Mildred E. Tabor
20-year Seaside associate
Sept. 21, 1916 — Feb. 27, 1989

STONINGTON — Mildred Elizabeth (Crowe) Tabor, 72, of Lord’s Point, Stonington, wife of the late Emile Tabor, former longtime Norwich resident, died Monday at Connecticut Hospice in Branford after an extended illness.

Mrs. Tabor was born Sept. 21, 1916, in Norwich, daughter of the late William and Maude (Baker) Crowe. She had been a summer resident of Lord’s Point since 1918, making Stonington her permanent home in 1964.

She supervised the Foster Grandparent Program for more than 12 years at Seaside Regional Center in Waterford. Through her involvement at Seaside, she served on its human rights commission for more than 20 years.

While a resident of Norwich she was very active in Republican party affairs. She was a member of the Republican Town Committee and a member and past president of the Norwich Republican Women’s Club.

As a resident of Stonington she served on the Stonington Republican Town Committee. She was a member and past president of the Norwich Chapter of the Daughters of America. She was a 52-year member of the Sachem Chapter Order of Eastern Star, a member of the Old Mystic United Methodist Church and a former member of the Lee Memorial Methodist Church in Norwich.

Her husband, Emile Tabor, died in 1960.

Survivors include one son, Robert W. Tabor of Stonington; one brother, John Crowe of Stonington; one sister, Ruth Galligan of Norwich; two grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

The Church & Allen-Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.

Florence Taylor

Florence Geneva (Smith) Taylor, 73, of 52 Maple St., Stonington, formerly of Mystic, died at The Westerly Hospital this morning following a brief illness. Her husband, Edward Milton Taylor, died in 1973.

A daughter of the late Frank Henry and Minnie (Lamphere) Smith, she was born in Mystic, May 11, 1916.

Surviving are a son, William K. D’Amico of Stonington; two daughters, Jessie A. Gray of Glendora, Calif. and Rose F. Kincaid of Lima, Ohio; two brothers, Ernest H. Smith of Stonington and Frank B. Smith of Groton; two sisters, Gertrude M. Saunders of Pawcatuck and Olive E. Smith of Groton; 13 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Shea-Williams Funeral Home, 19 East Main St., Mystic. Burial will be in New Lebanon Cemetery, Lebanon, Conn. Calling hours will be held tomorrow evening from 7 to 9 o’clock.
In 1950, the couple moved to Mystic, where Mr. Tacy was the executive director of the Mystic Seaport. Dr. Tacy continued in private practice, with an office in New London and Mystic. She was active in local organizations, including the Mystic Garden Club, the Scantic Garden Club, and the Mystic Garden Club, and she served as a director of the Mystic YMCA.

Friends wishing to remember Dr. Tacy are invited to visit the gardens at her home in Mystic.
William Taggart


He was the beloved husband of the late Maureen A. (Corcoran). He was the father of Mary Anne Cahill of Randolph, Vt., William T. of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., James P. of Cuttingsville, Vt., Christine of Boston, Ellen of Burlington, Vt., and Matthew J. of Stewartsville, N.J. He is also survived by seven grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Dee Funeral Home, 27 Bedford St., Concord, Mass. The funeral is at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 21, followed by a funeral Mass in Holy Family Parish, Monument Square, Concord Center, at 10 a.m. Internment will be in St. Bernard's Cemetery, Concord.

Contributions in his memory may be made to Maureen Taggart Memorial Award, c/o CCHS Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 217, Concord, MA 01742.

For the online guest book, visit www.deefuneralhome.com

DAy 8.20.08.
Mystic — Albert Tanenbaum, 100, of Academy Point and formerly of Waterford, passed away on Monday, Jan. 30, 2017, at his residence.

He was born July 13, 1916, in Chicago, Ill. He married the former Nathalie Liebman. Mrs. Tanenbaum passed away on March 8, 2009.

Thomas L. Neillan & Sons
Funeral Home, 12 Ocean Ave., New London is in charge of arrangements, which are private. 2/1/17
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John J. Tanner St., So. Broad

Many Attend
John J. Tanner Jr.

