schneider

By JOE WOJtas
Day Staff Writer

Pawcatuck — The Rev. William F. Schneider, 78, a popular priest in the area for 31 years, died Monday afternoon at Yale-New Haven Hospital after suffering a heart attack and stroke Saturday.

Father Bill, as he was known to his parishioners, had an easygoing manner, strong handshake and was always ready with a quick joke. At 6-foot, 5-inches tall, he had a grandfatherly way about him.

He was the retired pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Gales Ferry and for the past year had been assigned to St. Michael’s, the Archangel Church.

Over the past few months, the Rev. Schneider helped lead a group of residents who were opposing the opening of a strip club in the former Rosalini’s nightclub.

Before entering the seminary at age 41, his career included a stint as a Navy Seabee and jobs in construction and with A&P and Brooks Brothers Clothiers in New York City. He was proud of that experience.

“He was kind of a gentle giant,” said St. Michael’s pastor, the Rev. Dennis Perkins, who was once an altar boy for the Rev. Schneider. “People saw how big he was, but he quickly disarmed people with his humor, his friendliness and his willingness to serve people. He will be sadly missed here at the parish.”

Perkins said that when the Rev. Schneider was lying in the Westerly Hospital emergency room after suffering a heart attack Saturday morning, he heard a baby cry.

“He was worried about the baby and said ‘poor baby.’ He was always concerned about everyone else,” Perkins said.

The Rev. Schneider was brought to Yale-New Haven for tests. Later in the day he suffered a stroke and slipped into a coma.

Richard Woodworth, the principal of St. Michael’s School, recalled that during the school’s Christmas party last December, the Rev. Schneider walked into classrooms with a pair of antlers with flashing lights.

“He walked in solemnly as a shepherd, and asked the children what they were laughing about,” Woodworth said. “He had a great rapport with the kids. He’d walk down the hallways with them, telling stories and making them laugh.”

Parishioners Mary and Frank DeCiantis worked closely with the Rev. Schneider on the Rosalini’s issue.

“People were so impressed with the work he did there,” Frank DeCiantis said. “He’s done so much to bring the parish together and he’s brought a lot of people back to the church.”

Mary DeCiantis added, “Father Bill was a one-of-a-kind person. You didn’t have to know him for long to feel you knew him for a long time. He was everybody’s buddy. I know I’m going to miss him. But I guess God has something else for him to do.”

He was born on July 1, 1923, in New York City. He attended the Fordham University School of Education, Bronx, N.Y., and St. Paul’s School in Newton, N.J.

He was a member of the first class in 1964 of Pope John XXIII’s national seminary in Weston, Mass., for delayed vocations. He was ordained a priest in the Diocese of Norwich on May 11, 1968, in St. Ignatius Church, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

“He had always wanted to be a priest, but he thought time had passed him by. He thought he was too old to be a priest,” said Jacqueline Keller, the director of communications for the Diocese of Norwich.

He then served as assistant pastor at St. Bernard Parish, Rockville, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Montville and St. Andrew Parish, Colchester. The Rev. Schneider held numerous diocesan positions, in-
OBITUARIES

William Schneider

Pawcatuck — The Rev. William F. Schneider, 76, retired pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Gales Ferry, died Monday at Yale-New Haven Hospital after suffering a heart attack and stroke Saturday. He was born on July 1, 1922, in New York City, the son of William F. and Laura Kelly Schneider.

He is survived by a sister, Evelyn Glaizer of Teaneck, N.J.; two nephews, and a grand-niece.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Joseph Schneider and Clement Dougherty.

Father Schneider's body will be received Thursday in St. Michael's the Archangel Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, where he will lie in state until 8:30 a.m. Friday. A parish Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday in St. Michael's. The Most Rev. Paul S. Loverde, Bishop of Arlington, Va., will be principal celebrant. Homilist will be the Rev. Dennis M. Perkins, pastor of St. Michael's. The church will be open all night. Parishioners and friends are invited.

The Rev. Schneider's body will be received at 8 a.m. Friday in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1650 Route 12, Gales Ferry, where he will lie in state. Parishioners and friends are invited. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Principal Celebrant will be the Rev. Msgr. Thomas R. Bird, vicar general of the Diocese of Norwich. Homilist will be the Rev. Kenneth P. Flint, retired pastor of St. Paul Parish, Waterford.

Burial will follow in the Priests' Plot of St. Joseph's Cemetery, 815 Boswell Ave. (Route 12), Norwich.

Donations in memory of the Rev. Schneider may be made to the St. Bernard Parish, Rockville; the Evangelist P. Montville; and St. Andrew P. Colchester. The Rev. Schneider was a retired deacon who served many years in the diocese, including directing the diocese's Life Office from 1977 to 1987.

He was the pastor of All Saints Parish, Somersville, from 1989 to 1993, when he was named pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Gales Ferry. He retired as pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, July 1, 1998. But days later, he was asked to return as pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, Gales Ferry, and he worked in the position until his death.

His body will lie in state at Our Lady of Lourdes, Gales Ferry. Services will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Gales Ferry at 10 a.m. Friday. Burial will be in the plot at St. Joseph's Cemetery.

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

Mystic — Robert “Bob” Joseph Schock, 71, of Mystic, died peacefully at his home on Sunday, July 15, 2012. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Margaret “Peggy” (Doran) Schock. Bob was born May 9, 1941, in Philadelphia, Pa., the son of Norma (McCarty) Schock of Downingtown, Pa., and the late Joseph A. Schock. He graduated in 1959 from Roman Catholic High School in Philadelphia and attended the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business.

After a very successful sales career working for Hallmark, Gulf Oil, Xerox and Microform Data Systems, he transferred to Connecticut in 1973, and resided in Ridgefield until 1991. Bob’s entrepreneurial spirit helped him launch his own company, Colonial Data Technologies Corp., in New Milford and Herndon, Va., a telecommunications device manufacturer and service provider. His company mapped the development of Caller ID for use in commercial and residential telephone systems in the United States. He retired in 1998 to Mason’s Island, Mystic, to enjoy the Connecticut coastline.

Bob loved the water and cherished the times spent fishing and boating and appreciated the local nature around his home. He also enjoyed years being a private pilot and hunting. He looked forward to lunch with “the guys,” and always valued the company and loyalty of a good friend. Talking history and politics was a must, and if you didn’t agree with him, he liked the debate even more.

In addition to his wife, Peggy, he is also survived by his children, daughters Susan Turley and her husband, Brian, of Mystic, and Kimberly Hufschmied of Newtown; his son, Bobby Schock and his wife, Lisa, of Winter Springs, Fla.; and son-in-law Peter Fortier and his wife, Irene, of Canton. He is a beloved “Grandpop” to his grandchildren Megan, Kelly, Amelia, Bryan, Tyler, Justin and Miranda; and is also survived by a sister, Carol Bernard; and two brothers, James and Joseph Schock, all of Pennsylvania.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Karen Schock Fortier.

Funeral services will be private.
Mystic Funeral Home is assisting the family.
Mystic — Frank A. Schoonmaker, 85, of Mystic passed away Nov. 7, 2019. He is survived by his companion Helen McGuire and her children; his son Scott Schoonmaker (Michelle) of Old Saybrook; his former wife Elin Schoonmaker of Gales Ferry; and six grandchildren. He is predeceased by his daughter Debra Ferraro; and his brother Donald Schoonmaker.

A celebration of life will be held at a future date.
BITUARIES

Frances Schoonman, 78

Long active in North Stonington nursery business

North Stonington — Frances Marie Hartman Schoonman, 78, of 256 Cossaduck Hill Road, died Friday at the home of her son, David H. Schoonman of 42 Middlefield St., Groton Long Point.

She was born Aug. 31, 1916, in Philadelphia, the daughter of Ellis Blaine and Marie Dech Hartman.


Mrs. Schoonman spent her early childhood in New London, and attended Winthrop School. The family moved to Portsmouth, N.H., in 1925. She finished her first year of high school at Portsmouth High School, and her family moved back to New London in 1932. She graduated from the former Williams Memorial Institute in 1934. She attended New London Business School for one year.

Following her marriage, she moved to North Stonington in 1939 where the family re-established a nursery business, New London County Nurseries, originally started in 1913 by her husband’s father, Johann Schoonman. She was the secretary and bookkeeper of the business until 1986, when the business was dissolved.

During the late 1940s, she was the leader of North Stonington’s only Brownie Girl Scout troop and had been a Boy Scout den mother in the 1950s.

She belonged to the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Chorus, the New London Choral, the North Stonington Congregational Church Senior Choir and Hand Bell Choir. She also was a past director of the youth choir and past president of the women’s fellowship at the church, and had worked for many years on the church Christmas bazaar.

Mrs. Schoonman also belonged to the North Stonington Historical Society, the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, the Mashantucket Land Trust and was an associate member of the North Stonington Garden Club.

In addition to her son, she is survived by another son, Marten L. Schoonman of North Stonington; one daughter, Grace Storch of Galena, Ill.; four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

She was predeceased by one brother, Ellis “Bud” Hartman, and one sister, Audrey Huntington.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Dec. 31 at the North Stonington Congregational Church. Burial will be private. There are no visiting hours. The Byles-Groton Memorial Home, 310 Thames St., Groton, is in charge of arrangements.

Donations may be made to either Hospice of Southeaster Connecticut, 365 Montauk Ave., New London, or the North Stonington Congregational Church, 89 Main St., North Stonington.
John H. Lewis

[Obituary)

In the quiet gathering at St. Mary's Church in the borough of Richmond on Friday evening, the memory of John H. Lewis, a resident of Stonington for many years, was honored. He was a teacher of the elementary school in the town and a member of the church, thus honoring the memory of the father of a member of the church.

Funeral services were held on Monday morning at the church, followed by a High Mass of Requiem at St. Mary's Church, in memory of the deceased. Music was provided by the church choir.

Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery and the bearers were John H. Lewis, John H. Lewis Jr., John H. Lewis III, and John H. Lewis IV.

Robert T. Machett

Funeral services for Robert T. Machett, a resident of Mystic, who died on December 22nd in New London, were held on Monday at the home of the family in Mystic. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. George W. Machett, the pastor at First Baptist Church in Mystic. The bearers were John T. Machett, John T. Machett Jr., John T. Machett III, and John T. Machett IV.

Mrs. Frank E. Lamphere

Mrs. Frank E. Lamphere, a resident of Mystic, died on Monday at the home of the family in Mystic. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. George W. Machett, the pastor at First Baptist Church in Mystic. The bearers were John T. Machett, John T. Machett Jr., John T. Machett III, and John T. Machett IV.

Alpheus Schoonover

Funeral services for Alpheus Schoonover, a resident of Mystic, who died on December 22nd in New London, were held on Monday at the home of the family in Mystic. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. George W. Machett, the pastor at First Baptist Church in Mystic. The bearers were John T. Machett, John T. Machett Jr., John T. Machett III, and John T. Machett IV.

Johanna A. Souza

Johanna A. Souza, a resident of Mystic for many years, died on Sunday at her home on Main Street. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. George W. Machett, the pastor at First Baptist Church in Mystic. The bearers were John T. Machett, John T. Machett Jr., John T. Machett III, and John T. Machett IV.

Attempt to Kidnap Griffith Coale's Girl

Stonington friends were greatly disturbed when they attempted to kidnap the daughter of Griffith Coale, who has a summer residence in Stonington. The incident took place on Friday evening last at the home of Mr. Coale in New York City. Answering the bell, the intruders, who were disguised, demanded to speak to Mr. Coale's daughter. The girl, who was born in a friend's house, refused to open the door, and the intruders left. The girl ischl...
Justin Schrage

Mystic — Justin Thomas Schrage of Mystic went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018. He was 38 years young. Justin was born March 6, 1980, at the Groton Naval Subase Hospital. He is the son of Thomas and Dorothy Schrage, also of Mystic. He attended Stonington High School, where he played football and ran track. He was a star running back. He graduated from DeVry University receiving his bachelor's degree in security management. Justin was a proud U.S. Army veteran having served in the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry (1/27) Honolulu, Hawaii and was honorably discharged in 2004. He attended Groton Bible Chapel.

Justin was a fun-loving guy who valued family and loved passionately. He was a loyal friend, he had a hard shell, but a soft heart. He loved to cook and to build and work with computers. The creator of Ragin' Geek hot sauces, and the builder of many high-performance computers, he took pride in being labeled the computer geek, and a mad scientist in the kitchen. He was a verbose cheerleader of his two awesome kids whom he loved madly, as well as a champion of the downtrodden and overlooked. Justin was a presence. He was genuine and kindhearted, and he has made an indelible mark on the lives of all he touched.

In addition to his parents, Justin is survived by his two loving children, Ava and Aidan, and their mother, Vanetta Schrage of Pawcatuck; his brothers, Matthew Schrage of Boston, Mass. and Daniel Schrage and his wife, Lara, of Mystic; his sister, Krystin Biscoe of Westerly and Dawn Yasaiis and her husband, Steve, of Texas; his grandparents, Herman and Roberta Wessels; and his grandfather, Clifford Schrage Sr. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, cousins and staunchly loyal friends, all of whom loved him dearly.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Mystic Funeral Home in Mystic.

There are no calling hours. A memorial service will take place at 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5, at Groton Bible Chapel, 66 Tollgate Road, Groton.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider donations to a Veterans program of your choice.
Marcella Schramm

Groton — Marcella Balestrini Schramm, 85, of Village Lane, formerly of Wolfe Neck Road, Stonington, died Wednesday at The Groton Regency after an extended illness.

Mrs. Schramm was born on April 12, 1912, in Somerville, Mass., the daughter of William and Josephine Bacchiocchi Balestrini.


Mrs. Schramm attended Groton schools. She had served as a councilor with the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She was a member of the Church of God in Mystic. She also enjoyed gardening and knitting.

Mrs. Schramm is survived by two daughters, Josephine Day of Groton and Elizabeth Gilmore of Norwich; a brother, Luciano Balestrini of Ledyard; three sisters, Geraldine Lis of Norwich, Olivia Balestrini of Denver, and Lucia Reeve of Annapolis, Md.; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Marcello Balestrini and Roscoe Balestrini; and three sisters, Mary Virginia Balestrini, Fosca Newbury, and Norma Boucher.

The funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Mystic Church of God at 500 Sandy Hollow Road. A private burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery.

There will be no calling hours.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mystic Church of God. The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.
Barbara Schroder

Stonington — Barbara A. (Bergeron) Schroder, 77, a lifelong resident of Lords Point in Stonington, left this life suddenly on Saturday, Aug. 18, 2012, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital.


A graduate of Stonington High School, Mrs. Schroder began her career as a secretary at the Pearl Street Garage in Mystic, where she met her husband. They were married on May 31, 1954. She spent most of her career as an administrative secretary for the Stonington Public School system, beginning in the superintendent’s office and high school, and retiring after 26 years at Mystic Middle School. She had been recognized by the superintendent and the Board of Education for her dedicated service to the school system and the community. She also served as a past secretary/treasurer of the Lords Point Association, where she and her family shared their home.

She was a wonderful mother and grandmother, raising not only her four children, but also helping to raise her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a faithful parishioner of St. Mark’s Church in Mystic.

She is survived by her husband, Wilfred; her four children, two sons and a daughter-in-law, three stepsons; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and her two godchildren.

She also leaves a sister, Sully McGregor of Coventry, R.I.; and her lifelong friend, Barbara Noonan of Groton.

A celebration of her life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at St. Mark’s Church, 15 Pearl St., Mystic, with a reception immediately following in the undercroft. There are no calling hours and interment will be at the discretion of the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests donations in her memory are made to the Alzheimer’s Association, CT Chapter, www.alz.org/ct.

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

To share a message of condolence or remembrance with the family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Mary Schuchard

Stonington — Mary Katherine Pavelcsak Meyer Schuchard, 81, of 33 Flanders Road, died Tuesday at Fairview of Groton, after a brief illness.

She was born on Dec. 2, 1918, in Philadelphia, the daughter of John Joseph and Mary Pourbovich Pavelcsak.

She was the widow of Michael John Meyer and Lou Schuchard.

Raised in Philadelphia, Mrs. Schuchard attended local schools and spent most of her life in the area.

She was a member and former secretary of the Rockledge Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary in Pennsylvania.

In 1988, she retired to Stonington and assisted her daughter as a hostess in The Drawbridge Restaurant in Mystic.

She is survived by a daughter, Mary Anne Meyer of Stonington, with whom she made her home; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husbands, she was predeceased by two sisters, Emma P. Hennessy and Elsie Harie.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Church, Main Street, Stonington.

Private burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Philadelphia.

There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to the Fairview Patient Recreation Fund, Starr Hill Road, Groton, CT 06340.

The Dino Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.
STONINGTON — Joseph Schuller, 75, of 4 Cutler St., a retired employe of the former New Haven Railroad, died today at Nutmeg Pavilion where he had been a patient for one week. Born Feb. 27, 1886, in Palermo, Sicily, Italy, he was the son of Nicholas and Josephine Montalano Schuller.

He retired 13 years ago after 30 years of service with the railroad.

Mr. Schuller was a communicant of St. Mary's Church and a member of the Pawcatuck Italo-American Club and the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society of Stonington.

Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Mary Montalto of Millbrae, Calif.

The funeral will be at 8 a.m. Wednesday from the Shea-Williams Funeral Home, Pawcatuck, to a Requiem High Mass at 9:30 at St. Mary’s Church, Stonington. Burial will be in Stonington Cemetery.

Calling hours are from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday.
Marie (Brenner) Schuller

Marie (Brenner) Schuller, age 79, of Pellegrino Road, Stonington, formerly of Brooklyn, N.Y., died early this morning at Mystic Manor Convalescent Home after an extended illness. She married Kaspar B. Schuller Oct. 15, 1915 in Brooklyn. Mr. Schuller died in 1968. Following his death Mrs. Schuller moved to Stonington.

She was a member of the United Church of Stonington.

Born in Marrish Trubau, Austria, Sept. 11, 1891, she was a daughter of the late Franz and Marie (Bartle) Brenner.

She is survived by one niece, Mrs. Louise James, with whom she had made her home, and two nephews, Dr. Joseph Hornisher of El Paso, Tex., and Dr. Charles Hornisher of Tucson, Ariz.

Graveside funeral service and interment will be held in Stonington Cemetery Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. There are no calling hours. Contributions in her memory may be made to the United Church Organ Fund, c/o Rev. Bruce Bouchard, Pastor, United Church, Stonington, Conn.

Arrangements by the Shea-Williams Funeral Home, 19 East Main St., Mystic.

SCHULLER — In Mystic Conn., Feb. 18, 1970, Marie (Brenner) Schuller of Pellegrino Road, Stonington, formerly of Brooklyn, N.Y., wife of the late Kaspar B. Schuller.

A graveside funeral service and the burial will be held in Stonington Cemetery Wednesday at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

There are no calling hours.
PAWCATUCK, Conn. — Helen L. (Crandall) Schulze, 98, of Liberty Street, Pawcatuck, passed away at her home on Thursday, March 3, 2016. She was the wife of the late Frederick Schulze.

A native of Rhode Island, Helen was a graduate of WHS, Class of '34 and was a longtime member of Central Baptist Church, where she was a Sunday School teacher. She was also a Brownie Troop leader who was a fan of UCONN women's basketball as well as the Celtics and Red Sox. In her younger days, Helen loved cooking and entertaining family and friends. A member of the Westerly Garden Club, she also loved gardening. Helen was a seamstress for Wonder Dress Shop for many years.

She leaves a daughter, Susan A. Solomon and her husband, James, of Pawcatuck; and two grandchildren, Dalton and Drew.

Visiting hours are omitted. Funeral service and burial will be private. Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, is in charge of the arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.gaffneydolantfuneralhome.com.
Willa B. Schuster

Mystic — Willa B. Schuster, 70, of 13 Grove Ave., Mystic, died Friday at her home.

Mrs. Schuster was born in Stonington, April 23, 1911. She was a daughter of the late Paul and Sarah (Thompson) Broxy.

She was married to Dr. Harold G. Schuster in Greenwich, Ct., in 1937. Dr. Schuster died in 1980.

Mrs. Schuster was a retired school teacher, having taught at the Stonington Burrough School. She was a member of St. Mark Episcopal Church, The Mystic River Historical Society, Mystic Seaport Museum, Mystic Art Association, Mystic Community Center, The Denison Pequot Seapos Nature Center, the Mason’s Island Yacht Club. She was a graduate of Eastern Connecticut State College in 1931.

She leaves a son, John Schuster of Ledyard; three daughters, Willa T. Schuster of Mystic, Jennifer S. Villiger of West Chester, Pa., and Sara S. Peck of Mystic; a brother, Frederick Broxy of Stonington; five grandchildren and two nieces.
Anne Morrow Schwer, 77, of Westerly, passed away peacefully at The Carriage House with family and friends at her side on Jan. 3, 2011, after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

Anne was born in Westerly, where she lived with her husband and family her entire life. She was the daughter of Louise Spencer and Michael C. Morrow of Westerly.

Anne was a member of the Westerly Class of 1951. She studied with the Sisters of Mercy, followed by a short time in the USAF. One might say she was the original "Flying Nun." She received a B.A. from Mt. St. Joseph College. Anne devoted her life to her family, friends, students, community, and country. She served on many committees and boards, including years as a School Committee and Town Council member, and devoted many years to the Westerly Republican Town Committee and various political campaigns. Anne served on the National Board of the Mercy Elementary Education Network, National Catholic Education Association, Park and Stanton Historical Societies, Vice Chairperson of the Westerly Housing Authority, and chairperson of "Excellence in Education 2000" campaign.

Each and every day was lived with an endless supply of passion for the town she loved so much. In addition to years serving her community, Anne devoted decades to students in the Westerly School system and Saint Michael School in Pawcatuck, Conn. Anne was truly an inspiration to her students and fellow teachers. She knew how to make a difference in the life of a child. It was her life's work, her legacy. Anne was a member of Immaculate Conception where she received all her sacraments; Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, and Marriage.

Anne is survived by her beloved and devoted husband, Walter R. Schwer, of 49 years; their four daughters and their families: Mary Schwer and her husband Troy Tipton and their children, Jill, Claire, and Alex Tipton of Wisconsin; Heidi Waddell and her husband David of Stonington and her children Hannah, Cameron, and Oliver Thompson of Westerly; Karin Gatch and her husband Hayward and their sons, Hayward IV and Harrison Gatch of Westerly; Judy Schwer and her husband Scott Key and their children, Spencer and Abigail Key of California; sisters, Gloria Murray, Verna Gentile, Carol Miller, and Hazel Handle; many nieces, nephews, and cousins; and her dearest and best friend, Sister Jeanne Barry.

Family, friends, and former students are invited to calling hours on Thursday, Jan. 6, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St. in Westerly. A Christian Mass will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception on High Street at 10 a.m. on Friday. Burial will follow in River Bend Cemetery.

The family would like to express their sincere thanks to the Adult Day Center of Westerly and The Carriage House for the loving and caring support Anne and they received all the years since diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to one of two organizations dear to Anne's heart, Saint Michael School or the Adult Day Center of Westerly.

For online condolences and shared memories, gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com.
John E. Scabilia

John E. Scabilia, 78, husband of Barbara (Heinicke) Butwell Scabilia of Gallup Court, Pawcatuck, passed away at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Westerly, he was a son of the late Anthony and Jean (Ledwith) Scabilia. John had been employed as a mechanic for several area establishments. He was a communicant of St. Michael the Archangel Church, and a U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

Surviving in addition to his wife are three sons, Richard A. Scabilia of Pawcatuck, Jeffrey M. Scabilia and his wife Mary (Belliveau) Scabilia of Westerly and Randy Scabilia of Pawcatuck; two grandchil-dren, Joshua Scabilia and Theresa Scabilia; his niece, Doreen Jean Santiago and her husband Celin Santiago Jr. of Pawcatuck; and several other nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a sister, Eileen Jean Rogers; and by his first wife, Mary (Caputo) Scabilia.

Calling hours will be held Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Liturgy to be celebrated Friday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael the Archangel Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. There is no procession from the funeral home to the church. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, Route 1, Stonington.
Florence E. Scira

Florence E. (Buffin) Scira, of Stillman Avenue, Pawcatuck, died at home Aug. 3, 2006. She was the former wife of the late John Scira.

Born in Lisbon, Conn., she was the daughter of the late Alexander and Sophie (Kochmanska) Buffin.

She was a communicant of St. Michael Church, and she enjoyed gardening and Red Sox baseball. She was very faithful in following her grandchildren's sporting events, and she was an avid traveler.