Westerly — John J. Tanner, Jr. of Clark Street, Westerly, passed away at The Westerly Hospital on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at the age of 93. He was the husband of the late Celena (LoPriore) Tanner who predeceased him on August 27, 2017.

Born in the Stonington borough, he was the son of the late John J., Sr. and Helen Tanner. He loved the borough, especially Stonington Point, and he loved to go there.

John was a US Army veteran of WWII. He was employed by Planning Research Corporation for many years where he worked as a Computer Analyst installing computer systems at various locations around the country.

He was an avid reader, who drew on a lifetime of experiences to entertain his beloved family and friends with his quick wit and sense of humor. His many jokes and stories will live on for generations to come. He will be missed by all who loved him.

He is survived by his three children, Debra T. Walters of Waterford, Brian J. Tanner of Block Island and John S. Tanner of Narragansett.
Helen Tanner

Pawcatuck — Helen Devine Tanner, 94, formerly of 237 South Broad St., died Monday at the Mystic Manor.

Born on Sept. 28, 1906, in Westerly, she was the daughter of the late Martin T. and Kate Uniac Devine.

She was the widow of John J. Tanner Sr.

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

She was known for many years as the “sunshine lady” of the Stonington Community Center.

She is survived by two sons, John J. Tanner Jr. of Westerly and Thomas E. Tanner of Lady Lake, Fla.; a daughter, Frances Tanner-Cook of Groton; a sister, Anna Freitas of Coventry, R.I.; 18 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by two daughters, Kathryn "Rene" Fauquet and Patricia Serra Andrews; and a granddaughter, Diana Cook.

The funeral will be held Thursday at 9:15 a.m. from the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 9 Spruce St., Stonington, to Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated in St. Mary Church, Stonington, at 10 a.m. Visiting hours are omitted. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, Stonington.

Helen (Devine) Tanner, formerly 237 South Broad St., Pawcatuck, wife of the late John J. Tanner Sr., died Monday, Feb. 26, 2001, at Mystic Manor.

Born in Westerly, Sept. 28, 1906, she was a daughter of the late Martin T. and Kate (Uniac) Devine.

Mrs. Tanner was a communicant of St. Mary Church, Stonington.

She was devoted to the Stonington Community Center and was known as the "sunshine lady" of the Stonington Como for many years.

She was also a music lover and dedicated mother and grandmother.

Survivors include by two sons, John J. Tanner Jr. of Westerly and Thomas E. Tanner of Lady Lake, Fla.; a daughter, Frances Tanner-Cook of Groton; a sister, Anna Freitas of Coventry, R.I.; 18 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by two daughters Kathryn "Rene" Fauquet and Patricia Serra Andrews; and a granddaughter, Diana Cook.

The funeral will be held Thursday at 9:15 a.m. from the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 9 Spruce St., Stonington, to Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated in St. Mary Church, Stonington, at 10 a.m. Visiting hours are omitted. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, Stonington.
Mary C. Tanner, 75
Clerical worker for Westerly town clerk

PAWCATUCK — Mary C. "Kay" Kelley Tanner, 75, of Moss Street, died Tuesday, Sept. 10, at The Westerly Hospital in Rhode Island. She was the wife of John J. Tanner Sr.

She was born April 28, 1921, in Stonington, the daughter of Charles and Loretta Gildea Kelley.

A clerical worker for the Westerly town clerk, Mrs. Tanner was also a communicant of St. Michael Church in Pawcatuck, and a member of the former ladies guild at the church.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Tanner is survived by a son, John J. Tanner Jr. of Charlestown, R.I.; two daughters, Sally Winsor of Westerly and Susan Bessette of Pawcatuck; two sisters, Frances Ritter of Westerly and Ruth Saunders of Carolina, R.I.; and six grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Sept. 12 at St. Michael Church in Pawcatuck. Burial was in St. Michael Cemetery. The Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, was in charge of arrangements.
Gladys Tantaquidgeon, 106, medicine woman

HARTFORD (AP) - Gladys Tantaquidgeon, the Mohegan Tribe's venerable medicine woman, died Tuesday. She was 106.

Tantaquidgeon, the tribe's oldest living member, died at her home, Mohegan officials said.

Born in 1899, she was one of seven children of John and Harriet Fielding Tantaquidgeon, both Mohegans. She was a 10th generation descendant of Uncas, the famed Mohegan chief.

She watched her tribe grow from a handful of Mohegan families in Uncasville who struggled to keep their tribal heritage alive to a federally recognized tribe that owns and operates one of the most successful casinos in the world.

Tantaquidgeon is given much credit for the Mohegans receiving federal recognition. For years, she collected a large number of documents, including tribal correspondence, birth, death and marriage records, many of which she stored under her bed. That information helped document the continuity of the tribe, which managed to survive even after its reservation was disbanded.

Tantaquidgeon wrote several books on Indian medicine practices and folklore. Her work became known nationwide, and she was called on by many Western tribes to assist restoring their ancient practices.
The name of Gladys Tantaquidgeon, who died this week, held a special place in the annals of the Mohegan Indians of Uncasville. Her establishment of a small Mohegan museum, her dedication to the anthropology and history of the tribe and other Indians, her work in the Western United States in behalf of the betterment of Indians— all are examples of the extraordinary life of this distinguished native woman. Tribal members admired her for the warmth and genuine goodwill embodied in her daily dealings with people and they revered her dedication to telling the Mohegan and Indian stories.

Gladys Tantaquidgeon kept the customs and stories of her tribe alive, and she learned and wrote about Native American medicine and herbal remedies.

But she also played a significant role in the good relations between her tribe and the larger community of Southeastern Connecticut. Everyone who met her liked her for her engaging personality and her kindness to those with whom she came in contact.

She studied at the University of Pennsylvania and received honorary doctorates from Yale University and the University of Connecticut.

Her kindness toward others was a personal trademark. She was among a group of Mohegan tribal leaders who forged a long and friendly relationship with the people of Montville and the town’s public officials.

It was symptomatic of her concern for the Mohegan medicine woman embodied spirit of a tribe with rich history.

less fortunate that she worked so long to improve the plight of Indians, but her generosity extended to people facing some of the most difficult situations in life. As early as the 1940s, she was a librarian in the women’s prison in Niantic, where she gave a sense of hope to female prisoners whose lives were full of trouble and trauma.

There are countless stories about people who hid their money under their beds. But Ms. Tantaquidgeon brought a new wrinkle to the idea.

More than a decade ago, the Mohegans were making their case for federal recognition to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Much of the evidence of the tribe’s authenticity came from Gladys Tantaquidgeon. Letters and documents attesting to the Mohegans’ claim were all there in Tupperware containers that she kept under her bed.

She was a historian, a medicine woman, a woman for all the times that her long life of 106 years encountered. This region and its people will remember her as a gracious and good woman who shared her knowledge and skills generously with others and treated everyone with dignity. She was an exceptional person.

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Gladys Tantaquidgeon
Uncasville — The graveside funeral for Mohegan Medicine Woman Gladys Tantaquidgeon will take place on Sunday, Nov 6, at Shantok on the Mohegan Reservation in Uncasville. A walking processional to Shantok will begin at 10 a.m. at Tantaquidgeon Indian Museum, 1819 Norwich New London Turnpike, Uncasville. Elders are encouraged to ride to the site. Those who do wish to walk may leave their cars at Shantok and be shuttled to the processional origin point at the museum, so their cars will be available for them, afterward, at the funeral site. Shuttles will be available from 8:30 to 9:30.

The Montville Funeral Home of Church and Allen is entrusted with arrangements.
Ruth Tantaquidgeon
Uncasville — Ruth Etta
Tantaquidgeon passed away Wednesday at her home on Mohegan Hill in Uncasville. She was 99 ¼ years old.

Born on June 22, 1909, she was the youngest of the seven children of John Winslow and Harriet (Fielding) Tantaquidgeon, both Mohegan Indians.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents and four siblings — Lillian Strickland and Winfred Grandchamp, and brothers Harold, Earl and Burrill Tantaquidgeon. She is survived by her oldest sister, Gladys.