Surviving, she leaves a son, John F. Scira of Reston, Va., four daughters, Peggy Dufour and her husband Brad of Pawcatuck, Linda Anderson of Ormond Beach, Fla., Francine Bargnesi of Fall River, Mass., and Gail Jumbelick and her husband Stephen of Raeford, N.C., three sisters, her twin sister Frances Boulanger, and Sophie Koncinski both of Jewett City, Conn., and Jean Pietras of Providence, nine grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be held Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial, which will be celebrated Monday at 11:30 a.m. in St. Michael the Archangel Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. Burial will be held at a later date.
Charles Scott Jr.

Stonington — Charles W. Scott Jr. of Flanders Road, Stonington died unexpectedly Thursday, Sept. 25, 2003, at The Westerly Hospital, Westerly, R.I.

Charles was born March 10, 1930, in Chelsea, Mass., the son of Edna Hodgkins and Charles Scott Sr.

He went to local schools and then attended Brown University. Charles served in the Navy during the Korean War.

A lifelong resident of the area, he married Jean Bodington on June 20, 1954, at the Road Congregational Church of Stonington.

Charles taught Judo for many years and was a member of the AAU Judo Association. He collected books and Japanese art and belonged to the UKIYO Society of America, a Japanese art association based in New York. An avid reader, Charles donated his time as literacy volunteer in New London, teaching people how to read.

Charles worked at Pfizer Inc. for 35 years as a lab technician. He also belonged to the Pfizer Players Club and Pfizer's Pistol Team.

Charles is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Jean; two daughters and their husbands, Jennifer and Ken Archer of Pawcatuck and Deborah and David Plaisted of North Stonington; and three grandchildren, Katherine, Kristen and Ashley.

A memorial service will be held Monday, Sept. 29, 2003, at 1 p.m. at the Road Congregational Church of Stonington.

Donations in Charles' name may be made to the Road Congregational Church of Stonington, 905 Pequot Trail, Stonington CT 06378.

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

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Jean Scott

Stonington — Jean M. (Bod-ington) Scott of Stonington, passed away Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010. She was predeceased by Charles W. Scott, her husband of 49 years, and her sister, Roberta Sommers.

Jean was born on Jan. 1, 1931, in Boston, but was raised mainly on Block Island.

Jean is survived by her two daughters, Jennifer Archer of Pawcatuck and her husband, Ken, and their two daughters, Katherine and Kristen, and Deborah Plaisted of North Stonington and her husband, David, and their son, Ashley.

For many years, Jean and her husband Charlie ran The Beachcomber, an inn on Block Island where everyone was always welcome to sit around the kitchen table for food and laughter. Jean was a member of the Ladies of the Cloth and was a skilled craftswoman.

A celebration of Jean’s life will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Road Church on Pequot Trail in Stonington.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

Byles Memorial Home, 99 Huntington St., New London, is assisting with the arrangements.
Joyce Scott

Mystic — Joyce Carol Scott, 72, of Mystic passed away Monday, Dec. 28, 2015.

She was born Feb. 23, 1943, the daughter of James A.C. Fusaro and Mary (Glowick) Fusaro. Raised in Mystic, she attended St. Bernard's High School in Uncasville and graduated from the former Chandler School for Women in Boston, Mass. She married George W. Scott in 1964 and had three children.

Joyce had a passion for interior design and the arts and was a talented painter. She loved people, entertaining, dancing and the beach, especially Sarasota, Fla.

Joyce is survived by her children, Gordon Scott, 50, of Madison, Wis., Dana Scott, 48, of Pawcatuck and Natalie Scott, 46, of New York, N.Y. She also is survived by her brothers, Lawrence Fusaro, Jaime Fusaro, Dennis Fusaro and sister-in-law, Bambi Fusaro, Donna Scott and Debbie Lopes; as well as many loving friends. She leaves behind two beautiful grandchildren, Zachary Scott, 14, and Lila Scott, 7.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, at the Union Baptist Church, 119 High St., Mystic.

The DiNoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is assisting the family.
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Gertrude Scruggs

Ledyard — Gertrude P. Scruggs, 68, of 6 Pequot Circle, died Wednesday at Pendleton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Mystic.

She was born Dec. 26, 1926, in Mystic, daughter of Clarence Sebastian and Anna Williams Sebastian. She was a lifetime resident of the area.

She was a homemaker. She graduated from the W.V. Grant Correspondence School and is a licensed minister for the True Vine Fire Baptist Holiness Church of Portland, where she held such offices as missionary worker, Sunday school and youth teacher. She always had kind words for others.

Mrs. Scruggs was a recipient of a state award for more than 25 years of foster care.

She also was a tribal elder of the Mashantucket Pequot Nation.

Mrs. Scruggs is survived by her husband of 49 years, the Rev. Willie H. Scruggs Sr. of Ledyard, pastor of the church; one son, William H. Scruggs Jr. of New London; three daughters Jean Merill of Norwich and Mary Sanchez of Ledyard, and co-pastor Sharon Burns of New London; one brother, John L. Sebastian of Ledyard; three sisters, Josephine Winn, Marian Curry, and Anna Carpenter, and all of Ledyard; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by two brothers and two sisters.

The funeral will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at the New Life Church, 1729 Center Groton Road, Route 417. Burial will follow in Cedar Grove Cemetery, New London.

Calling hours will be from 7 to 9 p.m Monday at the church.

The Lester Gee Funeral Home, 108 Blinnman St., New London is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be sent to the American Diabetes Association, 300 Research Parkway, Meriden, 06450.
Eva Sculco

Westerly — Eva (Smyrniotes) Sculco died peacefully on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010, in Westerly. She was the beloved wife of Rudolph “Rudy” Sculco.

Born in Providence, R.I., she was the daughter of the late George and Alexandria (Tsacona) Sculco. Eva was a graduate of Stonington High School and lived most of her life in the Westerly-Pawcatuck area, except for two years in her youth, when she lived in Sparta, Greece, with her family.

Eva, along with her late husband, “Rudy” Sculco, operated the Wilcox Tavern for many years.

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“Scoop,” as he was known to his friends, enjoyed lively conversation over a daily cup of coffee at local shops. Jazz music was one of Norman’s lifelong passions. He would frequently travel long distances to hear jazz artists who he admired, even when his health was declining.

Norman attended services at Union Baptist Church in Mystic and was recently recognized as a member of the church community.

He is survived by cousins Roger Panciera of Mystic, Evelyn Angle of Ellington, Claire Peterson of Manchester, Phyllis Christianson of East Long Meadow, Mass., Adriana Scussel of Stafford Springs and Janet Scussel of Stafford Springs; and aunt Gina Scussel of Stafford Springs.

A gathering to remember and celebrate Norman’s life will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 11, at Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, 51 Williams Ave., Mystic, followed by a service at 2:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be private.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave an online message of condolence and for directions to the funeral home.
Anne Seal
Stonington — Anne I. (Stadler) Seal, 83, of Pawcatuck, formerly of North Stonington and Oakdale, Long Island, N.Y., died June 18, 2005.

Mrs. Seal was a longtime volunteer at the Mystic Seaport as a docent, scrimshaw interpreter and was a member of the North Stonington Historical Society and the Mystic Women’s Club. She was also a member of the Hudson, Ohio, Chapter of the O.E.S., which she joined at age 24.

She moved to North Stonington from Long Island in 1973 and later moved to Pawcatuck in 1965.


She was predeceased by her husband, Reed E. Seal, in 1991.

Her family will greet relatives and friends at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl Street, historic downtown Mystic today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. with a service immediately following at 8 p.m. Burial will be in Rocky River, Ohio, on June 25.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Old Mystic United Methodist Church, 44 Main Street, Old Mystic CT 06372.

For obituary information, directions, or to send an online condolence to Anne’s family please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Mary Sealey
Mystic — Mary Helen (Gibson)
Sealey, 71, of 1900 Gold Star Highway, Mystic, passed away Sunday at her home.
A life-long area resident, Mary was born in Old Mystic on August 10, 1935 the daughter of the late Lloyd W. and Mary A. (Coates) Gibson. Raised in Mystic, she attended local schools.
She was married to Grover C. Sealey Jr. in Groton on November 28, 1963. He died April 11, 1993.
She is survived by her children, Rollin Sealey and Sheryl Simone of Pawcatuck and Debbie Sealey of Waterford; and her siblings, Rollin Rathbun of Oakdale, George Rathbun of Pawcatuck and Nancy Savona of North Stonington.
In addition to her husband and parents, Mary was predeceased by her stepfather, Rollin Rathbun and her siblings, Lloyd Gibson, and Gloria Bliven.
Her family will greet relatives and friends at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl Street, Historic downtown Mystic on Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. A funeral service will be conducted at the funeral home on Thursday at 11 a.m. with burial following in Elm Grove Cemetery.
For obituary information, directions, or to send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Ann Marie Sebastian

Mystic — Funeral arrangements have been completed for Ann Marie Sebastian, 35, of 1 Bayberry Lane, who died Tuesday at home after a brief illness.

The funeral and burial will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Mashantucket Tribal Burial Ground. Calling hours will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St.

Memorial gifts may be made to American Porphyria Foundation, PO Box 22712, Houston TX 77227.

She was born Dec. 8, 1939 in South Kingstown, R.I., daughter of Richard Fenwick and Agnes Peckham Sebastian of Mashantucket. She graduated in 1958 from South Kingstown High School, where she was a star member of the basketball and track teams.

She had also studied architectural drawing at the Community College of Rhode Island.

She worked as an administrative assistant to the Mashantucket Tribal Council for the past several years.

A member of the Mashantucket Pequot tribe, she was on the Museum and Cultural Committees and had served on the Mashantucket World Kick-Boxing Commission. Known for her North American beadwork, she enjoyed making jewelry and baskets. She had also traveled throughout North America and Canada attending powwows.

Besides her parents, she is survived by one son, Leon Brown of Mystic; one daughter, Marissa Turnbull of Mystic; three brothers, Don Ricardo Sebastian Sr. of Mashantucket, Amondo Sebastian of Mashantucket and Peace Dale, R.I., and Mark Sebastian of Ledyard; three sisters, Lisa Sebastian of Ledyard, Cynthia Vigil of Mashantucket, and Tunisha Sebastian of Peace Dale; and her maternal grandmother, Margaret M. Peckham of Peace Dale.

She was predeceased by a son, Ernest James Turnbull.
Easterns Bury Beloved Elder

He found much success on Wall Street, in military

By KAREN FLORIN
Day Staff Writer

The Eastern Pequots on Tuesday remembered their oldest male member, Arthur W. Sebastian Jr., as “a man whom others should try to emulate.”

Sebastian, 93, died Aug. 6 at Mary Elizabeth Nursing Center in Mystic. About 300 family members and friends attended his funeral services and military burial at Elm Grove Cemetery on Tuesday, according to his grandnephew, Eastern Pequot Treasurer Ronald "Lone Wolf" Jackson.

“Lone Wolf” Jackson.

Sebastian, who was born in Mystic in 1910, succeeded in the military and on Wall Street long before it was common for Native Americans or people of color to do so, Jackson noted. Jackson said he was proud to call attention to the achievements of his Uncle Arthur at a crucial time in the tribe’s history, when “everybody’s looking at us and judging our character.”

One of 11 children born to Arthur and Betty Roberts Sebastian, he is survived by one brother and four sisters, including the tribe’s oldest member, 97-year-old Lillian Sebastian of Mystic. Sebastian was one of the oldest surviving students of the former Bulkeley School in New London.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1945, attaining the rank of Master Sergeant in the 366th Port Battalion. He then worked as a Wall Street broker, retiring from Loeb Roads brokerage firm after 25 years.

Sebastian, who always wore a suit and tie in public and had impeccable posture, was affectionately known as “brother.” He listened patiently to people and then pondered for a few moments before responding. He always gave the right answer, Jackson said. His uncle advised him to run for tribal treasurer, Jackson said, and then told him to maintain careful records.

Sebastian lived in Manhattan for most of his life but often visited the North Stonington reservation and his relatives in the area. When the Eastern Pequots had a problem with water in the 1970s, it was Sebastian who worked it out with the state Welfare Commission, which oversaw Indian issues at the time. Somebody had dumped manure near a spring that was a source of drinking water. After Sebastian went to the Welfare Commission and to state representatives, the state dug a new well on the reservation for the use of the Indian residents.

“He did it without using lawyers and lobbyists as you would do today,” said Jackson. “He just used his brain and got issues resolved without (seeking) glory.”

Sebastian was a lifelong bachelor. He was buried Tuesday in his favorite blue and white pinstripe suit, Jackson said.

“People from all walks of society came to say goodbye,” Jackson said.

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Beverly Sebastian

Mashantucket — Beverly Ann Sebastian, 58, of 858 Pequot Trail, who died Friday morning at home, was born Jan. 7, 1937. Her date of birth was incorrect in Saturday's edition.

Mashantucket — Beverly Ann Sebastian, 58, of 858 Pequot Trail died Friday morning at home after a long illness.

She was born Jan. 9, 1937, in Mystic, daughter of William Earl and Dorothy Marie Sebastian.

She is an elder of the Mashantucket Pequot tribe.

Ms. Sebastian was a member of the Union Temple Baptist Church, Atlantic City, N.J.

She is survived by three sons, Keith Sebastian of Ledyard, Bruce Sebastian of New London, and Brian Sebastian of Norwich; one daughter, Katrina Sebastian of Ledyard; two brothers, Richard Sebastian of Norwich and Robert Sebastian of Somers; three sisters, Laura Porter of Ledyard, Frances Strother of New London, and Joanne Anderson of Miami Beach, Fla.; Leneal Ledbetter, with whom she lived; and one grandchild.

She was preceded by one brother, William "Sonny" Sebastian Jr.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Byles Memorial Home, 99 Huntington St., New London. Burial will be in the Indian Burial Ground, Ledyard.

Calling hours will be 7-9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.
Callie Sebastian
Mashantucket — Callie Bolling Sebastian, 77, of 2 Pequot Village, Apt. B, died Thursday at Liberty Hall Convalescent Center, Colchester after a long illness.

She was born Feb. 1, 1917, in Birmingham, daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Bolling. She attended schools in Alabama and later attended Miles College in Birmingham. During World War II, she volunteered as an elementary school teacher in Birmingham.

She later moved to Hartford. As a young woman, she was a well-known fashion model in Hartford and worked for the former G. Fox department store.

A longtime resident of North Stonington, she worked as a civilian seamstress at the Naval Submarine Base in Groton before retiring in 1965.

She married Louis J. Sebastian in 1949 in Hartford.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Sebastian is survived by one son, John L. Sebastian of Groton; and one sister, Ann B. Lucas of Vernon.

The funeral and burial will be 10 a.m. Saturday in the Whitehall Burial Ground, Mystic. There are no visiting hours. The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield Mass., 01107.

Callie Sebastian
Mashantucket — Callie Sebastian, 77, of 2-B Pequot Village, is survived by a son, Kenneth Murphy of Detroit, Mich., and a sister, Ann B. Lucas of Vernon, Ala.

These survivors were omitted from Friday's obituary.
Clifford Sebastian
Mashantucket — Clifford C. "Chief Wise Owl" Sebastian II, 81, passed away Monday morning, Sept. 15, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital. He is one of Jehovah’s Witnesses from the Mystic Congregation. He will be lovingly missed by his family and friends.

The family will greet relatives and friends at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday. A funeral service will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Friday at the funeral home with burial following at Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Burial Ground.

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

DAY - 9-17-2008

Clifford Sebastian
Mashantucket — Clifford "Chief Wiseowl" Sebastian, 81, of Mashantucket, passed away Monday morning at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital.

His family will greet relatives and friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic. A funeral service will be conducted on Friday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with burial following at Mashantucket Pequot Burial Ground.

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

DAY - 9-16-2008
Delores Sebastian

Ledyard — Delores L. Sebastian, 58, of Gales Ferry, died Saturday at the Lawrence & Memorial Hospital.

She was born on June 13, 1939, in Providence, the daughter of the late William and Gladys E. Davis Sailor.

Mrs. Sebastian received her associate's degree in child development in 1974 from the Community College of Rhode Island. She worked for the Providence Head Start for 19 years.

She was previously employed as a nurse's assistant.

She was a member of the Hood Memorial AME Zion Church and the New Life Community Church of All Faiths.

Mrs. Sebastian is survived by five daughters, Juanita Sebastian Graham, Valerie Sebastian Kilgore, Maureen, Tracey and Nicole Sebastian, and four sons, Vincent A. Sebastian Jr., Richard E., Keith D. and Kevin M. Sebastian, all of Mashantucket; three sisters, Barbara Braxton of East Providence, R.I., Emeline Beatty of Portsmouth, R.I. and Deborah L. Walker of Warwick, R.I.; a brother, William W. Sailor of Orlando, Fla.; 26 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was predeceased by five sisters, Minnie M. Hall, Florence G. Morgan, Dorothy E. Harrington, Neva L. Speaks and Beverly M. Applegate; and two brothers, Raymond E. Hall and Theodore R. Sailor.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Hood Memorial AME Zion Church, 126 Adelaide Ave., Providence.

Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery, Cranston, R.I.
Emanuel Sebastian
Mashantucket — Emanuel Jackquantee Sebastian, 73, of Pequot Circle, Mashantucket, died Saturday morning at his home after a brief illness.

He was born in Wakefield, R.I., on June 28, 1930 the son of Clifford Cyrus Sebastian and Mabel L. (Perry) Sebastian.

After receiving his education, he served in the U.S. Army.

An Elder of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe, he devoted much of his time as a volunteer at the Tribal Child Development Center. He enjoyed traveling and socializing.

Mr. Sebastian enjoyed a long career as a self-employed stone mason and painter.

He leaves his wife, Sophie Sebastian; his children, Patricia Sebastian, Ronald Sebastian, Tonia Corbett, Emanuel Sekator, Anthony Beltran, Everett Beltran, Phillip Beltran and John Beltran; his siblings, Myrtis Simmons, Phyllis Waite, Maxine Pinson, Juanita Reels, Clifford Sebastian Sr., Vincent Sebastian and Richard Sebastian, and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The family will greet relatives and friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl Street, Historic downtown Mystic. A service will be conducted on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Burial Ground.

Donations may be made to Hospice of SECT, PO Box 902, Uncasville CT 06382.

The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl Street, Historic downtown Mystic is assisting the family. For obituary information, directions, or to send an online condolence to the family please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.

Day 9-22-2003
Gladys Sebastian

Preston — Gladys Wheeler Sebastian, 87, of 5 Richard Brown Drive, Uncasville, formerly of 222 Route 165, Preston, died Thursday at Hillcrest Health Care Center in Uncasville.

She was born May 6, 1913, in Preston, the daughter of William N. and Addie Holden Wheeler. She married William R. Sebastian on Nov. 29, 1934, in the Preston City Baptist Church Parsonage. He died Dec. 16, 1978.

Mrs. Sebastian was a graduate of Norwich Free Academy and the Willimantic Normal School, now Eastern Connecticut State University. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Preston, the Ladies Missionary Society of the church, the Preston City Grange No. 110 and the Preston City Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. She served as treasurer of the Preston Nursing Board and as Preston’s representative to the former United Workers Board, now United Community Services of Norwich.

She served for several years as assistant town clerk and tax collector for the town of Preston.

She is survived by two sons, William Nelson Sebastian and Kenneth W. Sebastian, both of Preston; a daughter, Ruth A. Gauthier of Preston; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by a daughter, Betty L. Lesser, who died Feb. 5, 1994.

Calling hours will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Labenski Funeral Home, 107 Boswell Ave, Norwich.

The funeral service will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday at Calvary Baptist Church, 97 Route 165, Preston. Burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Calvary Baptist Church Building Fund.
Keith Sebastian
Keith was born Aug. 1, 1961, in Atlantic City, N.J., the son of the late Beverly Ann Sebastian and Lemuel L. Ledbetter of Rutherfordton, N.C.
He attended Atlantic City schools and had worked for the Resort Casino Hotel in Atlantic City for several years before moving to Philadelphia, Pa., where he had worked for several upscale restaurants and made many friends.
Keith then moved to Mashantucket to be with his family in 1993. He immediately went to work for the Mashantucket Pequot Parks and Recreation Department, and was a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee. He first initiated the idea, along with vice chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, Gary Carter, of the building of a playground for the tribal children. The playground can be seen today on the reservation.
He was very artistic and loved to draw, paint, and hold arts and crafts classes for the tribal children. He was an interior decorator, and if you knew Keith, you could see his artistic abilities in his home, and in the way he dressed. Keith loved beautiful things, but most of all he loved his family.
Keith leaves, to mourn his loss, his sister, Katrina Sebastian of Ledyard; two brothers, Brian Sebastian of Ledyard and Bruce Sebastian of Groton; his father, Lemuel L. Ledbetter of Rutherfordton, N.C.; his beloved and devoted aunts, Laura Porter of Mashantucket, Arlene Phelnetta of Mashantucket, Joanne Anderson of Miami Beach, Fla., and Judy Miller of Rutherfordton, N.C.; his uncle, Richard Sebastian of Preston; and a niece, Nina S. Sebastian of Pleasantville, N.J.
He was predeceased by his mother, Beverly Ann Sebastian; grandparents, Dorothy and Earl Sebastian; his aunt, Frances Strother; his uncle, Sonny Sebastian; his grandmother, Nora Ledbetter; and many, many cousins and other uncles and aunts.
Keith will be sadly missed by all.
The funeral service will be at noon on Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Mashantucket Pequot Spiritual Center, 938 Shewville Road, Ledyard. Burial will follow in the Mashantucket Pequot Burial Ground. Calling hours will be held at the Mashantucket Pequot Spiritual Center on Saturday morning from 10 until the start of the funeral service at noon.
Byles Memorial Home, 90 Huntington St., New London, is assisting the family with the arrangements. Please visit www.byles.com for the obituary, directions, or to leave a note of condolence for the family.
Lillian Sebastian, beloved elder of Eastern Pequots, dead at 99

By KAREN FLORIN
Day Staff Writer

Mystic — Eastern Pequot tribal elder Lillian A. Sebastian, who received a proclamation from Gov. M. Jodi Rell when she turned 99 in January, died Monday at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital.

Ms. Sebastian was active and in good health until recently. She lived alone in her Mystic home and drove herself into town to run errands. She caught a cold that turned into pneumonia and was admitted to the hospital a week ago Monday, family members said. Now they have to cope with the loss of a vivacious personality that has always been around.

"I don't know where we're going to turn, because everybody loved her so much," Eastern Pequot Chief Roy "Hockeo" Sebastian said. He said his Aunt Lil had a twinkle in the eye that let people know she was "quite alive."

"She led a good life," Hockeo said.

"This is a blessing, the Creator has given us, a beautiful young lady to live with us all these years to share her good will. She has left a legacy not only for the elders but the for the adults and the young people."

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She was one of nine children born to Arthur and Julia Sebastian. She is survived by two siblings, Howard Sebastian and Isabelle Sebastian Jordan, both of Mystic. Born Jan. 13, 1908, she attended classes in a one-room schoolhouse in Burnett's Corner. At the time of her death she lived next door to the house where she was born; she had also lived in a cabin on the tribe's reservation in North Stonington.

Ms. Sebastian worked most of her life — as a housekeeper, a worker at Electric Boat during World War II, a caterer and a tailor. She relished good times and dancing after hours. In recent years, she attended many tribal powwows, meetings and celebrations.

Her great-nephew, Eastern Pequot Treasurer Ronald "Lone Wolf" Jackson, said he thinks about all his Aunt Lil witnessed during her lifetime, from wars and the Depression to modern marvels like rockets and microwave ovens. He said she went from "Bo Diddley to Puff Daddy" with grace, accepting, if not fully embracing, all the changes that life brought. He had no idea how she was able to cook her famous brownies on her wood stove, "Old Bessie."

Ms. Sebastian loved to visit New York, where her brother Arthur lived for many years. Jackson said she and her brother Howard were listening to "Juke Jazz" on the radio when he visited recently.

"I can picture her being swung around in Harlem and all the places she went to have fun," he said. "And then coming back and going to work."

Ms. Sebastian took part in his wedding ceremony two weeks ago, giving away his bride, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Councilor Marjorie Colebut, Jackson said. Ms. Sebastian was in her usual good form.

"She took great pictures," Jackson said of his aunt. "She had a lot of fun, a lot of laughs."

Tribal members threw two 99th birthday parties for Ms. Sebastian in January and the governor's proclamation declared the date "Lillian Sebastian Day."

Ms. Sebastian said in an interview at the time that she was satisfied with her life and had done all she wanted to do.

"I worked hard," she said. "I made it."

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Lillian Agnetta Sebastian
Mystic — The Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation mourns the passing of its oldest member, Lillian Agnetta Sebastian, who joined the Creator on March 28, 2005. The Tribe recently honored Lillian as she celebrated her 99th birthday with congratulatory letters from Connecticut’s congressional delegation and a proclamation from Governor M. Jodi Rell naming her birthday “Lillian Sebastian Day” in the state.

Born Jan. 13, 1906, to Arthur and Julia Sebastian, Lillian was the second of nine children. Her family moved to Mystic when she was a child and she and her siblings attended Mystic Academy. She became her family’s matriarch and the Tribe’s revered elder. Lillian made her own way in life, even as a young woman. She absorbed her parents’ strong work ethic, leaving home in her early 20s to work with various families in New York and Pennsylvania. But with four brothers serving overseas during World War II, Lillian returned to Mystic and a job as a welder at Electric Boat.

When the war ended, Lillian was determined to be independent, so she started her own catering business for special events. She was so successful and built up such a loyal following that devoted customers were still calling her to bake for them on holidays when she was 98 years young.

In the 1970s, Lillian applied for permission from the State of Connecticut to live on the Tribe’s Reservation. Based on her heritage and family line, the state determined she was entitled to a place on one of this country’s oldest continuously occupied Native American reservations. An active member of the Tribe’s Elder’s Council, Lillian never missed a Pow-Wow. Until her final illness, Lillian practiced yoga, rode an exercise bicycle, worked around the house, and planted a garden every year.

A living symbol of the Tribe’s historic roots in southeastern Connecticut, and a moral guide for several generations, Tribal members regularly sought Lillian’s advice on their most important issues. Lillian considered her siblings her best friends; she is survived by her remaining sister, Isabelle, and brother, Howard.

Brothers, Arthur, Warren, James, and Benjamin, and sisters, Dorothy, Marjorie, and Julia predeceased her, as did her father, Arthur, and mother, Julia. Hundreds of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and great-great-nieces and nephews will miss her good cheer, wisdom, and guidance in their lives.

Her family will greet relatives and friends at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl Street, historic downtown Mystic on Friday from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. A private, traditional Native American going home ceremony will follow the calling hours. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Elder’s Council may be sent to the Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation, Post Office Box 208, North Stonington, CT 06359.

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


Mr. Sebastian was born Sept. 18, 1908, in Stonington, son of Clarence and Anna Priscilla Williams Sebastian. He attended Stonington schools.

A former New London resident, he worked at the John Silva Local Union in New London before retiring in 1974.

He was an elder and the oldest male member of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe.

Mr. Sebastian married Callie Bolling in 1949 in Hartford. She died Dec. 29.

He is survived by one son, John L. Sebastian of Groton; and three sisters, Anna Carpenter, Marion Curry, and Josephine Winn Baker, all of Ledyard.

The funeral and burial will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Whitehall Burial Ground, Mystic. Calling hours will be 6-8 tonight at the Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic.

Memorial gifts may be made to the American Heart Association, 5 Brookside Drive, Wallingford 06492.
Death Notices


The Funeral will assemble on Tuesday at 9:15 AM at the Thomas L. Nellam & Sons funeral home 12 Ocean Ave., New London and proceed to a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Paul Church, Waterford, at 10 A.M. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, New London. Calling hours are Monday afternoon and evening from 2-4 and 7-9 o'clock.

Memorial contributions in her memory may be made to St. Paul Church 170 Rope Ferry Rd., Waterford, CT. 06385 or to the National Kidney Foundation of Connecticut 920 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, CT. 06107.

SEBASTIAN — In Mystic, June 6, 1997, Ruth (Douglas) Sebastian, 75, of High Lane, Mystic, wife of Howard Sebastian.

Funeral services will be conducted at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, Tues. at 11 a.m. The Rev. Mark A. Santucci will officiate. Friends may call at the funeral home Tues. from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service. Interment in Newport Memorial Park will be private.
William Sebastian

New London — William Earl Sebastian, 82, of 21 Rizzi Court, died Tuesday night at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital.

He was born Nov. 14, 1912, in Old Mystic, son of Frank and Edith Robinson Sebastian. Mr. Sebastian is a native American Indian and an elder of the Eastern Pequot tribe.

Mr. Sebastian worked as a welder at Electric Boat, having retired in 1967. He then worked as a custodial supervisor at the Sears store at its former New London Shopping Center location.

He was predeceased by two wives, Dorothy S. Sebastian and Eva Holland Sebastian.

Mr. Sebastian is survived by two sons, Richard Sebastian of Norwich and Robert Sebastian of Somers; four daughters, Laura Porter of Ledyard, Frances Strother of New London, Joanne Anderson of Miami Beach, Fla., and Beverly Sebastian of Ledyard; 18 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a son, William E. Sebastian Jr.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at the Byles Memorial Home, 90 Huntington St. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic.

Calling hours will be 7-9 tonight at the funeral home.
Margaret Seder

Stonington — Margaret (McKee) Seder was born Sept. 21, 1927, in New York City. She was the youngest of five children born to H. Harper and Mabel McKee. She attended public schools in Forest Hills, NY, and graduated from Western College, Oxford, Ohio, in 1948. After graduation, she was employed as an investigator for the Department of Welfare in Manhattan.

She married Edwin J. Seder in 1950, and they lived in Douglaston, NY, for 40 years, where they raised their three children. She was active in the Community Church of Douglaston, where she and Ed were presidents of the Supper Club. She was president of the Women's Guild there and later an elder and chair of the church council. She was also president of the Women's Club of Douglaston. In addition, she was a Cub Scout den mother for three years and a Girl Scout leader for six years. Margaret later worked as office manager for 15 years with her husband who owned and operated Aurora Electric Co., in Richmond Hill, NY.

After retiring to Stonington in 1991, she was active in the Mystic Congregational Church and the Mystic Women's Club. She volunteered at the Stonington Thrift Shop, Mystic Seaport Museum, Meals on Wheels, and was a driver for the American Cancer Society.

She is survived by her three children, Arthur Raymond Seder of Port Washington, NY, Sarah Lynn Seder of Waterville, Maine, and Dean Edwin Seder of Pawcatuck. Her five grandchildren are Robert, Sam, Sara, Jean-Marc and Helen. She is also survived by a large and loving extended family with whom she spent treasured time at the family cottage at Long Pond.

She was predeceased by her husband, Edwin J. Seder; her brothers, John McKee and William McKee; and her sisters, Martha McKee Keehn and Beatrice McKee Watson.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at Mystic Congregational Church, 43 E. Main St., Mystic. Maggie supported many charitable organizations. Those who wish to do so are encouraged to donate to your charity of choice in her memory.
Fred and Carol started Helikon Furniture Co. in 1959, opening its manufacturing operation in Norwich in 1969, eventually moving to Taftville at the Ponemah Mills, employing over 400 people. Helikon was a high-end wood furniture manufacturer, selling furniture for the top executives of many Fortune 500 Companies and government offices, throughout the U.S., and internationally as well. Helikon was sold to Herman Miller in 1986. Fred was very active in the southeastern Connecticut community, serving on the boards of Chelsea Groton Bank and Backus Hospital. He was a member of Temple Emanuel in Waterford.

Fred enjoyed his retirement, traveling extensively with Carol throughout the world. They particularly enjoyed cruises, traveling the seven seas on 86 different trips.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Lawrence Memorial Hospital. No visiting hours are scheduled; the family will be honoring Fred privately. We want to thank all the wonderful nurses, aides and staff at Avalon Health Center for taking such great care of Fred during his final months.

Condolences can be made online at www.neilansfuneral-at-home.com.
Obituary

Eli Segal

Norwich—Eli Segal, 91, of 80 Crouch Ave., died Thursday at the William W. Backus Hospital.

Mr. Segal was born on Feb. 5, 1906, in Norwich, the son of Isaac and Anna Siegleman Segal.

He married Gussie Lasky in 1931. She died earlier this year.

Mr. Segal attended the Mt. Pleasant Street School in Norwich in 1920. He graduated from the Norwich Free Academy in 1924, where he was the star baseball pitcher from 1923-1924.

He was a merchant by trade, and owned a department clothing store in Stonington, and a grocery store in Norwich-town.

He was a member of the Brothers of Joseph Synagogue, and a former member of the Norwich Golf Club and the Groton Lodge of Elks.

He is survived by a daughter, Sandra Goldberg of Somerset, N.J.; and a brother, Julius Segal of Norwich.

He was predeceased by seven brothers, George, Murray, Max, Aaron, Jack, Abraham and Myer Segal; and two sisters, Mrs. Benjamin Mandell and Mrs. Mollie Marks.

A graveside service will be held at noon Friday at the Brothers of Joseph Cemetery in Preston. There will be no calling hours.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one’s choice.

The Church & Allen Funeral Home, 138 Sachem St., is in charge of arrangements.
Gussie Segal
Norwich — Gussie Segal, 90, of 177 Broadway, died Saturday at the Norwich-town Convalescent Home.

Mrs. Segal was born on Feb. 14, 1906, in Lumseygabarnia, Poland, the daughter of Hyman and Bessie Lasky.

She married Eli Segal in 1931 in Norwich.

She worked at the American Woolen Mill. She and her husband ran a grocery store in Norwich and a department store in Stonington.

She enjoyed sewing and making flower arrangements and was a member of the Brothers of Joseph Synagogue, Norwich.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Segal is survived by a daughter, Sandra Goldberg of Somerset, N.J.; and two grandchildren.

A graveside service will be at noon today in the Brother's of Joseph Cemetery, Preston. There are no calling hours. The Church and Allen Funeral Home, 136 Sachem St., Norwich, is in charge of arrangements.
Albert Seifert

Mystic — Albert W. Seifert, 78, of Mystic passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015, at home surrounded by his family after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease.

He was born April 9, 1937, in Clifton, N.J., to Albert and Louise Seifert. After graduating from Clifton High School, he attended Rutgers University, where he was a member of Zeta Psi fraternity, with a degree in industrial engineering and ceramics engineering. Later he received an MBA from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. Albert's professional career began at Oak Ridge National Laboratories in Oak Ridge, Tenn., where he worked as an engineer. He retired from Greene Plastics Corp. in Hope Valley, R.I., where he worked for 30 years as president and CEO. During his tenure with Greene, he served two terms as president of the Craft and Hobby Association.

As a young man Al was an enthusiastic outdoorsman, passionate about hunting and trout fishing. In his later years, he was an avid traveler, visiting destinations in Europe, Asia, Australia and Africa. He was dedicated to working on home improvement projects and reading the Wall Street Journal from front to back page every day.

He is survived by his current wife, Barbara; his sons, Albert (Nancy) and Scott; and daughter, Susan (Jim). He was the proud grandfather of six grandchildren, Melinda, Dustin, Max, Phoebe, Ashley and Zachary; and great-granddaughter, Rachel.

He was predeceased by his sister, Eleanor Lubarsky.

A special thank you to all who helped care for Albert over the past several years so he could spend them at home.

A memorial service will be held at noon Jan. 9, 2016, at Latitude 41 Restaurant in Mystic.

Funeral services were provided by Dinoto Funeral Home, Mystic.
In Stonington, Conn., Feb. 8, 1938, Mrs. Bertha (Draile) Seimer, aged 86, of 92 Water Street, Stonington, wife of the late Theodore Seimer.

Funeral service will be held at the Williams Funeral Home, 34 Main Street, Stonington, Thursday, February 11, at 2 p.m. Interment will be in Stonington Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home on Wednesday, 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Mrs. Seimer
Dead at 86

STONINGTON — Mrs. Bertha (Draile) Seimer, 86, of 92 Water Street, mother of Mrs. Edwin D'Amico, died unexpectedly yesterday at her home.

She was the wife of the late Theodore Seimer of Stonington who died in 1912.

Mrs. Seimer was born in Hamburg, Germany on August 25, 1878, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Draile. She came to the United States in 1900, settling first in Philadelphia and shortly after, moving to Stonington where she has lived ever since.

Mrs. Seimer operated the Pleasant View House on Water Street for many years.

She was one of the oldest members of the United Church of Stonington.

In addition to her daughter, Mrs. Seimer is survived by one brother, John Draile of Hamburg; a sister, Mrs. Wilhelmina Lehmann, also of Hamburg; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be held at the Williams Funeral Home, 34 Main Street, Stonington, on Thursday, February 11, at 2 p.m. Interment will be in Stonington Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home tomorrow from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.
George Selden Jr.

Mystic — George D. Selden, of 14 Brandon Lane, Mystic, died peacefully July 30 at New England Baptist Hospital, Boston, Mass.

He is survived by his loving wife Patricia (Fitz-Patrick) Selden.

George was born in Buffalo, N.Y., on Aug. 24, 1924, and moved in early childhood to Erie, Pa. He was the son of George D. Selden Sr. and Zella (Boyn ton) Selden. He was educated in Erie, Pa., and was a graduate of Deerfield Academy and Yale University, Class of 1945 W. He served in World War II as a pilot in the Navy.

He married Constance Bogardus and they had five children. He moved to Stonington after her demise, and three years later married Patricia (Fitz-Patrick) Jenkins.

He is survived by his five children, George Dudley Selden III (Lee) of Port Myers, Fla., Thomas Bogardus Selden (Tom) and his wife, Carol, of Palmetto, Fla., Mary Hughes of Richmond, Va., Samuel Spencer Selden (Sam) and his wife, Jacqueline, of Overland Park, Kan., and Christian Edward Detmold Selden (Chris) and his wife, Linda, of Wake Forest, N.C.; and his two stepchildren, Timothy Jenkins (Tim) and his wife, Linda, of Midlothian, Va., and Christine Johnson (Fifi) of Park City, Utah; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

George loved his life in Stonington and served his community by running the Pequot’s tennis players, the Mello Fellows lunch group and the Tue-Fris. He was the president of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Connecticut and founded the Yunchers, comprising many Yale graduates who met on a regular basis and featured speakers on topics of interest. He was instrumental in fostering the Friends of Franklin, which helped support the Franklin Papers Collection at Yale.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, Aug. 24, at 11 a.m. at Calvary Church, Stonington.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in George’s memory may be made to the Stonington Free Library, Post Office Box 232, Stonington CT 06378.

To send his family a message of remembrance/con道dence, please visit www.ddinotofuneral.com.
Book of Common Prayer, p. 50?

Those whom the morn, the waft of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with the nearer presence of our Lord, we receive that we love HIS friends. So while we receive that we love HIS friends, when we are parted by death, Jesus himself was charged with the grace of HIS friends deep sorrow. This, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The

able to separate us from the love of God?

Hymn 69, Eternal Father, strong to save

Prayers:

Samuel Selvon

The Liturgy: Characterized by joy. In the

Liturgy, therefore, the dead is an easier thing. It finds all its

Howard Sutton (Hounslow)

Kemmond Taek

Elly Smith

Peter Ross

Frederick Nicholls

Jack Cory

Henry Hibbert

William Curte

William A. Adams

Michael Adair

James Roberts

Organist: Simon D. Holf
Assisting Clergy: The Rev'd Anne B. Kimball

Office: The Rev'd Mark K. Robinson

The Club House at Bispham Cove.

Following today's service, the family invites you to join them at

PREFACE: Prelude to Hymn in C major

THE BLESSING

Methe

Hymn 36, Holy, holy, holy!

Psalm 23 (King James Version)

Hymn 60: "O God, our help in ages past"

A PRAYER FOR GEORGE SELDEN

THE OPENING SENTENCES

All stand

PREFACE: Jesus, joy of man's desiring

Hymns are in the blue hymnals.

Page numbers refer to the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer.

August 4, 1924 - July 30, 2007

George Dudley Selvon

Celebration of the Life of
SELLERS—In Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, November 7, 1970, Alexander Sellers III, Lt. USN, aged 30 years, of Cove Lawn, Stonington, Conn.
A memorial service will be held at the Calvary Episcopal Church, Stonington on Friday at 2 P.M. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Knox County Hospital, Rockland, Me., or the Navy Relief Society, Box 25, U. S. Submarine Base, Groton. Shea-Williams Funeral Home, Mystic, in charge of arrangements.
George Sellins Jr.

Stonington — George Sellins Jr., 81, of 45 Sisk Drive, Pawcatuck, died Tuesday at his home.

Mr. Sellins was born Dec. 13, 1914, the son of George and Agnes Mulhen Sellins Sr.

He was married to Vera Myatt Sellins.

As an inspector at Electric Boat, he worked on the first nuclear powered submarine, the Nautilus, before retiring in 1979. He worked for Westinghouse in the Atomic Energy Commission in Idaho and later with General Electric where he worked on proposed atomic powered aircraft.

He served in the Army during World War II and the National Guard. He was a member of the American Legion and the Central Baptist Church, Westerly. He was associated with the Boy Scouts of America for over 20 years.

Besides his wife, Mr. Sellins is survived by one son, David A. Sellins of North Stonington; one daughter, Judith A. Sellins of Westerly; one sister, Margaret Rigby of Clearwater, Fla; four grandchildren and one great-grandson.

He was predeceased by one sister, Edna Collier.

The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery, North Stonington. Calling hours are 10-11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, 365 Montauk Ave., New London, 06320.
Josephine Senical
Pawcatuck — Josephine Mary (Serio) Senical, 86 years old, of 12 Lester Ave., a lifetime resident of Pawcatuck, passed away peacefully at her home on Thursday evening, Oct. 2, 2003, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Pawcatuck on June 14, 1917, she was the daughter of the late Vincenzo and Anna (DiPiazza) Serio.

She was married in April 1938 at St. Michael’s Church in Pawcatuck to Derry L. Senical, her husband of 65 years.

Many may remember her from Woolworth’s and the Ames Butter and Egg Store, both located on High Street in Westerly. She also worked for Rowe’s Launderland and the George C. Moore Co.

She took pride in her cooking and baking for family, friends, and neighbors. She will also be remembered for her delicious fruit pies, muffins, and specialty Italian entrees and cookies.

She was a lifelong communicant of St. Michael’s Church in Pawcatuck and a member of the Pawcatuck Italian American Club and Ladies Auxiliary.

Besides her husband, she leaves four children, Teresa and Masashi Hasu of Framingham, Mass., Charlene Senical of New Haven, Philip Senical of Pawcatuck, and Kevin Senical of Westerly. A devoted mother and grandmother; she also leaves behind three grandchildren, Shelby Lee Hasu of Framingham, Mass., and Breanna and Brendan Senical and their mother Maureen Senical of Pawcatuck and Heidi Johnson. Serio and her children, Michael and Kristin Johnson. She is also survived by her brothers and sisters, John Serio of Westerly, Angelo Serio of San Fernando, Calif., Joseph Serio of Pawcatuck, James Serio of Sacramento, Calif., Constance Whaley of Norwich, Olive Wilder of LaMarque, Tex., and Rose Russell of Pawcatuck.

Additionally, she is survived by an extended family of cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by brothers, Thomas, Anthony, and Salvatore, all from the Westerly/Pawcatuck area.

The funeral will be held on Monday Oct. 6, 2003, from the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St. Westerly, R.I., with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at St. Michael’s Church, Liberty Street, Pawcatuck. There will not be a procession from the funeral home. Burial will take place at St. Michael’s Cemetery Pawcatuck.

Calling hours will be from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday Oct. 5, 2003, at the funeral home.
OBITUARY

Ruth Senior

North Stonington — Ruth May (Geary) Senior, 82, of North Stonington, died Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010, at her home with her family by her side.

She was born on Thursday, Dec. 15, 1927, at the family home in Stonington, the daughter of James A. and Edith M. (Palmer) Geary. She graduated from Stonington High School, Class of 1945.

She married Richard Herbert Senior, on Saturday, Feb. 15, 1947, at the Congregational Church of Pawcatuck.

A devoted wife and mother, she worked as a secretary from 1966 to 1987 for Bob Valenti Auto Mall. She was a lifetime member of the North Stonington Grange No. 138.

In addition to her husband of 62 years, she is survived by their three children and their spouses, Marilyn S. and G. Allen Albrecht, Diane R. and Erik H. Nelson, and son Mark R. and Robin H. Senior; five grandchildren, Adam D. Rathbun, Renee D. Rossi, Matthew A. Albrecht, Chad R. Albrecht, and Marci L. Senior, and nine great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Joyce E. Dunn of Ocala, Fla.; and brother, James A. Geary Jr. of Horseshoe Bay, Texas.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by sister Margaret E. Tattersall and brother Robert A. Geary.

Private services will be conducted in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Wheeler Library, 101 Main St., North Stonington CT 06359.

You may visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for further information or to leave a note of condolence.
Annette M. Serio, 87, formerly of 1 Avery St., and more recently, of 45 Sisk Drive, Pawcatuck, passed away Friday evening, Feb. 13, 2004, at the Groton Regency, Groton.

Born on May 5, 1916, in Norwich, Conn., she was the daughter of the late Guerino and Josephine (Perillo) Faragosa. A communicant of St. Michael Church, Pawcatuck, she was also a former member of the Daughters of Isabella. Prior to her retirement, she worked at George C. Moore Company, Bostich and the former Sew-Rite, Westerly. She also loved to sew and cook.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Thomas Jr. and Michelle Serio of Pawcatuck; two more sons, Aaron and David; two grandsons, Kenneth W. of Jersey City, N.J. and Jamie M. of Pawcatuck; one great-grandson, Austin T. of Pawcatuck; a sister, Hortense "Tina" Davis of Auburn, Wash.; a brother, Henry Faragosa of Norwich, and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by five brothers, Albert, Louis, Julian, Ernest and Joseph Faragosa, and two sisters, Marie Roderick and Beatrice Ruffo.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place in St. Michael Church at 10 a.m., Tuesday. Calling hours will be at the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, Monday, 4 to 7 p.m. Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery. There will be no procession from the funeral home.

Veteran 51-
Anthony Serio
Stonington — Anthony M. Serio, 79, of 11 Moss St., Pawcatuck, died Saturday at The Westerly Hospital.
He was born April 14, 1917, the son of Vincenzo and Annie DiPiazza Serio.
He was an Army veteran, having served in the Pacific Theater in World War II.
He worked at the Westerly A&P, as a chef at the Elm Tree Inn, and as produce manager at Sandy's and McQuade's Marketplace, retiring in 1982.
He was a communicant of St. Michael's Church, Pawcatuck, and a member of the Elks and VFW.
He was the husband of the late Stella Montoya Serio.
He is survived by a daughter, Anne D'Amico of Pawcatuck; three sons, Walter Serio Madrid of Mission Viejo, Calif., Anthony J. Serio of Westerly, and William J. Serio of Shelter Harbor, R.I., and West Thompson; four brothers, Joseph Serio of Pawcatuck, John Serio of Westerly, Angelo and James Serio, both of California; four sisters, Constance Whaley of Norwich, Olive Wilder of Galveston, Texas, Josephine Senical and Rose Russell, both of Pawcatuck; and eight grandchildren.
He was predeceased by two brothers, Salvatore and Thomas Serio.
The funeral will assemble at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Church, Liberty Street, Pawcatuck. Calling hours are 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.
Joseph J. Serio, 78, of Thompson Street, Pawcatuck, passed away after a brief illness on Sunday morning at The Westerly Hospital. Born in Stonington on June 3, 1933, he was the son of the late Vincenzo and Anne (DiPiazza) Serio.

Joe graduated from Stonington High School where he was a star football player. He served in the Marines and was awarded the Korean Service Medal. Joe and his older brother, Tom, owned and operated Serio’s Texaco on Route 2 in Pawcatuck until closing in 1979. Joe was also employed throughout his life at A&P, Electric Boat, Lawton’s Texaco, and Millstone.

He was a member of the Connecticut Carpenters Union 24, Westerly Elks Lodge #678, VFW Post 1265 Pawcatuck and held positions as a Stonington sheriff and justice of the peace. He was on the board of the Pawcatuck Italo-American Club and was a member of the Pawcatuck Fire Department to name a few.

Joe is survived by his cherished daughter, Janet, and her mother, Rita Serio, of Taftville, Conn., along with his sister, Rose Russell, and her husband, Paul, of Pawcatuck; his brothers, John Serio, of Westerly, and Angelo Serio, of San Fernando, Calif. Joe leaves behind a very close-knit group of relatives and friends including niece, Susan Russell, nephew, Robert and his wife, Norvesa Russell, along with longtime companion, Carrie Ross, of Westerly.

Joe was predeceased by his brothers, Thomas, Anthony, Salvatore, and James Serio, and his sisters, Connie Whaley, Olive Wilder, and Josephine Senical, along with his special cat, Sampson.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael Church, Liberty Street, Pawcatuck. Burial with military honors will follow in St. Michael Cemetery.

Calling hours will be Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly.
Stella Serio

Stonington — Stella C. Serio, 75, of 11 Moss St., Pawcatuck, wife of Anthony M. Serio, died Tuesday at Westerly Hospital.