A longtime resident of Mohegan Hill, Ruth attended The Williams Memorial Institute and Chapman Tech, both in New London. She was employed at Palmer Brother's factory in Fitchville and the former State Farm for Women in Niantic, where she worked as an efficiency expert in the sewing department as an industrial supervisor. Ruth also ran a Native American store on Mohegan Hill in the 1940s, called Our Little Shoppe, for which she designed and made Indian clothing. Since the opening of Tantaquidgeon Museum in 1961, she devoted every spring, until her very last years, to refurbishing and maintenance of that facility.

In the early 1990s, she devoted her time to organizing a large collection of family memorabilia, which included correspondences and notices of births, funerals, graduations, marriages, military and tribal records — documents that proved vital to Mohegan Federal Recognition. She also donated furniture to the first tribal office staff. Ruth's first trip in an airplane was to Washington, D.C., in 1985 to witness the federal government sign over the return of the Mohegan reservation lands to the tribe.

Although she never had children of her own, Ruth raised, loved, cared and sewed for dozens of cousins, nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews.

At Ruth Tantaquidgeon's request, family members are invited to attend a committal service on Wednesday Dec. 29, at 11:30 a.m. at Fort Shantok Cemetery in Uncasville.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to the Mohegan Congregational Church Organ Fund, 27 Church Lane, Uncasville, CT 06382.

Please visit the online memorial at www.mem.com.

The Montville Funeral Home of Church & Allen has been entrusted with these arrangements.
Prior to owning AGJO Printing, Joe worked in sales with Specialized Packaging International in Hamden and Amstar in Versailles.

If Joe couldn't be found on the back of his Harley, he must have been driving his Chevelle or another classic car. When it came time to relax, he enjoyed nothing more than a good movie or book, bluesy rock 'n' roll or a Yankees or N.Y. Giants game.

Although he was a printer by trade, Joe's greatest career was as a father, a teacher, and a friend. He and his best friend, Kathy Tasca, gave their children strength, intelligence, and compassion. When his son was young, Joe coached Little League and played endless games of backyard Wiffle ball. He was his daughter's favorite debate opponent, and he let her know it was OK for girls to love sports, too.

Joe never stopped reaching to his children's friends, bringing them into his circle of love, compassion, and advice. When Joe was around, no child was fatherless.

In addition to Coryne and Geoffrey, Joe is survived by a sister, Jeanne Martin of Groton; two nieces, two nephews and one grand-niece; his canine sidekick, Harley; three feline buddies; and a large collection of friends.

He was predeceased by two brothers, John and James; and his parents, Joseph Sr. and Mary Tasca of Uncasville.

Memorial services are private; a gathering of family and friends will follow at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Comfort Zone Camp, 2101A Westmoreland St., Richmond, VA 2220, or Friends of Animals, 777 Post Road, Suite 205, Darien, CT 06820.

Byles-Groton Memorial Home is in charge of arrangements.

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**Joseph Tasca**

North Stonington — A gathering to celebrate the life of Joseph Tasca Jr. will be held on Thursday, Sept. 30 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center at 109 Pequotsepos Road in Mystic. All who were touched by Joe are invited to join us. For details, contact AGJO Printing 860-589-3143.

**DAY - 9-17-2004**
Sara Chisolm Tasca (Archie) passed away on Aug. 24, 2011, at the age of 86.

Born in Providence to Addison and Leah Archie, she lived most of her life in Westerly. She also resided in Jupiter, Fla., and most recently in Mystic. She graduated from Westerly High School and attended Connecticut College in New London.

She was predeceased by her husband, Francis J. Tasca; two sisters, Virginia Clarke, of Shelter Harbor, and Elizabeth Barbine, of Pawcatuck; a brother, Commander Addison Archie, USN, of Sacramento, Calif.; and her beloved grandson, Shawn Tasca, of Boynton Beach, Fla.

A devoted mother and loving wife, Sara spent most of her life raising and caring for her seven children. She had a 10-year career as a bookkeeping supervisor at Connecticut Bank and Trust in Groton and was employed by the Visiting Nurses of Groton as a medical secretary. She was an avid traveler, gardener and animal lover her whole life.