She was born May 16, 1918, in Albuquerque, N.M., daughter of Juan and Carmelita Sena Montoya. Mrs. Serio was a communicant of St. Michael’s Church in Pawcatuck and a member of the Daughters of Isabella of the Immaculate Conception Church, Westerly.

She was past president of the Rosary and Altar Society of St. Pius X Church, Westerly.

Besides her husband, she is survived by three sons, Walter Serio Madrid of California, and Anthony J. Serio and William J. Serio, both of Westerly; one daughter, Ann D’Amico of Pawcatuck; and six grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 9:15 a.m. Friday at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in St. Michael’s Church. Burial will be in St. Michael’s New Cemetery, Pawcatuck.

Calling hours will be from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Stonington Visiting Nurses Association.

Dear Mary,

Stella Serio

was Tom D’Amico’s mother-in-law.
Janet D. "Jan" (Marcotte) Sevideo
1936 - 2019

Janet D. "Jan" (Marcotte) Sevideo, 83, of High Street, Westerly, passed away surrounded by her loving family on Tuesday morning, October 15, 2019. Born on February 21, 1936 in Pawcatuck, CT, she was the daughter of the late David and Melanie (LeVigne) Marcotte. She was married to the late Mario Sevideo for 60 years. She is survived by her children: Liz Geiger, Paul Servideo and wife Carla, Jeanne McColl and husband Jay, Carolyn Orr and husband Michael. She is also survived by her eleven grandchildren: Steven Geiger Jr., Emily Geiger, Paul E. Servideo, James Servideo, Benjamin Servideo, Cameron McColl, Elena Taylor, Nathan McColl, Olivia Orr, Collin McColl and Christopher Orr. She was blessed with eleven great grandchildren; Tyler Muller, Dominic Servideo, Maeve Servideo, Stevan Geiger III, Grace Servideo, Marion Servideo, Lucas Servideo, Elizabeth Watson, Oliver Taylor, Margaret Servideo, Maria Servideo. She was predeceased by 10 brothers and sisters; Rita Cook, David Marcotte, Anita Kaiser, Norman Marcotte, Donald Marcotte, Elizabeth Fontana, Vivian Marcotte, Joan Watrous, Louis Marcotte, and John Marcotte.

Janet graduated from Stonington High School as valedictorian in 1955. Children brought so much joy to her life and in addition to raising her four children she provided home day care to many area children. She was a small business owner with her husband, Mario. She ended her working career at George C. Moore of Westerly where she worked in the design department and retired after 10 years of employment. She had a strong Catholic faith and was an active member of the Immaculate Conception Church of Westerly.

A mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 10:00 am at Immaculate Conception Church, 111 High Street, Westerly, RI. There will be no procession from the funeral home. Burial will take place at the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Exeter, RI. Calling hours are Sunday from 4pm-7pm at Rushlow-Iaco Funeral Home & Crematory, 64 Friendship Street, Westerly, RI. In lieu of flowers, donations in Janet's name can be made to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org or Alzheimer's Association Processing Center, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC, 20090-6611. For online
Nancy C. Servidio


She leaves her husband, Gregg, of Glen Lyon, Pa.; three children, numerous brothers and sisters; many nieces and nephews; and her in-laws.

The family will receive friends Saturday, Oct. 2, from 11-1 at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. Burial will be private.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to share an online message of condolence and directions to the funeral home.
Thomas Shahan

Pawcatuck — Thomas J. Shahan, 83, of 555 Greenhaven Road, died Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at The William W. Backus Hospital in Norwich.

Thomas was born in Norwich on Jan. 6, 1925, son of the late Thomas J. and Mary (O’Neill) Shahan. He graduated from the Norwich Free Academy, Class of 1942 and obtained his bachelor’s degree at the University of Connecticut in 1951.

Tom served his country honorably in the United States Army during World War II.

On May 30, 1958, he was united in marriage to Barbara A. Corcoran at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich by Fr. Anthony Murphy. Mrs. Shahan survives her beloved husband of 49 years.

Mr. Shahan worked as the treasurer and director of the finance office for the City of New London. He was a communicant of St. Mary’s Church in Pawcatuck. Tom was a member of the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree and a member of the Power Squadron. He and his wife were avid sailors.

In addition to his wife, Barbara, Tom is survived by two daughters, Katherine M. MacMahon of Ocean Springs, Miss., and Amy B. Mantie of Vernon; five granddaughters, Shannon Mantie of Vernon, Jessica Mantie of Manchester, Colleen MacMahon of Alabama, Lydia Wilde of Germany and Elizabeth Wilde of Mississippi; and a cousin, Paul Farrell of Los Alamos, N.M.

The funeral will assemble at noon on Saturday at the Cummings-Gagne Funeral Home and proceed to a 1 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery in Norwich. Calling hours will be at the funeral home on Friday from 7 to 9 p.m.

Condolences may left at cumnings-gagnfh.com.
Sue Carolyn Shakeshaft, 74, of Shawondasee Drive, Stonington, died at her home, Oct. 1, 2008. She was the widow of the late Elmer Shakeshaft.

Born in Fort Smith, Ark., she was the daughter of the late Denver and Johnnie (Hardin) Brashier.

Sue was a master seamstress, and she enjoyed crocheting, knitting and quilting. She crocheted beautiful afghans for her family and close friends. Her greatest love, however, was taking care of her grandchildren. She was a lifetime associate member of the Westerly Yacht Club.

Surviving are her son, Steven Shakeshaft and his wife Sheryl of Norwich, Conn.; her two daughters, Barbara Love and her husband Arthur of Moosup, Conn. and Carol Canova and her husband Robert of Stonington; one sister, Tanya Musick of Yuma, Ariz.; her grandchildren, Chad Love and his fiancée Joan Montanez, of Miami, Fla., Jacqueline Love and her fiancé William Walsh of Moosup, and Nicholas Shakeshaft of Norwich and Nicole Canova of Stonington; and her pet cat “Chewey.”

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 service, which will be held Saturday, Oct. 4, at noon in the funeral home. Burial will be in River Bend Cemetery, Westerly.
Paula Shamberg

Mystic — It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Paula Williams Shamberg (1930-2017), age 86, on May 27, 2017. Paula was predeceased earlier this year by her loving husband of 44 years, Stuart R. Shamberg.

She is survived by her three children, Mike, Tom and Sarah Phillips; her sister, Donna W. Hurley; three stepchildren, Stephen Shamberg, Jane Saunders and Aaron Shamberg; eight grandchildren and two great-grandsons. Paula was a great wife, mother, homemaker and matriarch of the family.

Paula was born on Nov. 7, 1930, in Columbus, Ohio to I.C. and Edith Williams. She graduated from Upper Arlington High School in 1948 and broke family tradition to go to Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., where her first child, Mike, was born. Paula moved around a great deal after Cornell, following her then husband, William E. Phillips, as he deployed as a U.S. Navy officer and pursued his career. Their first stop after the Navy and graduate school was Cincinnati, Ohio, where Tom and Sarah were born. The family then settled in Chappaqua, N.Y., where Paula started the Second Story Book Store with a partner. Paula also actively served on the Board of Directors of the Katonah Art Gallery.

Paula had wisdom that those around her counted upon and cherished throughout her life. Her good spirit made her home a welcome place for all and a congregating site for her family and children's friends. They found in her an understanding of their adolescence, a sense of humor that always amazed, and a nature that always made them feel welcome and appreciated.

A memorial service for Paula will be held in New York City at a time and date to be shortly announced by the family. Her ashes will be interred in her hometown of Columbus, Ohio.
Stuart Shamburg

Mystic — It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Stuart R. Shamburg (1926-2017), 90, on Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017.

He was the beloved husband for 44 years of Paula W. Shamburg, who survives him, along with his three children, Steven Shamburg, Jane Saunders and Aaron Shamburg. Stu is also survived by his three stepchildren, Sarah Pember, Tom Phillips and Mike Phillips; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Stuart excelled in life as a family man, lawyer and person and is so missed by all.

Stuart was born on April 4, 1926, in New Rochelle, N.Y., where he grew up as the son of Herbert and Nita Shamburg. Stu was one of two children to Mr. and Mrs. Shamburg and was predeceased by his brother, Douglas. After graduating from New Rochelle High School in 1944, Stuart joined the U.S. Navy and served in World War II. Upon his discharge from the Navy, Stuart attended Cornell University on the G.I. Bill, graduated in 1951 and returned to Cornell to obtain his law degree in 1954, working his way through college and law school at various jobs. Stu took the New York bar exam in 1954 to the sound of a constant jackhammer outside the examination room. While this distraction upset many of the other applicants, Stu had paid his way through school as a jackhammer operator in the summers and passed the exam with a smile on his face.

Stuart was a prominent land use lawyer in Westchester County and was the founding partner of Shamburg Marwell Hollis Andreyck & Laidlaw, P.C., of Mount Kisco, N.Y. In lamenting Stu’s passing, his partner of many years Dan Hollis said: “Stu was a giant of a man and our profession. He created, and left, a legacy of excellence for our firm which we are all duty bound to pass forward.” Stu is known and was respected for many progressive changes and steps forward in land use in Westchester and the metropolitan New York area, among them the 1976 New York Superior Court case, Berenson v. the Town of New Castle. The Berenson case effectively eliminated exclusionary zoning in the State of New York. When not lawyering, Stu was an avid and excellent tennis player and enthusiastic golfer. Most of all, he was a family man of greatness and his spirit will live on within his family members, his many friends and all those at Shamburg Marwell.

A memorial service for Stuart will be held in the near future in Mystic at a time and date to be shortly announced by the family.

Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is in care of the arrangements.

Charles Storrow

Mystic — Charles H.F. Storrow, 91, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017, in Mystic.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Jan. 16 at Calvary Episcopal Church, 27 Church St., Stonington.

A complete obituary will be published in a future edition of The Day.
Richard Shane

Mystic — Richard Falk Shane died Sept. 27, 2008, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

He was born Oct. 16, 1927, in Des Moines, Iowa. He graduated summa cum laude and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa from Iowa State University with a bachelor of science degree in engineering. He later earned an MBA from San Diego State University. An avid swimmer on his high school swim team and lifeguard, he continued to enjoy swimming most of his life.

Richard was a veteran of the U.S. Army, where he earned the rank of sergeant. He spent his entire career at General Dynamics, first at Convair in San Diego, and later at EB in Groton. He retired in 1987 after 36 years of service.

He was predeceased by his wife of 27 years, Margaret "Peggy" (Ruediger). Together, they spent many joyful years traveling throughout North America. They particularly enjoyed the West.

He will be greatly missed by his daughter, Rebecca, and her husband, Michael McRoberts; his grandchildren, Heather and Matthew; and a brother, William Shane of Albuquerque, N.M. He will also be greatly missed by his stepchildren, Linda Stout, John Carton and his wife, Kathy, and Maureen and her husband, Ken Brown; and step-grandchildren Haley Stout, Kristine, Sarah and John Carton.

His family will greet relatives and friends at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic, on Friday from noon to 1:45 p.m., followed by a 2 p.m. graveside service at Elm Grove Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

To share a note of remembrance/condolence with his family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Anne Shannon

Mystic — Anne Margaret Shannon, 93, a resident of Stoneridge Retirement Community in Mystic, passed away after a brief illness, surrounded by her family, on Monday, June 13, 2011. She was the wife of the late Donald E. Shannon.

She was born Aug. 2, 1917, and her parents both passed away by the time she was 4 years old. She was raised by her grandmother and aunt in Brooklyn, N.Y. Anne worked as an office manager for a firm of Wall Street for many years before marrying her husband in 1947. They were blessed to have a wonderful life together and enjoyed 66 years of marriage residing in New York City, Huntington, N.Y., Westport, Conn., and Sarasota Fla.

Together, Anne and Don raised four children, Anne, a stay-at-home mother, and Don, an FBI agent and corporate attorney, raised their family in Huntington, N.Y., and Westport. After retirement they enjoyed 20 years in Sarasota, Fla. Anne was an avid bridge player, golfer and church volunteer, but her true joy in life was her husband and children.

She is survived by her three children, Mary Ellen Slensker of Gales Ferry, Bill Shannon of Norwalk and Patricia Schmidt of North Kingstown, R.I.; as well as 10 grandchildren: Kelly Brandon, Mark Brandon, Kimberly Reardon, Tom Shannon, Jim Shannon, Anna Shannon, Conor Schmidt, Dan Schmidt, Catherine Schmidt and Greyson Shannon.

She was preceded in death by her older son, Donald E. Shannon Jr.

The family extends a heartfelt thank you to the staff at Avalon Health Center, Seniors Helping Seniors and the end of life caregivers at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday at St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church, East Main St., Mystic. Burial will be private.

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

To share a note of remembrance/condolence, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
John Shannon died Friday at the North Tawacut Health Care Center of a medical condition. He was in his 76th year.

He was born Nov. 14, 1941, in Stonington, to the late John and Mary Elizabeth (Kraft) Shannon. He was the son of the late John and Mary Elizabeth (Kraft) Shannon, and was a retired employee of the Stonington Board of Education.

Mr. Shannon was a member of the Stonington Masonic Lodge, the Elks Lodge, and the American Legion. He was a past master of the Stonington Masonic Lodge, and a member of the Stonington Fire Department. He was a member of the Stonington Board of Education, and a member of the Stonington School Committee.

In addition to his parents, he leaves his wife, Mary Elizabeth (Kraft) Shannon; his children, Michael, Peter, and Mary; his grandchildren, John, Peter, and Mary; and his great-grandchildren, John, Peter, and Mary. He also leaves his brother, Peter Shannon; and his sister, Mary Shannon.

A graveside service will be held at the Stonington Cemetery on Wednesday at 11 a.m. Contributions may be made to the Stonington Library, 20 Church St., Stonington, CT 06379.
Matthew Shannon

Mystic — Matthew A. Shannon, 93, a longtime resident of Tarrytown and Ossining, N.Y., and more recently of Mystic, died on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on March 30, 1924, he was the son of Matthew A. and Margaret (Gaffney) Shannon. Matt completed his first year at St. Francis College in Brooklyn in June 1943 and then enlisted in the U.S. Navy. The Navy sent him to Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass., where he continued his college education and received specialized training as a Combat Information Center (CIC) officer; he was then deployed to serve in that role on the USS Walsh, a destroyer escort, in the Pacific Theater. He was honorably discharged from the Navy at the rank of lieutenant (jg) in August 1946, resumed his studies at St. Francis College in September 1946 and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in chemistry in June 1947. In September 1947, he entered Columbia Law School, graduating as a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar in June 1950.

On June 28, 1952, Matt married Edna Marie Rasmussen, in The Church of the Incarnation, in Queens, N.Y. Matt and Edna were true soul mates, sharing a deep commitment to family and community during their marriage of over 62 years, until her death on April 23, 2015. Upon graduation from Columbia Law School, Matt joined the law department at General Foods Corp. in White Plains, N.Y. He spent his entire career at General Foods in a variety of legal and senior management positions, serving during his last 14 years there as general counsel, General Foods International. In that role, he structured and managed joint ventures for General Foods in Canada, Continental Europe, Great Britain, Latin America and Asia. Upon his retirement, Matt devoted himself to his three passions — his family, travel with Edna and golf at Knollwood Country Club, Elmsford, N.Y.

Matt was proud of his Irish heritage and had a deep love of poetry, literature and the spoken word. He had an abiding interest in the physical sciences, particularly chemistry and physics, and never ceased to study and ponder the mysteries of the universe.

Throughout his life, Matt was an active community leader, with a particular focus on youth sports organizations including Kenisco Little League in Valhalla, N.Y., and the Tarrytown Dad’s Club. He coached countless youth baseball and basketball teams for his children and their peers, and then became an indefatigable coach, cheerleader and mentor to his 12 grandchildren.

Matt is survived by his children, Kevin M. (Beth) Shannon, M.D. of San Francisco, Calif., Glenn A. (Lori) Shannon, Esq. of Tiburon, Calif., Brian P. (Jacqueline) Shannon, DDS of Old Lyme, David J. (Martha) Shannon, Esq. of Edina, Minn., and Tara A. Shannon of Sleepy Hollow, N.Y. Matt was also a loving grandfather to Kimberly, Brett (Julia), Adrienne, Kathleen, Matthew, Kara, Jack, Claire (Grant), Timothy, Caroline, Lindsey and Anna.

A memorial service and celebration of Matt’s life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, St. Theresa’s Church, 1394 Pleasantville Road, Briarcliff Manor, N.Y.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Matt’s honor to Cathedral High School, 350 East 56th St., New York, NY 10022, (212) 688-1545 or New York School for the Deaf, 555 Krollwood Road, White Plains, NY 10603, (914) 949-7310.

To leave a note of condolence, please visit: www.mysticfuneralhome.com.
SHANNON — In Westerly, R.I., March 21, 1983, Miss Teresa C. Shannon of 107 Brookside Lane, Pawcatuck, formerly of Stonington.

The funeral will be held from the Thomas L. Neelan & Sons Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, Thursday at 9:15 a.m. with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Mary's Church, Stonington, at 10 a.m. Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery. Friends and relatives may call at the funeral home Wednesday evening, 7 to 9 p.m. Contributions in her memory may be made to 107 Brookside Lane in care of Glenna Stenhouse, 107 Brookside Lane, Pawcatuck, 06379.

SHINAULT — In Norwich, Conn., April 26, 1975, Kimberly Kessler Shinault, wife of Dana Shinault of Hewitt Road, Mystic.

Funeral services will be held at the Shea-Williams Funeral Home, 19 E. Main St., Mystic, Tuesday, April 29, at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Calling hours Monday 7 to 9 p.m. Interment in Stonington Cemetery.

SHEA — In Westerly, R.I., Sept. 29, 1979, Rose P. (Targie) Shea, wife of the late Daniel R. Shea, Sr., residence 18 Smith St., Pawcatuck.

Funeral will be held from the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 58 Spruce St., Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 9:15 a.m. Mass of Christian burial in St. Michael's Church, Liberty Street, Pawcatuck, at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Visiting hours Sunday 7 to 9 p.m. and Monday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.
Gloria Sharpe

Mystic — Gloria Sharpe, 92, of Mystic died Friday evening, Sept. 23, 2016, at Apple Rehab Mystic.

She was born on July 7, 1924, in West Hartford, the daughter of Walter Fraser and Dora (Starrett) Sharpe.

She worked for many years as an art teacher in the New London school system.

She is survived by her daughter, Diane Cohen; three grandchildren, Alison Stewart, Abby Schneider, and Andrew Cohen; and five great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016, at 2 p.m. at the Noank Baptist Church Memorial Garden, 18 Cathedral Heights in Noank.

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

He was born in New Haven, the son of the late Herman and Betty (Silberman) Sharpe.

He was the husband of Anne Sharpe, who survives him.

Richard was raised in Norwich, graduated from Cheshire Academy Preparatory School in Cheshire, earned his BSA in architecture from the University of Pennsylvania and did a year of graduate school at the University of Liverpool in England studying urban planning. Upon his return to the states, Richard was employed by Elroy Webber Assoc. in Springfield, Mass.

He married Anne Johnson in Preston on Aug. 20, 1954, and together they raised three children.

In 1957, Richard opened his own practice at the former Joseph Carpenter Silversmith Building on the Norwichtown Green and in 1968 designed and built an office building for his practice on land his father owned for farming in the former Norwich Industrial Park. He designed the former John Meyer Building, the first building within the Industrial Park, along with many other buildings within the Park.

Richard had received an award for the New London County Mutual Insurance Building along with many other awards and accolades; he was most noted for his designing of the Norwich Superior Courthouse.

Richard had a passion for traveling; he traveled extensively with his family throughout the world to counties in Europe, Asia, and South America as well as Mexico. As a result of his travels he became fluent in Spanish. In addition to traveling, Richard enjoyed gardening, photography, sailing and wood turning. His original wood bowls, that he created on a lathe, have been displayed and sold throughout the area.

He was a member of the Connecticut Wood Turners Assoc., American Institute of Architects, Norwich Rotary and the Norwich Arts Council; he was the former president of the Pan American Federation of Architects and chairman for the Norwich Historic District Commission. He was also an adjunct professor at Connecticut College.

Richard is survived by his wife, Anne Sharpe, of Norwich; his sons, Peter J. Sharpe and his wife, Heidi, of Virginia Beach, Va., and Andrew E. Sharpe of Norwich; his daughter, Rebecca S. Jenkins, and her husband, Michael, of Harpswell, Maine; a sister, Barbara Graham, of New York City; and his three grandchildren Pierce Sharpe, Hayley Sharpe and Jonathan, Jack.

A 10 a.m. service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Norwich, 168 Broadway, Norwich. There are no calling hours; burial will be at the convenience of the family.

The Church and Allen Funeral Home, 136 Sachem St., Norwich, is entrusted with these arrangements.
Agnes Shaw

Pawcatuck — Agnes Wason Shaw, 94, a lifelong resident of Greenhaven Road, died Thursday at the Watch Hill Manor in Westerly.

She was born on July 1, 1927, in Stonington, the daughter of the late David W. and Isabella Smith Shaw.

She was a 1945 graduate of Stonington High School, and was in the first class of nurses to graduate from the Westerly Hospital School of Nursing in 1928. She took post-graduate courses at Columbia University in New York, Children’s Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, and Boston University.

Ms. Shaw served in the Army Nurses Corps during World War II, with the rank of captain. She tended wounded during D-Day, the Allied Invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944. In 1954, she was recognized by the Westerly Town Council for her actions during D-Day.

For 20 years, Ms. Shaw was employed in nursing at the University of Connecticut in Storrs.

She was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church of Westerly, the Westerly Registered Nurses Club, the Reserve Officers’ Club of Providence, the Eastland-Greenwood Post of the American Legion Post No. 152 in Pawcatuck, the Pawcatuck Senior Citizens, and a retired member of 445 General Hospital Providence.

She is survived by two nieces, Mary M. Siegel of Pawcatuck, and Jane Maxon of Charlestown, R.I.; and two nephews, John Davis of Groton, and James W. Shaw Jr. of Charlestown, R.I.

She was predeceased by a brother, James W. Shaw Sr.; and seven sisters, Jean Birchall, Sally Davis, Anne Siegel, Isabella Foxie, Margaret Emmet, Mary Shaw, and Dagmar Shaw.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly. Burial with full military honors will follow in River Bend Cemetery in Westerly.

A calling hour will be 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home prior to the service.

Memorial donations may be made to the Westerly Registered Nurses Club, c/o Westerly Hospital, Wells St., Westerly RI 02891.
Agnes W. Shaw

Agnes Wason Shaw, 94, a lifelong resident of Greenhaven Road, Pawcatuck, daughter of the late David W. and Isabella (Smith) Shaw, died Thursday, Aug. 9, 2001, at the Watch Hill Manor, Westerly.

Born on July 1, 1907, in Stonington, Ms. Shaw graduated from Stonington High School with the class of 1925. She was in the first class of nurses to graduate from the Westerly Hospital Nursing School in 1928, and had taken post graduate courses at Columbia University, Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, and Boston University.

Ms. Shaw served in the U.S. Army Nurses Corp during World War II, and tended to wounded during the allied invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944. She was recognized in 1994 by the Westerly Town Council for her action during D-Day, and was ranked as captain when she departed from the U.S. Army. She was also employed in nursing for 20 years at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, Conn.

Ms. Shaw was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church, of Westerly, the Westerly Registered Nurses Club, Reserve Officers Club of Providence, the Eastland-Greenwood Post No. 0152, American Legion, Pawcatuck, the Pawcatuck Senior Citizens, and was a retired member of 445 General Hospital in Providence.

Ms. Shaw is survived by two nieces, Mary M. Siegel of Pawcatuck and Jane Maxon of Charlestown; and two nephews, John Davis of Groton and James W. Shaw Jr. of Charlestown.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a brother James W. Shaw Sr.; and seven sisters, Jean Fairchild, Sally Davis, Anne Siegel, Isabella Hoxie, Margaret Emmet, Mary Shaw and Dagmar Shaw.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, Aug. 11, at 11 a.m. in the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly, followed by interment with full military honors in the River Bend Cemetery, Westerly. A calling hour will be held in the funeral home prior to the service.

Donations may be made in her memory to the Westerly Registered Nurses Club, c/o Westerly Hospital, 25 Wells St., Westerly, RI 02891.
Alyce Victoria Shaw, 48, of Pawcatuck, died Feb. 20, at home. She was the beloved wife of Russell Shaw for 29 years.

Daughter of the late Edward Victoria of Ashaway and Tina Bain of Pawcatuck, she was born on Aug. 29, 1960, and was raised in Pawcatuck and Ashaway. She graduated from Charleho High School in 1978.

Mrs. Shaw was a devoted wife and mother and enjoyed taking trips and boating with her husband and children. She also found pleasure and was talented in the creative arts, particularly in drawing and jewelry-making. Despite living with chronic illness for most of her adult life, Mrs. Shaw lived heroically, ever avail-ing herself to her family and many friends to share in the many gifts of her loving heart.

Besides her husband, survivors include son Elliott of Pawcatuck, son Matthew and his wife Jessica of Norwich, two grandsons, Ryan and Duncan Shaw, sisters Deborah Dreher of Pawcatuck, Jacquie Victoria of Trumbull, Holly Caldwell of Acton, Mass., brother Robert Victoria of Clarence, N.Y., mother- and father-in-law Joan and Ralph Shaw of Ashaway, and many nieces, nephews, sisters- and brothers-in-law.

A graveside service will be held at 11:30 on Friday, Feb. 27, at the River Bend Cemetery. A celebration of Mrs. Shaw's life will be held at her family member's home following the service; the address and directions will be distributed at the service. Memorial contributions may be made to The Lupus Foundation of America.

Calling hours are omitted. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly.
Robert Shaw
Pawcatuck — Robert Shaw, 75, of Pawcatuck, beloved husband of Sally S. (Risho) Shaw, died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, at his residence.

Born in Taunton, Mass., on April 29, 1929, he was the son of the late Joseph and Vera (Ellingham) Shaw. Mr. Shaw served honorably with the Army in Germany during the Cold War occupation. He was employed for 24 years as a draftsman at Monsanto Co. of Stonington. He was a member of the VFW Post #1285, an avid golfer and a member of the Elmridge Golf Course.

Mr. Shaw leaves a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Steven Woodruff of Boontown, N.J., a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Raymond Dussault of Norwichtown, a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Christine Shaw of Novato, Calif., and a brother, Joseph R. Shaw of S. Attleboro, Mass. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday Aug. 24, 2004, in the United Congregational Church, Castle Hill Road, Stonington. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, Mass., 01701-4888. The Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly, is in charge of the arrangements.


Roberta Shaw
Gettysburg — Robert Shaw, 75, of Pawcatuck, beloved husband of Sally S. (Risho) Shaw died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, at his residence.

Mr. Shaw leaves a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Steven Woodruff of Boontown, N.J., a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Raymond Dussault of Norwichtown, a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Christine Shaw of Novato, Calif., and a brother, Joseph R. Shaw of S. Attleboro, Mass. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday Aug. 24, 2004, in the United Congregational Church, Castle Hill Road, Stonington. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, Mass., 01701-4888. The Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly, R.I., is in charge of arrangements.
Henry M. "Harry" Shawyer, 87, of 105 Fenner Hill Road, Hope Valley, formerly of Pequot Trail, Pawcatuck, died March 27, 2003, in the Philip Hulitar Center in Providence.

He was born July 30, 1915, in Stonington, the son of the late Frederick and Aileen (O'Brien) Shawyer. He was a communicant of St. Michael Church where he was a former usher for 20 years. He was a member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and the Pawcatuck Workingmen's Club and also the South Hampton Roads N-Track Club of Norfolk, Va. He was an avid reader and gardener.

He is survived by two daughters, Fae Bliven of Hope Valley and Emily Geil of Chesapeake, Va.; one brother, C. Steven Shawyer of Pawcatuck; two grandchildren, Jeffrey Workman of Myrtle Point, Ore., and Jay Workman of Ashaway; three great-grandchildren, Brett Workman of Myrtle Point, Ore., Danielle Workman of Myrtle Point, Ore., and Bailey Workman of Westerly; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be held Sunday from 2-4 p.m. in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck.

Interment will be in River Bend Cemetery, Westerly.

Family requests that in lieu of flowers contributions in his memory be made to Home & Hospice Care of RI, 143 Main St., Wakefield, RI 02879.

Blood drive scheduled

WESTERLY – The Rhode Island Blood Center will hold a public blood drive on April 23 at The Westerly Hospital's Nardone Center, 25 Wells St., from 2 to 8 p.m. For more information, call the hospital at (401) 596-6000 or the RIBC at (800) 283-8385.
Irene M. Shawyer

Irene M. (Lewis) Shawyer, 88, formerly of Pawcatuck, died July 1, 2010, in the Fairview Nursing Home, Groton. She was the widow of the late Frederick D. Shawyer Sr.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Thomas and Anna (Maxwell) Lewis.

Mrs. Shawyer, a Navy veteran of World War II, had been employed as an RN at the Lawrence & Memorial Hospital before retiring. She was a communicant of St. Michael the Archangel Church in Pawcatuck and a member of the VFW Harley P. Chase Post #1265.

Surviving, she leaves her son, Frederick D. Shawyer Jr. and his wife, Gail, of Pawcatuck; two grandchildren, Matthew Shawyer and Mary Shawyer; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by a sister, Anna Shawyer.

Calling hours will be held Tuesday, July 6, 2010, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Liturgy which will be celebrated Wednesday, July 7, 2010, at 10 a.m. in St. Michael the Archangel Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. There is no procession from the funeral home to the church. Interment will be in St. Michael Cemetery. For online condolences go to www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com

Family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions in Irene's memory be made to Fairview Nursing Home, 235 Lestertown Road, Groton, CT 06340.
Barbara Shayne

Mystic — Barbara Shayne, 88, of Mystic passed away Friday, Aug. 19, 2016, at Pequot Health Center in Groton.

Barbara was born in Weehawken, N.J., on Dec. 9, 1927, to Rose (Baker) and George Stewart. She graduated from Weehawken High School and attended The Wood Secretarial School in New York City. She worked at the N.Y. Telephone Co. as an auditor before marrying Charles S. Shayne (Shinkowski) of Hackettstown, N.J. Together they raised their four children in Morris Plains, N.J. Barbara spent the last 30 years in Ledyard and Mystic, enjoying her children, her grandchildren, her cats and her wonderful quilting.

Barbara was predeceased by her husband of 29 years and their infant son, Bradford.

She is survived by her children, George and his wife, Eileen, of Pacific Grove, Calif., Elizabeth Freeman of Mystic, Douglas of Crofton, Md. and Andrew and his wife, Susan, of Middletown Springs, Vt. She also leaves grandchildren Jeffrey and Christopher Freeman, Catherine and John Shayne and Caitlin Morrow.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, 2016, at Union Cemetery in Hackettstown, N.J.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the ASPCA (donations may be made directly on their website in memory of Barbara).

Arrangements are under the direction of the Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High St., Hackettstown, NJ 07840.

Online condolences may be made at www.cochranfuneral.com.
Dorothy Shea

Stonington — Dorothy M. (Schiller) Shea, 85, of Pawcatuck, wife of the late Harold F. Shea Jr., died Friday, Oct. 2, 2015, at home with her three daughters by her side.

Born in Westerly, she was the daughter of the late Hugh and Annie (Stafford) Schiller and lived in Pawcatuck all of her life.

Dorothy was employed as a threader at the George C. Moore Co. until her retirement in 1995. She was an accomplished seamstress and also enjoyed knitting, quilting, crocheting and especially helping her daughter Linda run and operate her herb business in Stonington for several years following her retirement.

She is survived by her three daughters, Linda Burdick and her husband, Stephen, of Stonington, Barbara Delicato and her partner, James Faulise, of Wallace, Nova Scotia, and Pawcatuck; and Patti Demars and her husband, William, of Pawcatuck; brother, Robert Schiller of Chicago, Ill., and Florida; seven grandchildren, Stephen Burdick Jr., Aimee Scusel, Philip Delicato, Timothy Delicato, Christopher Demars, Michael Demars, and Mercedes Shea; and five great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by two brothers, James and Hugh Schiller and two sons, William E. Shea and an infant.

Her family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1 in Mystic. A service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at St. Michael's Cemetery in Pawcatuck.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Center for Hospice Care SECT (www.hospicesect.org).
Harold F. Shea Jr.

Harold Francis Shea Jr., 82, of Pawcatuck, died Thursday, March 15, 2007, at Mariner Health at Pendleton where he had been a patient.

He was born at home in the Wequetiquock section of Stonington on Nov. 26, 1924, the son of Harold Francis Sr. and Minnie Elsie (Main) Shea. A lifelong resident of Stonington, he was a graduate of Stonington High School. He married Dorothy Schiller on April 18, 1949 at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Pawcatuck, and they settled here and raised their family.

He worked for various mills and factories in the area, working as a textile painter for Sirtex and also Griswold Textiles prior to his retirement.

Harold loved photography, developing, printing and even painting and tinting his own works by hand. He loved animals, especially dogs, was a writer of poetry, enjoyed country music, was very musical in his own right, he enjoyed playing the piano. A baseball fan, he followed the Cubs through the years. He was an avid bike rider, it is believed, logging more miles in his lifetime on a bicycle than he ever traveled in a car. Known to many as being very opinionated about political issues and the state of the world in general, Harold was a husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend who will be missed by many.

In addition to his wife of 57 years, Dorothy, he is survived by their three children, Linda Burdick of Stonington, Barbara Delicato of Wallace, Nova Scotia, and Pawcatuck, and Patti Demars also of Pawcatuck. He is also survived by two brothers, John W. Shea of Pawcatuck and Walter Shea of Stonington; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a son, William E. Shea; and many years ago an infant son.

His funeral service will be held on Monday, March 19, at 10 a.m. at Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. Burial will follow in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend and may also call at the funeral home on Sunday evening from 4 to 6 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, his family suggests contributions may be considered in his memory to the CT Humane Society, Waterford Branch, 169 Old Colchester Road, P.O. Box 41, Quaker Hill, CT 06375 or to Beacon Hospice, 12 Roosevelt Ave., Mystic, CT 06355.

The Shea family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for obituary information, directions and an online memorial register to leave a note of condolence.
Helen Shea
Pawcatuck — Helen Walker
Shea, age 90, of 40 Robinson Street in Pawcatuck, died March 28, 2008 at the Westerly Hospital.
She was born at the Westerly Hospital on Sept. 29, 1917.
She was the widow of Michael Joseph Shea Jr. and the daughter of James and Ethel (Keast) Walker.
Mrs. Shea taught in the Westerly Public Schools for 40 years. The last 25 years, Mrs. Shea was at State Street School where she was principal in charge, team leader and critic teacher. She loved teaching her second-grade students and especially enjoyed mentoring young teachers. She graduated from Westerly High School in 1935 and Rhode Island College in 1939.
Mrs. Shea was a lifetime member of the Grace United Methodist Church and a longtime and devoted member of the church choir.
She was an active member of both the Ladies Aide Society and the United Methodist Women. Mrs. Shea was a 60-year member of the Deborah Chapter of the Eastern Star and many retired teacher organizations. She was also a member of the Westerly Senior Center and the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center. After her retirement, Mrs. Shea volunteered at St. Michael School tutoring students.
She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Sue Ellen and Stephen Rieben of Guilford, and two grandchildren, Christian Shea Rieben and Alexandra Walker Rieben. Mrs. Shea is survived by her sister-in-law, Irene Walker, of Westerly; sisters and brothers-in-law, Geraldine and Robert Spillane of Oakton, Va., and Vivien and Robert Shea of Los Angeles, Calif.
She was predeceased by her sister, Winifred Walker Taft and brother, John Walker.
Calling hours will be held Tuesday April 1 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. The Funeral Service will be held Wednesday, April 2, at noon at the Grace United Methodist Church, 16 Park Ave., Westerly. There is no procession from the funeral home to the church. Burial will follow in St. Michael Cemetery in Pawcatuck.
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mrs. Shea’s honor to the Grace United Methodist Church, 16 Park Avenue, Westerly or to the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center, 27 Chase Street, Pawcatuck, CT.
John W. "Wilky" Shea, 86, beloved husband for over 60 years of Norma M. (Bruno) Shea, of Farmholme Road, Pawcatuck, passed away at The Westerly Hospital on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012.

Born in Stonington, he was a son of the late M. Elsie and Harold F. Shea, Sr.

Wilky worked in the heat treating department of Harris Graphics for many years until his retirement. He once played in the Westerly and Stonington Twilight League and enjoyed being the drummer in a country western band that performed in the Westerly and Norwich areas.

In addition to his wife, he will be sadly missed by his son, John W. Shea, Jr. of Pawcatuck, and his daughter, Darlene Shea of Stonington. He was also predeceased by his brothers, Harold Shea, Jr., and Walter Shea.

Visiting hours will be held on Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. A Funeral Liturgy will take place in St. Mary's Church, 95 Main St., Stonington, on Wednesday at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.

For online condolences, please go to www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com.
Louissette Shea
Stonington — Louissette “Lou”
Dupont Shea, 71, of Brookside Village, Pawcatuck, died Monday at
home.

Mrs. Shea was born Oct. 23, 1929, in Norwich, the daughter of Tele-
sphere and Valida Pregeau Dupont.

She was married to John
“Sheiky” Shea, who predeceased
her.

Mrs. Shea worked as a nurse at
Norwich State Hospital. She was a
communicant of St. Michael’s
Church in Pawcatuck, where she
served as an administrative as-
sistant.

She is survived by two daughters,
Deborah S. Adams and Katherine C.
Shea, both of Pawcatuck; a brother,
Raymond Dupont of Sarasota, Fla.;
two sisters, Ida Mae Bruiotte of Nor-
wich and Jeanette Mathieu of Wa-
terford; and three grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Mrs.
Shea was predeceased by four broth-
ers, George, Gerald, Richard and
Leon “Red” Dupont; and, two sisters,
Cecile Keeling and Theresa Lassen.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be
celebrated at 10:45 a.m. Thursday at
St. Michael’s Church. Burial will fol-
low at 11:30 a.m. at St. Michael’s
Cemetery. There are no calling
hours. Gaffney-Dolan Funeral
Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, is in
charge of arrangements.
Mary Shea
Pawcatuck — Mary Shea, of 29 Liberty St., died Thursday at The Westerly Hospital.
She was a lifelong resident of Pawcatuck, the daughter of the late James and Margaret Sullivan Shea. Miss Shea was a communicant of St. Michael Church.
There are no immediate survivors.
A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Michael Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. Burial will follow in St. Michael Cemetery.
The Rushlow-Laroi Funeral Home, 64 Friendship St., Westerly, is in charge of arrangements.
Norma May (Bruno) Shea

PAWCATUCK — Norma May (Bruno) Shea, 86, of Farmholme Road, Pawcatuck, passed away at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London on Thursday, September 5, 2019. She was the wife of the late John W. “Wilky” Shea who predeceased her on December 15, 2012.

Born in Pawcatuck, she was the daughter of the late Angelo M. and Ruby E. Bruno.

Norma worked in the office and as an instructor for Darlington Fabrics for over 38 years until her retirement in 1995. She was a devoted parishioner of St. Michael Church.

She is survived by her children, John W. Shea, Jr. of Pawcatuck and Darlene and her husband Don Fontaine of Mystic; her sister Ann Baton of Pawcatuck; and several nieces and nephews. Norma was predeceased by two brothers, Louis and Michael Bruno; and a sister Mary Ravenelle.

Visiting hours will be held on Monday from 5-7 p.m. at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. A Funeral Liturgy will take place at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at St. Mary’s Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. There is no procession from the funeral home to church. Burial will follow at St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck. For online condolences please visit www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com.
STONINGTON — The Rev. Robert E. Shea, 77, a Catholic priest for 51 years died last week at his home at 28 Liberty St., Pawcatuck.

Father Shea was the brother of a priest and three nuns. He celebrated his first Mass in 1941 at St. Michael’s Church, Pawcatuck, which he had attended while growing up in the community. His brother, the late Father Clement Shea, ordained two years earlier, assisted him.

Father Shea, born in Pawcatuck, retired in 1992 after serving as pastor of St. Patrick’s Church, Waterbury, for almost 20 years.

He came to St. Patrick’s Church in 1957 as assistant pastor. He also had been assistant pastor at St. Mary’s Church, Thompsonville and St. Mary’s Church, New Britain.

Father Shea was born July 5, 1917, in Pawcatuck, the son of James and Margaret Sullivan Shea. He attended St. Michael’s School and graduated in 1934 from Stonington High School.

After high school, he entered St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield. He attended the American College of the University of Louvaine, Belgium in 1936 and St. Brieuc in France in 1939.

Returning to the United States he attended St. Mary’s Seminary, Baltimore, Md., graduating in 1940.


Father Shea is survived by three sisters, Sister Clement Marie of the Order of Sisters of Mercy; Mary B. Shea, and Catherine R. Shea, all of Pawcatuck. Besides his brother, he was predeceased by three sisters, Sisters Maria Joseph and Mary Robert, both of the Order of Sisters of Mercy and Dorothy M. Shea, a registered nurse.

Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, Westerly was in charge of arrangements.
SHANNON — In Westerly, R.I., March 21, 1963, Miss Teresa C. Shannon of 107 Brookside Lane, Pawcatuck, formerly of Stonington.

The funeral will be held from the Thomas L. Neilen & Sons Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, Thursday at 9:15 a.m. with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Mary's Church, Stonington, at 10 a.m. Interment in St. Mary’s Cemetery. Friends and relatives may call at the funeral home Wednesday evening, 7 to 9 p.m. Contributions in her memory may be made to 107 Brookside Lane in care of Glenna Stenhouse, 107 Brookside Lane, Pawcatuck, 06379.

SHINAULT — In Norwich, Conn., April 26, 1975, Kimberly Kessler Shinault, wife of Dana Shinault of Hewitt Road, Mystic. Funeral services will be held at the Shea-Williams Funeral Home, 18 E. Main St., Mystic, Tuesday, April 29, at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Calling hours Monday 7 to 9 p.m. Interment in Stonington Cemetery.

SHEA — In Westerly, R.I., Sept. 29, 1979, Rose P. (Targie) Shea, wife of the late Daniel R. Shea, Sr., residence 18 Smith St., Pawcatuck.

Funeral will be held from the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 9:15 a.m. Mass of Christian burial in St. Michael's Church, Liberty Street, Pawcatuck, at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Visiting hours Sunday 7 to 9 p.m. and Monday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.
Terry Shea

Stonington — Terry L. Shea, 58, of Farmholme Road, Stonington, passed away Thursday, April 25, 2013, at home.

He was the husband of Bonnye (Main) Shea.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, immediately followed by a service.

Burial will be private. 4/27
Walter Shea

Stonington — Walter J. Shea, 80, of Stonington, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008, in Mystic.

A life long resident of the area, he was born in Stonington to the late Harold F. Shea Sr. and M. Elsie (Main) Shea.

Mr. Shea worked locally with his son doing tree removal for utility services.

Services for Mr. Shea are private and at the convenience of his family.

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

William F. Shea

William F. Shea, 76, died suddenly with his daughter Lori by his side, at his winter residence in Cudjoe Key, Fla., on Sunday, March 14. He also maintained residences in the Mystic area and Block Island.

Raised in Hartford, Bill was the son of John F. Shea and Alice V. Goode.

Bill served in the U.S. Navy from 1945 to 1949. After graduating from the New York School of Embalming & Restorative Arts in 1951, he received his funeral director and embalmer license in 1953.

Bill managed the Harry O. Williams Funeral Homes in Westerly, Mystic and Stonington Borough, and purchased the two Connecticut funeral homes in 1958. He opened a new funeral home in Pawcatuck in 1969 and changed the business name to Shea-Williams. He operated the business until his retirement in 1988.

Bill was a past president of the Connecticut Funeral Directors Association and, in 1974, was appointed by Governor Thomas Meskill to serve as a commissioner on the State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers in 1974. He was re-appointed by Governor Ella Grasso and served as the board’s president in 1978-79.

Bill was past president and honorary life member of the Mystic Lions’ Club. He served as district governor in 1973 and was a recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellowship award, Lions’ highest award for humanitarianism.

As president of the Mystic Chamber of Commerce, Mystic saw many changes during his administration, including the opening of I-95, rescheduling bridge openings and organization of the Mystic Outdoor Art Festival, which he chaired for two years. In 1972, he was the recipient of the Chamber’s Community Service award and received a commendation from the Connecticut General Assembly.

Bill served on the Groton Town Council from 1985 to 1987. He was also active in numerous social, fraternal and civic organizations. He was a life member of the Hugo Simonelli Post VFW of Mystic and the Groton Lodge of Elks, where he was also a charter member and organizer. As chairman of the Stonington Tricentennial Scholarship Fund, he increased the award from one $500 award to five $750 awards.

For the past nine summers, in his retirement years, Bill drove for McGovern’s Cab entertaining Block Island tourists with his amusing stories and island tours.

He is survived by a son, Michael W. Shea of Block Island; daughters, Diane C. Shea of New York, N.Y.; Nancy E. Shea of New Haven, Conn.; Lori M. Shea of Key West, Fla.; brothers, Raymond D. Shea of West Hartford, Conn.; and Gerald T. Shea of South Windsor, Conn., sisters, Eileen A. Boardman of Islesboro, Maine and M. Joan Buckley of West Hartford; grandsons, Maxwell S. Sloan and Grady W. L. Shea; granddaughters, Regan A. Shea, Mica R. Sloan and Torrey E. Shea; and one great-grandson, Aidan Shea-Snow; sons-in-law, Douglas Sloan and Fred Guenther; daughter-in-law Susan Shea; and his former wife and friend, Muriel (Meyer) Shea of Palm Harbor, Fla.

He was predeceased by a brother, John Shea; and sister, Alice Kingsley.

A memorial reception will be held on April 1, at The Fisherman restaurant, Groton Long Point Road, Noank, from 4 to 8 p.m. and at McGovern’s Yellow Kittens, Corn Neck Road, Block Island, on April 10 from 12:30 to 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mary D. Fund, 60 Block Island Medical Center, P.O. Box 919, Block Island, RI 02807.
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He was predeceased by a brother, John Shea, and sister, Alice Kingsley.

A memorial reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on April 1, 2004, at The Fisherman restaurant, Groton Long Point Road, Noank, and also at McGovern's Yellow Kittens, Corn Neck Road, Block Island on April 10th from 12:30 to 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mary D. Fund, c/o Block Island Medical Center, P.O. Box 919, Block Island, R.I. 02807.
Kyle Sheets

Mystic — Kyle L. Sheets, 29, of Mystic, beloved son of Russell Sheets of Mystic and the late Barbara (Hotchkiss) McDonough, passed away tragically, on Friday, Sept. 26, 2008.

Born on March 27, 1979, in New London, he lived in Mystic for most of his life. He was employed with Masons Island Marina for several years.

Kyle had a passion for the open sea and loved to sail, especially with his father Russ. Kyle also enjoyed offshore tuna fishing. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Besides his father, he leaves a sister, Kelly Sheets of Santa Cruz, Calif.; his grandfather, Chester W. Sheets of Virginia; several aunts, Susan L. Sheets and Ann Tassey and her husband, Jeffrey, all of Virginia, and Carol Molitor of California; his maternal aunts and uncles, Ray and Debbie Hotchkiss and Gary and Carol Higgins, all of Falls Village, Conn.; six cousins and numerous friends.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 2, 2008, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. A celebration of his life will be held Friday, Oct. 3, 2008, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be private.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Edmunds Retreat, Enders Island, c/o the Kyle L. Sheets Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 399, Mystic, CT 06355.

For those wishing to make a donation, please have checks made payable to St. Edmunds Retreat.
EDWARD H. SHEFFIELD
POPULAR CITIZEN, DIES

Captain Edward H. Sheffield, after an illness of several months, died in his home on Water street in Stonington. Captain Sheffield suffered the loss of his sight several years ago and this affliction, which was later accompanied by failing health, bore with great fortitude, never complaining, retaining all his usual cordiality and finding much pleasure in the companionship of those friends who en-

WESTERLY HOSPITAL DRIVE WAS A WONDERFUL SUCCESS

The drive for the hospital at Westerly, R. I., closed on Monday and that evening there was a large and enthusiastic gathering at the Armory in that place to hear the final report. It was expected that the total amount would be large and therefore none were disappointed when the tabulation was finished and it was announced that the full amount thus far received was $64,000.

It was estimated at the beginning of the campaign that $200,000 must be raised to build the hospital and equip it, and as the drive progressed and the money came pouring in the plans were enlarged and it was decided that a sum sufficient for a nurse's home and some other necessities in addition. The result is the receipt of over $400,000 more than the first estimate. As there was already on hand the sum of $200,000, the nucleus of an endowment fund that could be used when this sum was brought up to $200,000, it will be seen that this phase of the hospital work is now nicely taken care of, as is in addition to those being sufficient to take care of the building and equipment there is a large amount that can be applied to the endowment.

JUDGE E. R. HINCKLEY FALLS
IN GETTING OFF TROLLEY

Judge Elias B. Hinckley, who fell while stepping from a trolley car on Saturday evening, August 18th, in the process of getting comfort-
ably. At first it was thought that no bones were broken but an X-ray disclosed a fracture of the right hip which is a serious matter. The immediate result was that the judge was confined to his bed for several months. It is hoped that he may soon be restored to health and be able to resume the activities in which he is so keenly interested.

JAMES E. LORD IS ELECTED TO DIRECTORATE

James E. Lord of Stonington was, at a recent meeting of the officials of the Mystic Bank and Trust, chosen to be one of the directors of that thriving institution.
Jean Shelburn

She was born in New London on Aug. 30, 1928, to Albert H. Rincicotti and Jennie Belle (Daniels) Rincicotti, who predeceased her.

She leaves her husband of 64 years, John L. Shelburn; a daughter, Jeanne L. Shelburn and her husband, Barry Pinkowitz; a son, Keith C. Shelburn and his wife, Joan Elizabeth (Foley) Shelburn; four grandchildren, Ainsley Pinkowitz, Benjamin Shelburn and his wife, Alexandra, Kathrine Shelburn and John C. Shelburn.

Jean graduated from The Williams School in 1946, and with the class of 1950 from Connecticut College, majoring in mathematics. After her graduation, she was employed by Providence Mutual Insurance Co. as assistant to the comptroller. She was later employed in the design department of Electric Boat in Groton, and was involved in the design and construction of the first nuclear submarine, Nautilus. She also served as bookkeeper for her father's business, Union Sheet Metal Works of New London. Returning to work after starting her family, she was employed for many years as acquisitions librarian at Connecticut College.

Although a mathematics major, Jean enjoyed many artistic pursuits in her retirement years, notably quilting and porcelain painting. She also found travel throughout the United States, Canada and the Caribbean particularly enjoyable. Some of her most memorable trips were traveling with her husband on their yearly autumn journeys throughout New England.

A private memorial service for family members will be held at a later date.

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

Donations in her memory may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Disease Research at www.michaeljfox.org.

To share a message of condolence or remembrance with her family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Randall O. Shepherd
Randy Shepherd, born Sept. 10, 1957, in San Diego, CA., died at home with both daughters by his side, on Feb. 3, 2017, from cancer. He is survived by Ann Watkins, partner in life and business; oldest daughter Jenna Shepherd from his marriage to Shelley Klaner; Ann's son, Nathan Watkins-Hoagland, whom he met when Nate was 4; youngest daughter Heather Watkins-Shepherd, with whom he shared a love of martial arts; Orvin and Doris Shepherd; Tonya and Sterling Young, Kevin D. Shepherd; Gerry and Alice Shepherd; Lorri and Fritz Waechtler; along with aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and many friends. One brother deceased, Robert Earl Shepherd.
Randy loved music, cycling, singing, camping, hiking, track, and road trips. He was passionate about green living, the electric car he built himself, and his private practice in massage therapy. His postural corrective bodywork helped numerous people out of pain, and he loved educating on many topics, including his bodywork techniques. His healing work continues at the practice he developed in Pawcatuck, CT, at New Harmony Therapeutic Massage and Somatic Body Work.
He will be missed by many; his ready smile, his concern for the planet, his love of people and helping others will still be carried on for eternity in our thoughts and hearts as health and healing are passed down in his memory.
A Memorial Service will be held at Westerly Friends (Quaker) Meeting, 57 Elm Street, Westerly, R.I. on March 11, 2017 from 11-Noon, with a reception to follow at the same location. (There will also be a Memorial Service held in Orem, Utah on March 11 at 10 a.m. at 280 E. 80 S.)
In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to a scholarship fund for Heather. Contributions can be mailed to Ann Watkins, 13 River Crest Dr., Pawcatuck, CT 06379. Checks may be made out to T. Rowe Price with "For Heather Watkins-Shepherd" in the memo line. Alternatively, donations may be sent to the Heifer International Foundation.

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Rose (Italiano) Shepherd, 92, of Pawcatuck, Conn., passed away Friday, May 31, 2013. She was the daughter of the late Salvatore and Concetta Italiano.

She was a parishioner of St. Michael Church in Pawcatuck. Rose was employed as a secretary for Morrone Brothers Garage Cadillac-Oldsmobile in Westerly for 30 years.

Her survivors include her nephew Albert J. (Patricia) Morrone, and their children, Albert Jr. (Lynn), Lisa (Chris) Robbins, and children, Kevin, Kyle and Hannah, and Mark and daughter Meghan Morrone. She also leaves her great-nephew Joseph (Charisse) Morrone III, daughters Amanda (David) Simas, and children Connor and Bryce, and Morgan; great-nieces, Cheryl Morrone and

Rose Shepherd

herd, her brother, Frank Italiano, her sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Joseph Morrone, and her nephew, Joseph Morrone, Jr., who is survived by his wife Beverly.

Visiting hours will be held on Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church, 111 High St., Westerly. Burial will follow at St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Michael Church Building Fund, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379, in Rose’s memory. For online condolences, please go to www.gaffneydolanhomes.com.
Ely Sherman

Stonington — Ely “Poppi” Sherman, ’76, of Stonington died unexpectedly, Monday, Oct. 17, 2016, at home. Born in Rochester, N.Y., he was the son of the late Ben and Mae (Goldsmith) Sherman and lived in Stonington for the past nine years, previously residing in Needham, Mass.

In the earlier years of his career, he owned and operated Bradley Construction in Needham. Following his construction business, he took a position with the Mitre Corp., working with industry technology and systems engineering on a national and global level up until his retirement in 1997.

Ely was a devoted and loving father and grandfather who enjoyed nothing more than spending time with his family. He was so very proud of his children and was well known as a dedicated supporter of all sporting events and activities his grandchildren participated in. He never missed a day where he made sure to call his five grandchildren to say hello, hear their voices and see how their day was.

Poppi introduced sailing to his three children and continued his love for the ocean throughout his life. He enjoyed fishing, especially fly fishing, cooking and cherished his antique clock collection.

Ely was an avid reader and a true historian. He was a well-known expert on military history, and a highly respected and sought-after master painter and restorer of antique military toy soldiers and miniatures.

He is survived by his three children, Bradley Sherman and his wife, Rachel, of Wellesley, Mass., Nancy Logel and her husband, Christopher, of Pawcatuck and Michael Sherman of North Providence, R.I.; five grandchildren, Benjamin, Kathryn, Emma, Veronica and Fiona; and his former wife of 34 years, Barbara (Friedman) Sherman of Lincoln, R.I.

His daughter, Nina Ann Sherman; and a grandson, Thomas Matthew Logel, predeceased him.

A celebration of his life will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, at DuBois Beach at Stonington Point, a place Poppi enjoyed tremendously.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to support Stonington Public Schools’ Unified Programs. These programs, in collaboration with Special Olympics, include athletics and other extra-curricular activities that partner students with disabilities along with their typical peers. Checks should be made payable to: Stonington Public Schools and mailed to: Stonington Public Schools, Special Services Office, P.O. Box 479, Old Mystic, CT 06372. Please include a notation in the memo: “In honor of Poppi.”
Kathryn Sherry

Stonington — Kathryn (Dennehey) Sherry, 82, of North Water Street, Stonington, died Wednesday at the Westerly Nursing Home after a lengthy illness.

She was born in New London April 10, 1924, daughter of the late Dr. Owen and Mary Donahue Dennehey. She was a graduate of Brown University and received her master's degree in education from the University of Connecticut.

She married Maurice Sherry on Jan. 20, 1959; he survives.

Mrs. Sherry had been a teacher in the Stonington School System, and in the Stratford Connecticut School System. She was a communicant of St. Mary Church in Stonington, and a member of a number of educational groups.

In addition to her husband she is survived by her brother-in-law, Owen Sherry of Pawcatuck.

She was predeceased by her sister, Mary Sherry, in 2005.

A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary Church, Stonington, on Friday, June 30, at 10 a.m. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery, Pawcatuck. There are no calling hours.

Contributions may be made in her memory to The Alzheimer's Association, 4 Broadway, 3rd Floor, Norwich, CT 06360.

The Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.
Mary Sherry

Mary (Dennehey) Sherry, 83, of West Broad Street, Pawcatuck, died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, at the Westerly Nursing Home after a lengthy illness.

She was born in Stonington on June 30, 1921, daughter of the late Dr. Owen J. and Mary C. Donahue Dennehey.

She was a graduate of the dental hygiene program at Columbia University.

She married Owen Sherry in St. Mary Church in Stonington on April 27, 1946. He survives.

Mrs. Sherry had worked for more than 40 years supervising the dental hygiene program in the Norwich Schools. She was a communicant of St. Michael The Archangel Church in Pawcatuck and a member of the Wadawanuck Club.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a sister, Kathryn D. Sherry of Stonington.

There are no calling hours.

The funeral and burial will be private.

Contributions may be made in her memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 4 Broadway, 3rd floor, Norwich, CT 06360.

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

Mary Sherry

Mary Sherry
Maurice Sherry

Stonington — Maurice F. Sherry, 88, of Stonington, husband of the late Kathryn (Dennehey) Sherry, passed away Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011, at the Westerly Nursing Home.

Born in Westerly, he was the son of the late Owen and Pearl (Sullivan) Sherry. He attended the University of Rhode Island, class of 1943. While in college, Maurice competed in the field event of pole vaulting.

Maurice was a chief flight test engineer with Sikorsky Aircraft, retiring in 1987. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II and a life member of the Air Corps Association in Dayton, Ohio.

He is survived by his brother, Owen Sherry of Pawcatuck. He was predeceased by a brother, James Sherry of Stafford.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, at St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial will follow at St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck, with full military honors. There are no calling hours.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave an online expression of sympathy.
Thursday, July 11, 2013

Owen Sherry

Stonington — Owen E. Sherry, 95, of Pawcatuck, passed away Tuesday, July 9, 2013, at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Westerly, on April 30, 1918, to parents Owen and Mary (Pearl) Sullivan Sherry. He was pre-deceased by his wife, Mary (Dennehey) Sherry.

Owen was a parishioner of St. Michael’s Catholic Church of Pawcatuck. He attended the Boston University School of Management where he participated in R.O.T.C. Owen served in the U.S. Army from 1942 until 1945 detached to the Army Air Corps, he served in the Army finance department, mostly in North Carolina. He was almost refused by the Army when the examining doctor asked “What line can you read?” Owen replied “None of them!” Needing all the able bodied men they could get, the doctor instructed him to “walk closer.”

Returning home after the service, Owen joined the A. Wimpheimer, Inc. corporation dba American Velvet as a cost accounting clerk in their finance department. After more than forty years, he retired as corporate secretary and director.

In his youth, Owen was involved in competitive figure skating and belonged to the elite Figure Skating Club of Boston where only the very best were invited to join. He also enjoyed boating, fishing and target shooting. Over the years, Owen owned a 32’ ACF, and later a 30’ Chris Craft.

He belonged to the Westerly Yacht Club and the Wadawnuck Club, and during his competitive shooting days belonged to the Mystic Rod & Gun Club and the Groton Sportsmen’s Club.

He is survived by his cousins, Thomas Perkins and his wife, Grace, of Waterford and Sherry Stencliffe of Cincinnati, Ohio; and his sister-in-law, Mary Sherry of Stratford.

Mr. Sherry was also pre-deceased by twin brothers, Maurice and James Sherry who both enjoyed lifelong careers at Sikorsky Aircraft.

Maurice was active in the development of the Blackhawk Helicopter and James held a patent for the tail rotor of the Blackhawk.

Owen Sherry was gentleman of the old school and made friends of everyone he met. Quiet and unassuming, he was undoubtedly one of the smartest people in the room at any gathering. He will be sorely missed.

A funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 13, 2013, at St. Mary Church, 65 Main St., Stonington. Burial will follow in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck with full military honors. There are no calling hours.

The Mystic Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.
SHANNON — In Westerly, R.I., March 21, 1983, Miss Teresa C. Shannon of 107 Brookside Lane, Pawcatuck, formerly of Stonington.

The funeral will be held from the Thomas L. Neill & Sons Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, Thursday at 9:15 a.m. with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Mary's Church, Stonington, at 10 a.m. Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery. Friends and relatives may call at the funeral home Wednesday evening, 7 to 9 p.m. Contributions in her memory may be made to 107 Brookside Lane in care of Glenna Stenhouse, 107 Brookside Lane, Pawcatuck, 06379.

SHINAULT — In Norwich, Conn., April 26, 1975, Kimberly Kessler Shinault, wife of Dana Shinault of Hewitt Road, Mystic.

Funeral services will be held at the Shea-Williams Funeral Home, 19 E. Main St., Mystic, Tuesday, April 29, at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Calling hours Monday 7-9 p.m. Interment in Stonington Cemetery.
Bruce Shippee

Mystic — Bruce “Bear” Noel Shippee, 72, longtime resident of Mystic, died peacefully Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015, at his home.

He was born in Waterbury on Dec. 19, 1942, the son of Harold and Cecelia (Nila) Shippee. He grew up in Stamford and attended the University of Connecticut for a short time.

He was married to Edith (Rothmann) Yates for 15 years and then married Kathy Sonnemann in 1980. He was predeceased by Kathy in 1995.

Bruce was the proverbial “jack of all trades” truly, but worked for many years as a pipefitter at General Dynamics Electric Boat and more recently as a bartender at the Mystic German Club.

He is survived by his son, Matthew Shippee of Mansfield Center; and his daughter, Nicole Marron of Norwalk; and five grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Carol Triscuzzi of Mystic, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife and parents, he is predeceased by three brothers: Harold Jr., David and Geoffrey Shippee.

An open house-style reception of celebration and remembrance will be held from 1 p.m. "until the wheels fall off" Sunday, Oct. 4, 2015, at the Social Society Frohstinn Inc. in Mystic, 54 Greenmanville Ave.

The Dinozzo Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic is assisting the family.
Brian Lee Shortman, 46, of Stillman Avenue, Pawcatuck, died at his home Sept. 5, 2007. He was the husband of the late Mary Louise (Michaud) Shortman.

Born in Westerly, he was the son of Robert L. Shortman of Groton and Joan (Pont) Shortman of Pawcatuck.

Brian was co-owner in the family business Seafood, Etc. of Pawcatuck.

He enjoyed photography, building model airplanes and jets as well.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are one daughter, Kelly Amber Shortman of Pawcatuck; two brothers, Timothy and Todd Shortman, both of Pawcatuck; five sisters, Patricia Wright and Diane Harkness, both of Westerly, Janice Bailey of North Stonington, Nancy Richmond of Wakefield and Sharon Clachrie of Pawcatuck; as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a brother, Robert Lyle "Chip" Shortman, Jr.

Calling hours are omitted.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral service to be held Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 10 a.m. in Geffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Interment will be private.
Brian Shortman
Pawcatuck — Brian L. "Sail" Shortman, 66, of Stillman Ave., Pawcatuck, beloved father of Kelly A. Shortman, died at his home on Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2007. He was the widower of Mary Louise (Michaud) Shortman and was co-owner in the family business, Seafood, Etc. of Pawcatuck. Calling hours are omitted. The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007, in the Cadney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Service St., Westerly. Burial will be in private.
Edwin Shortman


Mr. Shortman was born on April 4, 1921, in Westerly, the son of the late Frederick and Ellen McGrath Shortman.

He served in World War II as a gunner in the Army Air Corp.

Mr. Shortman was a machinist at the Harris Corp., formerly of Pawcatuck, until his retirement in 1983.

He was also a member of the Pawcatuck Fire Department for 47 years, serving as a past steward and a captain.

Active in Boy Scouting, he had served as Cubmaster for Pack 20 in Westerly in the early 1950s. He was also an assistant scoutmaster of Troop 9, Westerly-Pawcatuck, from 1953 to 1960. He was a member of the troop committee from 1990 until the present.

He is survived by a sister-in-law, Lorraine Shortman of Pawcatuck, and three nieces.

Mr. Shortman was predeceased by a brother, Eugene Shortman.

A funeral service will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, followed by burial in River Bend Cemetery. Calling hours are 7-9 p.m. today.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pawcatuck Fire Department.
Lorraine Shortman

Stonington — Lorraine (Janeiro) Shortman, 84, of Winthrop Avenue, Pawcatuck, passed away at The Westerly Hospital on Oct. 4, 2014. She was the wife of the late Eugene Shortman.

Born in Fall River, Mass., she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Delinda Janeiro. She was also the stepdaughter of the late Agatha Janeiro.

Lorraine worked for more than 30 years as a switchboard telephone operator at The Westerly Hospital. She was a communicant of St. Michael’s Church and a member of the Daughters of Isabella and the Mystic AARP. She volunteered for many years at the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center.

She will be dearly missed by her daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and George Prytula of Heathrow, Fla., Jeanne and Anthony Carr, and Mary Brower, all of Westerly, six grandchildren, Kali and Leah Brower, Megan McMahon, Kyle Carr, Dior Lima and Zack Prytula, and a great-grandchild, Lilia Brower. She leaves her sisters, Carol Ventilato of Mystic, Eleanor Pollard of Charleston, S.C., and Patricia Schackner of Manchester.

Lorraine was predeceased by a sister, Jane Mello.

Visiting hours are omitted. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Liturgy at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at St. Mary’s Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial will be in River Bend Cemetery, Westerly.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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

For online condolences, please visit www.gaffney-dolanfuneralhome.com.
Mary Louise (Michaud) Shortman, 43, beloved wife of Brian "Sal" Shortman of Stillman Avenue, Pawcatuck, died Friday, June 30, 2006, at home surrounded by family and friends following a brief but courageous battle with cancer.

A devoted wife and mother, she enjoyed gardening, decorating, reading and frequenting the Westerly Library.

The daughter of Joanna (Gingerella) and Robert Gradilone of Pawcatuck and Arthur Michaud of Pasadena, Calif., Mary was born in Toledo, Ohio, on Dec. 15, 1962. She graduated from Stonington High School in 1980. She had worked for many years at the Shortman family business "Seafood Etc." where she was well known and greeted every customer with her friendly personality and a smile.

She will be sadly missed by her daughter, Kelly Shortman of Westerly, whom she adored. She also leaves her sister, Katharine (Michaud) Lemire, her husband, Dave, and son, Dana, of Baltic, Conn.; her brother, Chuck Michaud, his wife, Patty, and their children, Allison and Matthew; and her sister, Becky (Gradilone) Cooke and her husband, Eli, all of Westerly. She also leaves three half-sisters, and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws.

Mary was predeceased by her grandparents, Frank and Katharine Gingerella and Alexis and Marguerite Michaud; her cousin, Donny Bell; and her brother-in-law, "Chip" Shortman.

Funeral services will be held in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, on Wednesday at noon. Visiting hours will be Wednesday morning from 10 a.m. to noon. Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to Hospice of Southeastern CT Inc., 179 Gallivan Lane, P.O. Box 902, Uncasville, CT 06382-0902 in Mary's memory.
Rose M. Shortt
Rose M. Shortt, formerly of Pawcatuck, has gone home to be with the Lord, Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2016, at the Johnson Memorial Hospital in Stafford Springs, Ct. Born in Windsor Locks, she was the daughter of the late Dominick and Teresa (Schettini) Massaro.
She is survived by a niece, Patricia LaFlamme and her husband, nephew, William O’Brien and his wife, all of Enfield, nephew, Frank Massaro and his wife, nephew, William Massaro and his wife all residing in Tennessee, and nephew, James Massaro of Massachusetts.
Rose was predeceased by her husband, Hugh in 1981, a son, Prof. Rae-Michael Shortt in 1999; four brothers, Raymond Dominick, William and James Massaro, a sister, Frances O’Brien and a beloved nephew, Robert O’Brien.
She was a secretary for 25 years with the former Montgomery Co. in Windsor Locks up until her retirement after which she lived with her husband in Stonington.
Rose enjoyed traveling with her family, especially throughout Western Europe and volunteered her time for many years with the Westerly Hospital in Westerly, RI and at Enders Island in Mystic, CT.
There will be no visiting hours. A funeral mass will be celebrated Saturday, March 18th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary Church 95 Main St. Stonington. Burial will be private.
In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Westerly Hospital 25 Wells St. Westerly, RI. 02891, or to a local animal shelter of your choice.

Funeral Home
Mystic Funeral Home - Mystic
Route 1 51 Williams Ave. Mystic, CT 06355
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Robert W. Shulda Sr.

Robert W. Shulda Sr., 79, formerly of 534 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, died April 26, 2004, in the Pendleton Nursing Home, Stonington. He was the widower of Ruth Ann (Doubleday) Shulda.

Born in Westerly, son of the late George J. and Erna (Mickle) Shulda, he was owner and operator of the former Bob Shulda’s TV of Pawcatuck.

He was a member of the Harley P. Chase VFW Post #1265, where he served as chaplain for many years. He was a member of the Westerly Lodge of Elks #678 and of TELSA.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and recipient of a Good Conduct Medal, an Asiatic Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon, a Philippine Liberation Ribbon with Bronze Service Stars and a Victory Medal, honorably discharged with the rank of PFC.

He is survived by a daughter, Sandy J. Brokaw and son-in-law Lee of North Stonington; a son, Robert W. Shulda Jr. and daughter-in-law, May Ellen of Pawcatuck; a granddaughter, Kassondra Brokaw of North Stonington; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by two brothers.

Calling hours are omitted. A funeral service will be held Thursday at 6 p.m. in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, R.I.
Obituaries

Ruth Ann Shulda

Ruth Ann (Doubleday) Shulda, 76, of 534 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, died at home on Friday, March 21, 2003. She was the beloved wife of Robert W. Shulda Sr.

Born in Glastonbury, Conn., Nov. 5, 1926, she was the daughter of the late Emma (Baumberger) and Burdett S. Doubleday.

A talented crafter, she was the owner/operator of S&R Gifts and Crafts in Pawcatuck. She had also been employed at Connecticut Casting.

Mrs. Shulda was a communicant of St. Michael Church in Pawcatuck where she was a member of the Daughters of Isabella. A member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Harley P. Chase Post 1265 Women’s Auxiliary, she was also a member of the Stonington Golden Agers.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Robert W. and Mary Ellen Shulda Jr. of Pawcatuck and a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra J. and Lee Brokaw of North Stonington; three brothers, Raymond Doubleday of Lebanon, Conn., Donald Doubleday of Norwich, and Herbert Doubleday of Bozrah, Conn.; four sisters, Mary Daigle of Bozrah, Alice Viadella of Hempstead, N.C., Helen Matassa of Fitchville, Conn., and Evelyn Switack of Norwich; a granddaughter Kassondra Brokaw of North Stonington; and many nieces and nephews.

Her funeral service will be held Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. There are no calling hours. Burial is private.
Dean Shultis

Stonington — Dean Decker Shultis, 86, passed away on Tuesday, June 25, 2013.

Dean was born on Feb. 10, 1927, in White Plains, N.Y., the son of George and Betsey Shultis. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, in the South Pacific, repairing PT boats and as a gunman on a minesweeper. After the war, he worked for the New York Central Railroad for 40 years as a lineman and a conductor, retiring in 1983 and moving to Stonington to be close to family.

Dean was a devoted husband and father. In 1945, he married the love of his life, Dorothy Martha Losito. They were happily married and totally in love for 66 years until Dorothy’s death in 2012. He and Dorothy were inseparable. They loved to fish, boat and target shoot. He enjoyed his family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by two sons, Dean Shultis and his wife, Mary-Jo, of Groton, Roger Shultis and his wife, Susan, of Greenville, S.C.; as well as his grandchildren, David and Kevin of Connecticut and Curtis and Kim of South Carolina; and two great-grandchildren, Devin and Trenton Shultis.

A graveside service and burial will be at 11 a.m. Friday, June 28, at Elm Grove Cemetery in Mystic.

Byles Memorial Home, 99 Huntington St., New London, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Please visit www.byles.com to sign the guest book or to share a memory of Dean and Dorothy for the family.
Dorothy Shultis

Stonington — Dorothy Martha Shultis, 84, of Stonington, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2012.

Dorothy was born on Nov. 27, 1927, in Harrison, N.Y., the daughter of Frank and Hertha Losito. She worked as a telephone operator for many years and then in retail businesses when she moved to Stonington in 1983.

Dorothy had a great smile and an infectious laugh; she also took great pride in the way she looked. Hair and nails always perfect. Her family, friends and acquaintances adored her. She was a great listener, adoring wife, mother and grandmother.

She is survived by the love of her life, her husband of 66 years, Dean Decker Shultis; her two sons, Dean M. Shultis and his wife, Mary-Jo, of Groton, Roger D. Shultis and his wife, Susan, of Greenville, S.C. She is also survived by her four grandchildren, David D., Kevin N., Curtis D. Shultis, and Kim (Shultis) Smart; as well as two great-grandchildren, Devin and Trenton Shultis.

The family would like to acknowledge the entire staff at Groton Regency Nursing and Rehabilitation Center where Dorothy resided for three years. They all became part of her family and provided loving, expert care and comfort to her and Dean. We are all so grateful.

Burial will be private. There are no calling hours.

Please visit www.byles.com to sign the guestbook or to share a memory of Dorothy for the family.
Lawrence Shultzman

Stonington — Lawrence “Larry” D. Shultzman, 77, of Pawcatuck, passed away Tuesday, May 31, 2016, at home. Larry was born April 4, 1939, raised in Scottsdale, Ariz., and came to the East Coast as a member of the U.S. Navy where he worked as a radio operator at Subbase Groton. He later also served on the USS Forrestal.

He worked as a landscaper in the Groton area for many years and after retirement as a member of First Security in the Pfizer plant. He was a member of the Fifth Chapter Motorcycle Club and a long-time motorcycle enthusiast, occasional poet and gifted limnerist. Larry was a genuinely good and kind person, and a loving partner of Leslie Greenwood for the past 25 years. He was a proud father of his children, his sons, David Shultzman and his wife, Theresa, of Salem and Thomas Shultzman and his wife, Denise, of Groton; and his daughter, Sandy Kodama and her husband, Jerry, of Mystic. He also leaves his granddaughters, Darcy, and her husband, Derek Scroxton, and their children, Izabel and Kloe, of Fishers Island, N.Y. He is also survived by his sister, Connie Shultzman of Phoenix, Ariz.

The Wind
by Larry Shultzman
The wind, the wind, my lifelong friend,
Ride with me till we find roads end.
You’ve been with me under sunny skies,
You’ve blown my hair, watered my eyes.
You cool my brow
Like a lovers kiss,
When you’re not there,
That touch I miss.
Even in winter when your hand is cruel,
I reach for you like a lovesick fool.
We’ve been together for many a mile,
Sometime in rags,
Sometimes in style.
The ride has been great.
As far as we’ve come,
I’m not sure where to
Or even where from.
But I’ll keep up the search
For the ultimate breeze,
With its gentle touch,
My soul it frees.

Arrangements have been entrusted with Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home. Services and burial will be private. For online condolences please visit www.buckler-johnston.com.
In 1959, she was united in marriage to Robert Siart in West Hartford. They then moved to Mystic where they enjoyed 53 years of marriage, until Robert’s death Sept. 29, 2012.

She loved to read, do crossword puzzles, play cards and babysit her grandchildren. She also generously supported and watched the daily Catholic TV Mass. She was a loving and caring wife, mother and grandmother. She will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her son Jay Siart of Mystic; her daughter Jan Jens (fiancé Chris Loehr) of Groton; her stepchildren, Janean (Richard) Ritacco of Florida, David (Debra) Siart of Rhode Island, William (Cheryl) Siart of Florida; nine grandchildren; and several great grandchildren; also, by her sister Elizabeth; and nephew John Zmielowski; and sister-in-law Olga McGuiness.

Besides Robert, Janet was predeceased by her brothers, Francis, Thomas, John and George McGuiness.

Her family will greet relatives and friends from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at the Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., in historic downtown Mystic.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Mother of the Redeemer Church, 69 Groton Long Point Road, Groton. Burial will follow immediately in Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to the charity of your choice.
Florence Sicard
Pawcatuck — Florence L. (Barr) Sicard, 98, formerly of 25 Hawley St., Pawcatuck, died Thursday, Feb. 27, 2003 at the Mystic Manor.

She was the beloved wife of the late Joseph Sicard.

Born in Stonington on June 6, 1904, she was the daughter of the late Aitchon and Florence (Greene) Barr.

Mrs. Sicard worked at several local textile mills before her retirement.

She attended the Open Door Baptist church in Pawcatuck, and was a member of the Pawcatuck Senior Citizens.

She is survived by two sons, Walter Sicard of New London and Peter Davis of Calif.; four grandchildren, David Sicard of Pawcatuck, Gary Sicard of Bradford, R.I., James Sicard of Pawcatuck, and Catherine (Sicard) Avery of Pawcatuck; and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly. Calling hours are respectfully omitted.

Burial will be in River Bend Cemetery, Beach Street, Westerly.
PAWCATUCK — Keith A. Sieczkiewicz, 44, of Race Street, died unexpectedly Tuesday, Sept. 2.

He was born March 27, 1953, in Westerly, the son of Marguerite Spellman Sieczkiewicz of Westerly, and the Late Henry J. Sieczkiewicz.

Mr. Sieczkiewicz was employed as a maintenance machinist at American Felt & Filter in Westerly at the time of his death.

He was a member of the Amalgamated Textile Workers Union and an honorary member of the Westerly Fire Department. He was presented with a citation from the State of Rhode Island for “his courageous and successful efforts to rescue two children trapped in a burning dwelling” on Feb. 28, 1977.

Mr. Sieczkiewicz was an avid NASCAR fan, accomplished cook and gardener.

Besides his mother, he leaves two brothers, Kevin Sieczkiewicz of Westerly and Kevin Sieczkiewicz of Pawcatuck; a sister, Kerry Denham of Westerly, and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday, Sept. 6, at St. Michael Church, Pawcatuck, followed by burial in St. Michael cemetery.

Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce Street, Westerly, was in charge of arrangements.
Raymond J. Sikorski, 69, of Pawcatuck, passed away Sunday, March 13, 2005, at Mariner Health at Pendleton in Mystic.

Ray was born on March 6, 1936, in Bridgeport, Conn., son of John and Mary Koscik Sikorski. Ray grew up in Bridgeport, attending local schools; he then went on to attend Baker University in Kansas.

Ray served in the United States Marines during the Korean War; he was very proud of his service.

Ray loved painting and carpentry and was self-employed in the restoration business for the last 30 years; he retired in 2004.

Ray had been a resident of the area for the last 22 years, moving here in 1982. Since then, he had been actively involved in the community, always volunteering at the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center, and very involved with the Connecticut Food Bank. He was also an avid fisherman and a lover of animals.

Ray is survived by his mother, Mary Sikorski of West Haven, Conn.; one son, Stan Sikorski of Danbury, Conn.; and four daughters, Susan Devlin of Milford, Conn., Jackie Price of Wylie, Texas, Danielle Zelepos of Stonington, and Laura Lee Sikorski of Indiana; three brothers, Stanley Sikorski of Branford, Conn., Joseph Sikorski of Hamden, Conn., and Frances Sikorski of La Quinta, Calif.; as well as eight grandchildren.

 Relatives and friends are invited to call at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, on Tuesday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to noon. A prayer service will be held during that time. Burial will be private.

Contributions in Ray's name may be made to the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center, 27 Chase St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379.
David L. Silk

Stoneington — David L. Silk, 75, of Stonington, formerly of Haddam, died with grace and peace surrounded by his family at his home on Friday, March 14, 2003.

He is survived by his beloved wife Rosemary, two daughters, from a former marriage to Blanca Selleck, Laura Silk of New London and Elena Coffey of Middletown. He also leaves behind a son-in-law Patrick Coffey and grandchildren David and Emma Coffey and Gabriela Silk. Additionally, he is survived by his brother Ted Silk and sister-in-law Lida Silk of Marco Island, Fla., and two nieces.

David was born in Haverhill, Mass., to Frank and Florence (Pike) Silk and grew up in Brockton, Mass. After he graduated from Brockton High School in 1945, where he was an outstanding football player, he enlisted in the Merchant Marine Academy in San Mateo, Calif., transferring to Kings Point Academy in New York for his second year. David completed his undergraduate education at Boston University majoring in economics and then obtained his Masters degree in Latin American Studies. During his college summers he worked on the Merchant Marine to subsidize his education. After earning his masters degree he moved to Sao Paulo, Brazil where he worked as a professor of English at the University of Sao Paulo. After one year he and a partner opened an English school in Sao Paulo, which they ran successfully for several years. He returned to the United States in the mid 1960's and worked for Bennington. He transferred with his family to Geneva Switzerland and later to Bremen Germany and then to Chicago. David then went to work for Colt Firearm Co. in Hartford and worked all over the world in international sales. He left Colt to found his own company CVA, in importer of replica muzzleloaders.

After he sold CVA in the early 1990s, he concentrated his time and energy in the pursuit of his passion — peace and justice. He had a love for languages; in addition to English he spoke Spanish, French, German and Portuguese. His primary love for Spanish and his ability to translate was highly valued in his work in Latin America. He worked with Veterans For Peace, Paxtors for Peace, Witness for Peace, and The Nicaragua Covenant of The United Methodist Church. He participated in numerous caravans to Nicaragua, El Salvador, Cuba and Mexico to distribute humanitarian aid, solidarity and hope to the people. He spent a month with U.S. veterans rebuilding a health clinic in Nicaragua that was badly damaged by the Contra rebels. David traveled extensively in El Salvador and Chiapas Mexico offering accompaniment to civilians and exiled combatants as they worked towards negotiating peace. David's style of accompaniment was recently demonstrated by Rachel Corey in Palestine. This is and was dangerous work. His stature, fair complexion and communications skills saved not only his life but also those he accompanied. Later, in El Salvador he helped coordinate the acquisition of artificial prosthetics for ex-combatants (on both sides) and civilians who lost limbs during the war. He also worked with various cooperatives to encourage the development of fair trade practices.

David was active on the local level as well, bringing speakers to discuss the struggles of our Latin American neighbors. He was an articulate speaker when it came to discussing his concerns about the damaging influence of U.S. policy had on Central America, Cuba, and the Middle East. He was a member of the Southeastern Connecticut Coalition for Peace and Justice. As a member of the Advisory Committee he worked along side Pequot and other Native Americans to permanently remove the Captain John Mason Statue in Groton. He was also involved with the Citizens Regulatory Commission in hopes that nuclear energy would be produced, managed and disposed of under safer standards. David was a prolific contributor to editorial pages of various newspapers.

David's interests included fresh and saltwater fishing, lobstering, clamming, Ultimate basketball, attending the Big East tournament, hiking, bookkeeping, bow-hunting, biking, cross-country skiing, embalming the winter solstice, laughing with friends and playing with grandchildren. He was an inspiration to many and will be dearly missed.

There will be a celebration of David's life and work at the end of April. Anyone interested in attending is encouraged to contact family members. In lieu of flowers please send contributions in his memory to: Interreligious Foundation for Community Organizations 402 W. 14th Street, New York, NY 10011; Veterans For Peace 630 No. Skinker, St. Louis, MO 63107; Doctor's Without Borders E 283 Street, 8th floor, New York, NY 1016. The Dinovo Funeral Home, 17 Pearl Street, Mystic is assisting the family. For online condolences registry for the family please visit www.dinovofuneral.com.
Rosemary Silk (6-20)

Stonington — Rosemary R. Silk, of Stonington died Saturday at St. Francis Hospital, joining her beloved husband, David.

She is survived by her stepdaughters, Laura Silk, of New London and Elena Coffey, of Marlborough; three grandchildren; an aunt, Katherine Hunter, of West Haven; and cousins.

Mrs. Silk was born in New Haven on Sept. 5, 1943, the daughter of Irish immigrants, Eugene and Mary (Horan) Boyle. She was graduated from St. Mary's School of Nursing, South Connecticut State College, and received her master's degree from Yale University School of Nursing. She had also served as an EMT, volunteering with the Stonington Ambulance Assoc.

She enjoyed a long, distinguished nursing career. Prior to her retirement, her last position was as regional director and clinical specialist for Connecticut Community Care in Bristol. She also held membership in numerous professional associations.

In her free time, Mrs. Silk enjoyed gardening, sewing crafts, and her beloved pets.

Her family will greet relatives and friends at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl Street, Historic downtown Mystic on Friday from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick Church, E. Main Street, Mystic at 11 a.m. Burial will be in St. Lawrence Cemetery, West Haven.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, PO Box 98280, Washington DC, 20077.

For obituary information, directions, or to send a note of remembrance/condoence to her family, visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Judy (Humphrey) Silver

PAWCATUCK — Judy (Humphrey) Silver, beloved wife of Charles “Charlie” E. Silver, of South Anguilla Road, Pawcatuck, passed away at her home on Saturday, March 2, 2019. She was 63 years old.

Born in Danbury, she was the daughter of James Humphrey of Plainfield, CT and Betty Humphrey of Brookfield, CT.

Judy worked as a secretary for Hitachi HTM for many years. She was an avid antique collector and sold antiques at Mary D’s in Westerly. She loved the beach and enjoyed her time on Napatree, Sandy Point and Block Island.

In addition to her loving husband, she leaves behind her sister Deborah Wooden and husband Harold of Woodville, CT; her niece Megan Martin and nephew Philip Wooden.

Visiting hours are respectfully omitted. A Celebration of Judy’s Life will be held at a date and time to be announced. Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly is in care of the arrangements. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society in Judy’s memory. For online condolences please visit www.gaffneydolanhomes.com.
PAWCATUCK - Lena (Lombardo) Siller, 104, of Stillman Ave., Pawcatuck, died peacefully at Apple Rehab Watch Hill on Sunday, March 6, 2016. She was the wife of the late Gustave F. Siller for 52 years. Born in Pawcatuck, she was the youngest daughter of the late Charles and Sarah Lombardo's seven children. Lena was predeceased by her siblings, Julia Lombardo, Mary Harvey, Anne Harkins, Josephine Cullinan, Charles Lombardo and Dr. Robert Lombardo.

She attended St. Michael School and Stonington High School. A devoted communicant of St. Michael Church all her life, she served as a Eucharistic Minister for many years and was a life member of the St. John Francis Circle, Daughters of Isabella. Lena taught kindergarten at St. Michael School for several years. An active volunteer in the community she volunteered at the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center as a cashier and fundraiser; was a courier at The Westerly Hospital; Brownie leader; and along with her husband, operated a neighborhood grocery store on Liberty St., Pawcatuck.

Lena is survived by her two daughters, Sandra (Joe) Abbott and Linda (Manny) Theodore, all of Westerly. There are nine grandchildren, Mark (Kristen) Abbott, Chris (Fatima) Abbott, Karen Abbott (James) Morrison, John (Christina) Abbott, Timothy Saddow, Peter Saddow, Julie Saddow (Rob) Hariman, Mark and Amanda Theodore; ten great-grandchildren, Bryan, Lauren, Sophia, Katie, Charlie, John Patrick, Zachary, Madelynne, Isaac and Courtney; and many nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be held on Wednesday, March 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Mary’s Church, 95 Main St., Stonington on Thursday, March 10, at 10 a.m. There is no procession from the funeral home to church. Burial will be at St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck. In lieu of flowers, the family suggest donations in Lena’s memory be made to St. Michael Capital Campaign, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379. For online condolences visit www.gaffney-dolanfuneralhome.com.

Many thanks to the Charlestown volunteers who so graciously visited Lena in her last years.
Theophilos Silva

Mystic — Theophilos A. Silva, 81, of Mystic, died Thursday at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London.

Mr. Silva was born on March 5, 1919, in New London, the son of Anthony J. and Maria Silva.

He married Helena Whittle on May 2, 1942.

He was a 1939 graduate of Fitch High School.

Mr. Silva was a Coast Guard Veteran of World War II.

A lifelong resident of the area, Mr. Silva was captain and owner of the fishing vessel Jane Dore, based in Stonington Harbor for 25 years. After selling his boat, he spent several years as skipper of Betty Ann, also based in Stonington. He was still fishing commercially with his son, Tom, until earlier this week.

Mr. Silva was a member of the Hugo Simonelli Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars in Mystic and the Portuguese Fisherman’s Club.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Constance S. Banks of Mystic; and three sons, Thomas A. Silva, Richard W. Silva, and Vincent J. Silva, all of Mystic; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

He was predeceased by a brother, Vincent J. Silva.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at noon Monday at St. Mary Mother of the Redeemer Church, 69 Groton Long Point Road, Groton.

There are no calling hours.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Connecticut Children’s Medical Center, 282 Washington St., Hartford CT or to the donor’s choice of charity.

Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl Street, Mystic is in charge of arrangements.
Maria G. Silveira, March 19, 1918, to August 9, 2011, formerly of Stonington, Conn., passed away in Wellington, Fla., where she had lived the past eight years.

She was born in Fatima, Azores, preceded in death by her husband, Augusto, and children, Manuel and Maria, and great-grandchildren, Ryan, David and Alyssa; Joe, Idalina, Alfred, Silveira and Michael Roderick; and wife, Maria, and grandchildren, Joe, Idalina, Alfred, Silveira and Michael Roderick; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be at St. Mary Church, Stonington, at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011.
Maria Silveira

Stonington — Maria L. Silveira, 55, of 11 Oak Drive, died Monday at home after a lengthy illness.

She was born on Aug. 30, 1942, in Faial, the Azores, the daughter of Maria Ramos Silveira of Stonington and the late Augusto Silveira.

She married Roger Colied on June 10, 2000.

Mrs. Silveira was employed at The William W. Backus Hospital in Norwich for 10 years prior to her illness.

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

In addition to her husband and mother, she is survived by a son, Michael Roderick of Narragansett, R.I.; a daughter, Mary Ann Cheatham of West Palm Beach, Fla.; a brother, Joseph Silveira of Pawcatuck; and five grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a brother, Manuel Silveira.

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

Burial will be in Stonington Cemetery.

A calling period will be 8:30-9:15 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 238 West Town St., Norwich CT 06360.
Beatrice Silverstein

Pawcatuck — Beatrice Regina Silverstein, 94, formerly of Pawcatuck, died Tuesday morning in Westerly.

She was born in Pawcatuck on Nov. 19, 1910, the daughter of Louis and Mollie Kurke Silverstein.

She was a graduate of Westerly High School and Pembroke College. She received her B.A. from Brown University, and her M.A. and Ph.D. studies were at the University of Rhode Island.

Miss Silverstein was retired from Stonington High School where she taught Latin, English and French for thirty years. She also served as a guidance counselor and advisor to the National Honor Society for many years.

During World War II she served for four years in a women's civil preparedness group. Among her duties were instructing in evacuation procedures, first aid, minor vehicle repair, and watching for enemy planes. She was assigned the Ashaway area, and reported any plane that flew over that area.

She has no immediate survivors. She was preceded by a brother, Irving Silverstein.

A graveside service will be conducted at 1 p.m. today in Ahavath Chesed Cemetery, Boston Post Road, Waterford.

The Thomas L. Neillan & Sons Funeral Home, 12 Ocean Ave., New London, is handling arrangements.
Sybil P. Sim

South Yarmouth, Mass. - Sybil P. (Bindloss) Sim, 98, of South Yarmouth, Mass., and formerly of Mystic, died Saturday, Dec. 31, 2016, on her 98th birthday.

She was the wife of the late Harold L. Sim Jr., who died on Dec. 11, 2016, after 58 years of marriage.

Born and raised in Mystic, where she was an avid sailor, Sybil was the daughter of the late Frank M. and Helen (Brown) Bindloss. She was educated at Connecticut College, graduating with honors and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She then attended Radcliffe College and received her master's degree in French studies.

Her working career in research was with Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. of Boston. One of the high points was to lead a team to tour five European capitals for two months and learn the pros and cons of their health care system. Upon her return, Sybil wrote a report for publication in the New England Medical Journal. As an electronic research associate, she applied her knowledge of the company's operations to the problem of selecting computers to handle the company's data processing requirements. Sybil was also the first woman to be elected president of the Boston Chapter of the American Statistical Association in its 125 years of existence.

Sybil was ahead of her day in challenging her employer for equal pay. When that was declined, she took a job with a competing company, Honeywell Informations Systems.

Following a move to Pennington, N.J., Sybil worked for Northeast Career Center in Princeton, N.J., as registrar and assistant to the director. She also volunteered with the Princeton, N.J., YWCA, in the programming department. While there she served as president for two years, and in her 50s, she took advantage of their tap dancing school, where she was a proud member of the Princeton Y Tappers.

Aside from her love of reading, she and Harry traveled extensively, including monthlong trips to Europe and the Caribbean. Their special spot was Prince Edward Island, where they built a house, enjoying both the farm and the ocean views from their home.

Sybil actively served as a Big Sister to a number of youths in the Trenton, N.J., area. She also supported the Nature Conservancy and many animal rights groups.

In their retirement, they moved to Cape Cod, Mass., eventually moving to Thirwood Place in South Yarmouth. Sybil helped to edit the "Communicator" and volunteered in the library. She was a member of the Dennis Union Church for many years and enjoyed their Women's Fellowship Group. She had been a member of the Professional Employer Organization (PEO) for many years, where she fostered long-lasting relationships.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 8, at Thirwood Place, 237 North Main St., South Yarmouth, Mass. A reception will follow.

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Edmundo Simao

Stonington — Edmundo J. Simao, 78, of Stonington, beloved husband of Maria H. (Garcia) Simao, passed away Tuesday, July 26, 2011.

Born in Falal, Azores, Portugal, he was the son of the late Jose and Maria (Araujo) Simao.

Edmundo worked at the American Velvet Mill in Stonington, retiring after 35 years of faithful service. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing and watching soccer.

In addition to his wife, he leaves his daughter, Helena M. Simao of Stonington; his granddaughter, Delia Simao Correia of Groton; a great-granddaughter, Arianna N. Bradley of Groton; a brother, Joaquim Simao of Stonington; a sister, Maria M. Azevedo of Lisbon, Portugal; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brother, Jose Simao.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 29, at Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, 51 Williams Ave., Mystic, followed by a Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial will follow at Stonington Cemetery.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for directions to the funeral home and to share an online expression of sympathy.
Antonio M. Simas

Antonio M. Simas, 58, of 15 West Arch St., Pawcatuck, beloved husband of Maria (Lopes) Simas, died Tuesday, April 9, 2002, at The Westerly Hospital.

Born Sept. 3, 1943, in St. Michael, Azores, he was a son of the late Francisco and Angelina (Medeiros) Simas.

Mr. Simas had been employed as a wax molder at Wyman Gordon Corp. in Groton.

He was a communicant of the Church of St. Michael the Archangel, Pawcatuck. He was an avid fisherman and gardener, and had a love for animals.

He also enjoyed playing cards and watching soccer.

Before immigrating to the United States in 1969, he had served in the Portuguese military.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Ana M. Boudreaux of Westerly, Delores S. Henry of North Stonington and Sandy M. Simas of Pawcatuck; two sisters, four brothers, and several nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be held today from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St. Westerly.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday at noon in the Church of St. Michael the Archangel, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. Interment will be in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.
Carlos Simas

Carlos A. Simas, 67, beloved husband of Angelina (Carreiro) Simas, of Stillman Avenue, Pawcatuck, passed away at his home on Monday, February 6, 2017.

Born in San Miguel, Azores, to the late Francisco and Angelina Simas, Carlos served in the Portugal Army before moving to the US.

A longtime resident of Connecticut, he worked as an E.S.D. Technician for Foxwoods and was a communicant of St. Michael Church. Carlos enjoyed fishing, soccer, gardening and woodworking.

He will be dearly missed by his wife; two sons, Johnny A. Simas and his wife Shawna of Plainfield and Steven A. Simas of North Providence; two grandchildren, Aliyah and Cora; three sisters, Maria Correia of N. Stonington, and Angelina Caluro and Sylvyno Simas, both of Bermuda; and several nieces and nephews. Carlos was predeceased by four siblings.

Visiting hours will be held on Thursday from 4-7 p.m., at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. A Funeral Liturgy will be held on Friday at 10 a.m., at St. Mary’s Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. There is no procession from the funeral home to church. Burial will follow at St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck. For online condolences please visit www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com

Funeral Home

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59 Spruce St. Westerly, RI 02891
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Hazel Simon

Hazel Belle Hartley Simon, 86, of Pawcatuck, died Tuesday evening, Aug. 10, 2004, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital, where she had been a patient for a short time.

She was born at the family home on the Groton side of Mystic on April 3, 1918, the daughter of John and Eva Crandall Hartley. Raised in Mystic, she attended Mystic Academy and Broadway School. In her youth, she traveled with her cousin, dancer Kitty Flynn, making their living performing as dancers in dinner clubs throughout Connecticut, and when they were not on the road, by teaching children's dance lessons.

After returning to Mystic, she married Emile Simon on June 29, 1940, at St. Ann's Church, New London. They made their home there for a brief time before moving back to the Mystic area and raising their family here. They were married 58 years when he predeceased her on March 16, 1999.

Before her children were born, she worked for a time in area textile industries making children's clothing. She worked for Schneider's Clothing Mill in Mystic and Delight Fabrics in Westerly.

She was a past officer of the B.F. Hoxie Engine Company Women's Auxiliary and a past member of the Stonington Golden Agers. She worked for many years at election times as a checker at area Town of Stonington voting halls. She held the offices of president, vice president and secretary of the Stonington Arms Residents Association.

Through the years, she enjoyed crafting ceramics, flower arranging, sewing, line dancing and cooking. Her baking powder biscuits were always a requested favorite at the Stonington Arms Association potluck suppers. She was also an avid bingo player every Friday night at Mystic Rod & Gun Club for over 30 years.

She is survived by four daughters and their hus-
Anthony Simoncini

1918, the third son of Paolo (Paul) and Valentina (Fiorentini) Simoncini. He grew up in Mystic and attended Groton public schools. As a youth, Mr. Simoncini was a member of U.S. Boy Scout Troop #76, Mystic, setting out the flags on the sidewalks of Mystic each patriotic holiday. As a young man, Mr. Simoncini worked as a mechanic in Mystic service stations before owning the former Brown's Garage at the corner of Routes 1 and 27 (now Angie's Pizza) in Mystic before enlisting in the United States Coast Guard during World War II.

Mr. Simoncini married his sweetheart, Dorothy, on May 27, 1941, at St. Patrick Church, Mystic, where they were communicants.

The couple kept a family home in Mystic during Mr. Simoncini's 30 plus year career in the United States Coast Guard. While on active duty in the United States Coast Guard, Mr. Simoncini served on the Cleveland Ledge Lighthouse in Buzzards Bay, Mass., and 10 Coast Guard vessels in the homeports of Boston, Mass., Cape Cod, Mass., Bristol, R.I., Galveston, Tex., and New London, Conn. He was also stationed at Coast Guard bases in New Orleans, La., and Baltimore, Md., retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer 4 from the USCG Barque Eagle, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London.

Upon retiring from the Coast Guard in 1975, the couple returned to their home in Mystic for several years, ultimately retiring in 1989 to the town of Eastham on Cape Cod. In 2008, to be closer to family, they returned again to Mystic to reside at Academy Point at Mystic.

Mr. Simoncini's family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 16, 2011, at St. Patrick Church, 32 East Main St., Mystic. Burial with full military honors will follow in St. Patrick Cemetery, River Road, Old Mystic.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut www.hospicesect.org or The Associate Fund at Apple Rehab Mystic, 28 Broadway Ave, Mystic, CT 06355 or to the Associate Fund at Academy Point at Mystic, 20 Academy Lane, Mystic, CT 06355.

The family extends gratitude to the staff at all three organizations for the courteous and compassionate care of both their father and mother.

Mystic Funeral Home
She and Mr. Simoncini were married May 27, 1941, at St. Patrick Church, Mystic.

The couple kept a family home in Mystic while stationed at several Coast Guard duty stations around the country. In 1972, Mr. and Mrs. Simoncini returned home to Mystic where they lived for many years before retiring in 1989 to Eastham, Cape Cod. In 2008, to be closer to family, they returned again to Mystic to reside at Academy Point at Mystic.

Mrs. Simoncini was a communicant of St. Patrick Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice Southeastern Connecticut (www.hospicesect.org), The Associate Fund at Apple Rehab Mystic, 28 Broadway Ave., Mystic CT 06355 (formerly Mary Elizabeth Nursing and Convalescent Home), or to the Associate Fund at Academy Point at Mystic, 20 Academy Lane, Mystic CT 06355.

The family extends gratitude to the staff at all three organizations for the courteous and compassionate care of their wife and mother.

Her family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 18, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, at St. Patrick Church, 32 East Main St., Mystic. Burial will follow in St. Patrick Cemetery, River Road, Old Mystic.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to share an online expression of sympathy.
Rachel Simonds

Mystic — Rachel Ann (Baptista) Simonds, 43, of Mystic, beloved wife of 14 years to Kris Simonds, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, April 19, 2012, while camping with her family.

Born in New London, she was the daughter of George Baptista of Stonington and Arlene (Fauquet) Baptista of Groton.

Rachel attended local schools and was a graduate of Stonington High School, class of 1987. She attended Huntington Institute in Norwich, and received a certificate in phlebotomy. Rachel earned a nursing degree from Norwich Regional Vocational Technical School in 1996 and was employed as an LPN at Mystic Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center, formerly Mystic Manor. She devoted her life to helping others, from donating her hair often to the Locks of Love program for cancer patients to being an organ donor.

Rachel cared for her family first; her son, Jake, was the light of her life. She loved all of God’s creatures from fish to lost cats. Camping with her family and spending time around the water made her especially happy. She enjoyed capturing special times on her camera or phone; her son Jake’s activities and all the fish that everyone caught.

Besides her husband and parents, she is survived by her son, Jake Simonds; her sister, Kelly Grimes and her husband, Randy, of Pawcatuck and their family; sister-in-law Lisa Simonds and her husband, Timothy Rabideau, of Ashaway, R.I.; her father-in-law, Duane Simonds and his wife, Marie, of Bath, Maine; her mother-in-law, Marjorie Wheeler and her husband, Thomas, of Gales Ferry; her brothers-in-law, Todd Simonds and his wife, Laurie, of Colchester, and their family, Matt Simonds and his wife, Kathy, of Bristol, R.I., and their daughter, and Casey Simonds of Massena, N.Y.; her sister-in-law, Rebecca Santana and her husband, Raul, and their son; and brother-in-law Nathaniel Wheeler and his wife, Tiffany, and their family.

Her family will receive friends and family from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, 51 Williams Ave., Mystic. A celebration of her life will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, at the Road Church of Stonington, 903 Pequot Trail, Stonington. Her burial will be private and at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Ronald McDonald House (www.rmhc.org) where Rachel and Kris were made welcome during Jake’s hospitalization after his birth or to a charity of your choice, in Rachel’s name.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave an online expression of sympathy and for directions to the funeral home.
NEW LONDON — Rose B. Simonds, 83, of Shaw Street died Saturday at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital.

She was born Nov. 24, 1910, in Buena Vista, Ga., and lived most of her life in the New London area. Her husband, Otis E.L. Simonds, died in 1974.

She is survived by four sons, Otis E.L. Simonds Jr. of Norwich, Luther I. and Erich O. Simonds, both of New London, and Everett G. Simonds of Stonington; five daughters, Laura R. Cohens of Hartford, Rose M. Lemon of Randolph, Mass., Ramona H. Williamson of Middletown, Odessa L. Gilchrist and Sandra E. Crosby, both of New London; one step-daughter, Bessie Montford of Waterford; one brother, Essie Murray of Chatham, N.J., 32 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Donations may be made to the Shoreline Visiting Nurse Association Inc., 120 Broad St. New London, or the Rhode Island Renal Association or American Ambulance, 124 Sachem St., Norwich.

The Fulton-Theroux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.
Catherine Simonelli

Mystic — Catherine M. Simonelli, 99, of Mystic, passed away Monday, May 29, 2006, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London.

Catherine was born Dec. 3, 1906, in Antognano, Italy, the daughter of Frank and Lisa Orsi Bertoni.

She came to America in 1921 at the age of 15, and was a wonderful source of stories and family history throughout her life. She worked at the Rossie Velvet Mill and the Silk Mill in Mystic as a weaver until she started her family with her husband, Octavius Simonelli, whom she married on Aug. 10, 1925, at Saint Patrick Church in Mystic. He predeceased her in 1964.

Catherine was a communicant of Saint Patrick Church as well as an honorary lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hugo Simonelli Post's Auxiliary.

Catherine is survived by her son, Raymond Simonelli, and his companion, Sandra Hunter, of Mystic; son Norman Simonelli and his wife, Eleanor; of Va. Beach, Va., daughter Betty Pettini and her husband, Donald, of Mystic; 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, as well as several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass will be held at Saint Patrick Church on Thursday June 1, 2006, at noon. Relatives and friends are invited to call at Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, that morning from 10 until 11:30.

Contributions in Catherine’s name may be made to St. Patrick Church, PO Box 226, Mystic CT 06355.

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

Mystic — Raymond A. Simonelli, 82, lifelong resident of Mystic, beloved husband of the late Patricia (Lee) Simonelli, passed away Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009.

Born in Mystic, he was the son of the late Octavius and Catherine (Bertoni) Simonelli and a graduate of Stonington High School, Class of 1945.

Following his education, Raymond entered the military as a Merchant Marine serving in World War II and later the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

On his return to Mystic, he attended Refrigeration School in Boston and worked for many years at Bartol Refrigeration in New London and later at the Submarine Base and Underwater Sound Lab until his retirement.

Raymond was an active longtime member and past commander of the VFW Hugo Simonelli Post 3263 Mystic, and in later years enjoyed spending afternoons there playing cards and bantering with his longtime friends. He was an avid salt water fisherman, Red Sox fan and enthusiastic UConn Women's Basketball fan.

He leaves his children, Raymond Simonelli of Ohio and Kathleen Simonelli and her husband, Andrew Chaboty, of Wisconsin; two stepchildren, Patricia Keeley and her husband, David, of North Carolina; and William King of North Carolina; a sister, Betty Petitt and her husband, Donald, of Mystic; a brother, Norman Simonelli and his wife, Eleanor, of Virginia Beach, Va.; four grandchildren, Nicholas Simonelli, Priscilla, Erin, and Sarah Keeley; his beloved longtime companion, Sandra Hunter of Mystic, and her children, Scott Hunter of California, Dr. Alice Hunter of Massachusetts, and Jane Hanley and her husband, Mike, of Kent, Conn.; and their two children, Devin and Nora, all of whom were very dear to him. His surviving nieces and nephews will sorely miss Uncle Ray.

Raymond was predeceased by one niece.

A graveside service with full military honors will be held in April on a date to be announced. There are no calling hours. The Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, has charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the VFW Hugo Simonelli Post 3263, Stonington Road, Mystic CT 06355.

The family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to share an online message of condolence.
Charles Simmons Jr.
Architect was father of state representative.

Stonington — Charles Herbert Simmons Jr., 87, a lifelong resident of Stonington and the father of state Rep. Robert R.S. Simmons of Stonington, died Thursday at Foulkeways, his residence in Greenwich, Conn.

He was born in 1934 in New York City, the son of Charles Herbert and Elizabeth Eagle Simmons.

Mr. Simmons was an architect, beginning his career at the New York firm of York and Sawyer. During World War II, he worked with Vermilya Brown, designing buildings that were erected at Avery Point in Groton. At the conclusion of the war, Mr. Simmons joined in the formation of a new firm with Francis Day Rogers and Johnathan Butler. Mr. Simmons remained with Rogers and Butler until his retirement in 1964.

Specializing primarily in hospitals, Mr. Simmons completed designs and oversaw the construction of St. Lukes Hospital renovation, the Roosevelt Private Pavilion, the Lenox Hill Nursing Home and the Hospital for Special Surgery.

Mr. Simmons also served as chairman of the board for Poughkeepsie Hospital, W.Va., a company begun by his father.

Mr. Simmons attended Hotchkiss Academy and graduated from Yale University in 1929. He received the Beaux Arts Gold Medal for his design for a cathedral.

Upon his retirement, Mr. Simmons turned to residential architecture, designing homes and additions in Vermont, where he moved in 1964, as well as in Virginia and Stonington.

Mr. Simmons continued to spend summers at his North Main Street residence on Lambert's Cove, a property purchased by his father in 1908.

Besides his son in Stonington, he is survived by his wife, the former Roxane Ruhl; two other sons, Charles H. Simmons III of Boulder, Colo., and Thomas S. Simmons of Alexandria, Va.; one daughter, Jane Simmons Kennedy of Washington, D.C., and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Calvary Episcopal Church in Stonington.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Stonington Historical Society or Stonington Community Center.
In 1938, over Thanksgiving, Roxy announced her engagement to Herb Simmons at the Winter Hall Mansion on Main Street in Stonington Borough, and on Dec. 29 of that year, they were married in the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City. Their best man was George Darrell of New York City and Stonington, a lifelong friend of Herb Simmons, who later married their bridesmaid, Peggy Hamill of Medford, Ore., a lifelong friend of Roxy Ruhl.

Following their marriage, they lived for four years at 655 Park Ave., New York City, with his father, Charles H. Simmons, president of the John Simmons Co. Later they moved to Bedford, N.Y., living there from 1943 to 1964. Herb Simmons practiced architecture with York & Sawyer before joining the partnership of Rogers and Butler, both of New York City. In Bedford, Roxy was a commissary member and member of the vestry at Saint Mathews Church. She also served on the local school board for seven years during the formation and construction of Fox Lane High School.

In 1965, she moved to Dorset, Vt., with her husband, where she continued to practice architecture. She served on the state board of Planned Parenthood, which reflected a lifelong interest in family planning. She also was active in the Vermont Land Trust and preserved 72 acres of farmland on Lilly Hill Road in Danby, Vt. Locally in Stonington, Roxy spent her summers for more than 50 years on the Simmons family compound at 258 North Main St. She was a member of the Wadawanuck Club and attended Calvary Episcopal Church. She also was active in creating the Simmons Preserve for the Avalonia Land Trust on Quanaduck Cove in Stonington.

In Medford, Ore., Roxy established the Investment for Youth Scholarship to provide local students the opportunity to go to a college of their choice. She also supported the Ruhl Symposium at the University of Oregon, created by her mother and named after her father, where leading journalists interact with students to promote "ethics, responsibility and dedication" to the profession of journalism.

During her lifetime, she loved bird-watching, riding and travel. At the age of 93, she accompanied her son Charles and daughter-in-law Carole to Antarctica because she had "always wanted to see it."

She is survived by four children, Charles Herbert Simmons III and his wife, Carole Petersen, of Boulder, Colo.; the Hon. Robert Ruhl Simmons and his wife, Heidi; and Janet and Thomas Sanford Simmons of Apex, N.C. She is also survived by her daughter-in-law, Alicia (Ruhl) MacArthur; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert "Roddy" Ruhl, who died in his youth.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 3, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 519 Tennis Ave., Maple Glenn, Pa. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 28, at Calvary Episcopal Church, 31 Church St., Stonington. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Avalonia Land Conservancy at P.O. Box 49, Old Mystic, CT 06372 or to the Stonington Free Library, 20 High St., Stonington, CT 06378.

The Dinofo Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic is assisting the family. Please visit http://www.dinotofuneral.com for additional details.
Barbara M. Sindall
Teacher of Greek and Latin

STONINGTON — Barbara Merchant Sindall, 81, of Old Pequot Trail, died Saturday, June 7, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

She was born Sept. 9, 1915, in Gloucester, Mass., the daughter of Robert and Gertrude Thomas Merchant.

She was a graduate of Bryn Mawr College. She taught Greek and Latin in Cambridge, Mass., and later in Stonington.

She was the wife of John C. Sindall, a former headmaster of Pine Point School.

Mrs. Sindall leaves two daughters, Susan Sindall-Schickele of Shady, N.Y., and New York City, and Joan Sindall-Freeman of Cambridge, Mass.; a sister, Eleanor Larson of Dedham, Mass.; and two grandchildren.

The funeral will be private. There are no visiting hours. Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial gifts may be made in Mrs. Sindall’s name to the Alumni Fund, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pa. 19010.

Barbara Sindall
STONINGTON — Barbara Merchant Sindall, 81, of 14 Old Pequot Trail, died June 7 at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

She was born on Sept. 9, 1915, in Gloucester, Mass., the daughter of Robert and Gertrude Thomas Merchant.

She graduated from Bryn Mawr College, and taught Greek and Latin in Cambridge, Mass., and Stonington.

Mrs. Sindall is survived by two daughters, Susan Sindall-Schickele of Shady, N.Y., and Joan Sindall-Freeman of Cambridge; a sister, Eleanor Larson of Dedham, Mass.; and two grandchildren.

A private funeral service will be held at Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic. There are no calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alumni Fund, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pa. 19010.
John Sindall, 87
Retired headmaster of Pine Point School,

By JOHN FOLEY
Day Staff Writer

Stonington — John Hebard Carrington Sindall of 14 Old Pequot Trail, retired headmaster of Pine Point School, died Sunday at Mystic Manor Convalescent Center after a brief illness. He was 87.

Mr. Sindall was associated for 22 years with Pine Point, a private independent school off Barnes Road with pupils in kindergarten through ninth grade.

He joined the faculty in 1961, served as guidance director and teacher of Upper School English, was named assistant headmaster in 1964, and headmaster in 1967.

Mr. Sindall founded the school's oceanography program. When he retired in 1983, Pine Point officials said his leadership was a major factor in making the school one of the top independent schools in New England.

Mr. Sindall came to Pine Point from Browne & Nichols School, Cambridge, Mass., where he was on the faculty for 23 years and headmaster of the Lower School for 15 years.

He also was director of development and alumni affairs at Browne & Nichols, one of the country's oldest independent elementary and secondary schools.

He was active for a long period with the Stonington Free Library, serving several terms as president. He was instrumental in the planning that resulted in the library's new wing, which was dedicated in 1990.

Mr. Sindall enjoyed music. When he was young, he was a professional singer of Gilbert & Sullivan works. He later managed the Hampton Quartet when he was associated with Hampton Institute in Virginia. He also taught at St. Bernard's School, New York City, and the Eaglebrook School, Deerfield, Mass.

Mr. Sindall married Barbara Merchant in Cheshire on Dec. 26, 1936. She also taught at Browne & Nichols and later at The Williams School in New London.

Mr. Sindall was born April 21, 1908 in Beckenham, Kent, England, son of Harold and Ada Banning Sindall. He attended the Arden School on Staten Island, which was founded by his father. He later attended schools in England, and the Graduate School of Education at Harvard.

Mr. Sindall was a member of the Connecticut Association of Independent Schools, serving on the executive committee.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Sindall is survived by two daughters, Susan Sindall-Schickele of Shady, N.Y., and New York City, and Joan Sindall-Freeman of Cambridge, and two grandchildren. He was predeceased by a sister.

A private funeral service will be held at Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic. Burial will be private. There are no calling hours.

Gifts in memory of Mr. Sindall can be made to Stonington Library, P.O. Box 188, Stonington, 06378.
Patricia Sisco

Stonington — Patricia "Patty" A. Sisco, 62, of Stonington, passed away unexpectedly, on Monday, Jan. 24, 2011, at home.

Born in New London, she was the daughter of the late Frank and D. Margaret (Di-Gangi) Sisco and had lived in Stonington all her life.

She retired in 2007 from The Day classified department in New London, where she worked for almost 35 years.

Patty leaves her brother, Jim Sisco and his wife, Tammy, and their children of Mystic; and many relatives.

Her family will receive friends from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, 51 Williams Ave., Mystic. Burial will be private.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to share an online message of condolence.
Anna Sisk

Stonington — Anna (Perry) Sisk, 93, of Mistuxet Avenue, Stonington, died at home on April 7, 2010. She was the widow of the late James D. Sisk.

Born in Stonington, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Mary (Francis) Perry.

Mrs. Sisk was a communicant of St. Mary's Church, a volunteer at the Stonington Community Center Thrift Shop for 25 years, and was an avid reader. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. A lifelong resident of Stonington Borough, she was proud of her heritage and roots within the community.

She is survived by her six sons, James E. Sisk, David W. Sisk, and Timothy T. Sisk, all of Pawcatuck, Michael D. Sisk of Boston, William P. Sisk of Boxborough, Mass., and Stephen J. Sisk of Stonington; three daughters, Susan A. Salentine of Indianapolis, Ind., Jo-Ann S. Carson of Westerly, and Peggy Cawley of Stonington; 24 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a daughter, Nancy K. Federico; two brothers, Edward and William Perry; and also by a sister, Caroline Cottrell.

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 Mass of Christian Burial which will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Mary's Church, Stonington. There is no procession from the funeral home to the church. Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Route 1, Stonington.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory be made to Hospice Southeastern Connecticut, 227 Dunham St., Norwich CT 06360.

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

Anna (Perry) Sisk

Anna (Perry) Sisk, wife of the late James D. Sisk, passed away at home on Mistuxet Ave. in Stonington on Wednesday, April 7, 2010. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church in Stonington on Saturday, April 10, 2010, at 10 a.m. Visiting hours will be held in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, on Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. A full obituary will appear in Friday's edition.
James Sisk

Stonington — James E. Sisk, husband, father, grandfather, educator and friend, passed away at his home on Lathrop Avenue in Pawcatuck on Monday, Jan. 4, 2016, at the age of 76.

He leaves his beloved wife of 51 years, Frances (Russo) Sisk; their two children, Michael J. Sisk and his wife, Amy, of Pawcatuck and Karen Nicole Porter and her husband, Rod, of North Stonington; and four grandchildren, Lindsey N. and Madison M. Porter and Olivia J. and Carleigh S. Sisk. Jim is also survived by five brothers, Michael D. Sisk, David W. Sisk, William P. Sisk, Timothy T. Sisk and Stephen J. Sisk; three sisters, Susan A. Salentine, Jo-Ann Carson and Peggy Cawley; as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a son, Kevin J. Sisk; his parents, James D. and Anna Sisk; and a sister, Nancy Federico.

A lifelong resident of Stonington, Jim attended and graduated from Stonington public schools. He received a bachelor of science degree from Central Connecticut State University and later earned a master's degree from the University of Connecticut.

He was a teacher at Pawcatuck Middle School for 38 years and, following his retirement, taught Stonington Adult Education for eight years. Devoted to the community, he tirelessly served in many other capacities including assistant basketball coach, assistant football coach and varsity baseball coach at Stonington High, chairman of Stonington Water Pollution Control Authority, a member of the original charter commission, member of the Board of Selectmen for three terms, as well as chairman of Stonington Housing Authority, where he supervised the construction of the Edythe K. Richmond Elderly Housing. He was an enormous fan of the Detroit Tigers.

Visiting hours will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. A Funeral Liturgy will take place at 10 a.m. on Friday at St. Mary's Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. There is no procession to church from the funeral home. Burial will be at St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the Kevin J. Sisk Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o WCCU, 122 Granite St., Westerly, RI 02891.

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

Kevin Sisk, 18, son of Stonington Selectman James E. Sisk and Frances (Russo) Sisk of 55 Lathrop Ave., Pawcatuck, died at Lawrence and Memorial Hospitals, New London, Monday night following a short illness.

The youth was a senior at Stonington High School and a communicant of St. Michael's Church.

At Stonington High he was a member of the Marching Band, the Symphonic Band and the Jazz Band from 1983 to 1987. He was also a member of the Rhode Island Youth Stage Band from 1984-87, and played lead trumpet for the opening of the Newport Jazz Festival, 1985-86. He was a member of the Westerly Town Band, 1983-84; Columbus Band, 1982-84; Connecticut High School Liberty Band at Yale, 1986; Eastern Connecticut Jazz Band, 1987; Stonington High School Pep Band 1983-84; a member of the Modern Music Masters 1984-87 and the historian in his senior year.

He was nominated for McDonald's All American High School Marching Band in 1986; received the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award, 1986-87; and was recipient of the Most Promising Musician Award at Stonington High School, 1983 and 1984. He also received the Drafting Award as a senior at Stonington High.

He was born in Westerly Feb. 17, 1969.

Surviving besides his parents are a brother, Michael J. Sisk; a sister, Karen N. Sisk, both at home; paternal grandmother, Mrs. James Sisk of Stonington; and maternal grandmother, Nicholeta Bartolucci of Pawcatuck.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered in St. Michael's Church, Pawcatuck, Thursday at 11 a.m. Interment will be in St. Michael's New Cemetery. Visiting hours will be held in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Wednesday 2-4 and 7 to 9 p.m.
Russell A. Sisson

Russell A. Sisson, 89, formerly of Pawcatuck and widower of the late Helen M. (Knott) Sisson, died April 19, 2004, in the Watch Hill Manor Nursing Home, Westerly.

Born in East Greenwich, son of the late James A. and Sarah (Zubee) Sisson, he had been employed as a machinist for Bostich Inc., retiring in 1980.

He was a former communicant of St. Michael Church, Pawcatuck, a member of the Knights of Columbus, a member of Harley P. Chase Post 1265 VFW, and a veteran of World War II, having served with the U.S. Navy.

He was a former member of St. Michael Boy Scout Troop.

He is survived by two daughters, Dorothy Kienholz of Vernon, Conn., and Kathleen Lattimore and her husband Michael of Westerly; a daughter-in-law, Patricia Sisson of Westerly; six grandchildren, Tracy Durfee, Amy Brown, Molly Campbell, Erin Kienholz, Keri Kienholz, and Carl Sisson; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a son, William R. Sisson.

Calling hours will be held Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. There will be no procession from the funeral home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael Church, Liberty Street, Pawcatuck. Private burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.