Sara leaves seven children: Sally E. Tasca, of Mystic; Carrie M. Terranova, of Boynton Beach; Robbie B. Tasca and wife, Deidra, of Mystic; Nancy A. Lanphear and husband, Timothy, of Westerly; Scott F. Tasca and wife, Katherine, of Deerfield Beach, Fla.; Christopher S. Tasca and wife, Elizabeth, of Stonington; and Lisa Layton and husband, Thomas, of Coconut Grove, Fla.

She also leaves 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Her family will receive friends and relatives from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Groton Animal Foundation, P.O. Box 7023, Groton, CT 06340.
Stonington — Grace Fairhurst Tate of Stonington died just short of her 89th birthday on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016.

Grace was born in Paterson, N.J., to Edward Fairhurst and Grace (Quackenbush) Fairhurst.

She was predeceased by her husband, Kenneth B. Tate; and sister, Margaret Atwood of Ann Arbor, Mich.

Grace was a graduate of The Walnut Hill School and Smith College. She met Ken at Skytop in Pennsylvania and married him in her parents’ home in Wycoff, N.J., in 1948, and they celebrated 65 years of marriage before Ken’s death.

Grace spent most of her life on the North Shore of Long Island and in Stonington. She was the president of the Woman’s Auxiliary at The Westerly Hospital in Westerly and volunteered there for more than 25 years. She also volunteered at many community fund-raising events in Stonington, including those benefiting the Stonington Community Center.

She was an avid traveler and sportswoman who enjoyed sailing, skiing, tennis, golf and paddle tennis. Her friends meant the world to her. Everyone will remember her signature smile, which stretched from ear to ear, the twinkle in her eye, and her great wit and sense of humor.

She is survived by her daughter, Amy Tate Berenson (husband Steve) of Marblehead, Mass., and their son, Nathaniel Tate Berenson of Marblehead, Mass., and Boulder, Colo.; she also leaves her son, Kenneth B. Tate Jr. (Kip) of Bloomington, Ind.

A private service will be held in the spring, and interment will be with Ken in the Memorial Garden at Calvary Episcopal Church in Stonington.

Memorials in Grace’s memory may be made to the Stonington Free Library, 20 High St., Stonington, CT 06378.
Kenneth Tate

Mystic — Kenneth Burrell Tate, 89, of Mystic, husband of Grace (Fairhurst) Tate, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013, at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital in New London.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Ken was the son of the late Robert Tate, M.D., and Alva (Burrell) Tate, and was a resident of Stonington for the past nine years, previously residing at Quadenuck Cove in Stonington.

Ken attended Colgate University and graduated from St. John's University in New York. As a graduate student, he attended the University of Pennsylvania and received his degree in biochemistry. For 25 years, Ken worked with Pfizer in their microbiology lab working in the field of antibiotics. After retiring from Pfizer, he worked with Bob Jones in the Robert P. Jones Real Estate Agency. He and Bob Jones purchased Quadenuck Cove Golf Course and became developers, creating an upscale living community.

Ken was a member of the New York Yacht Club, Wadawanuck Yacht Club, and East Haddam Fish & Game Club, as well as several others. An avid sailboat racer and cruiser, he enjoyed his time on the water with friends and family. He was also a golfer and a tennis player.

In addition to his wife of 65 years, he leaves two children, Kenneth R. Tate Jr. “Kip” of Bloomington, Ind., and Amy (Tate) Berenson and her husband Steven, of Marblehead, Mass.; sister Sally (Tate) Richmond of Garden City, N.Y.; one grandson, Nathaniel Tate Berenson “Nate”; two nieces, Elizabeth (Richmond) DeCastillo and Sarah (Tate) Richmond, and a nephew, Robert D. Tate.

He was predeceased by his brother, Robert B. Tate.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Calvary Episcopal Church in Stonington. A burial will follow with family and friends in the Memorial Garden behind the church. Guests will be invited to a luncheon following the burial. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Pequotsepos Nature Sanctuary, P.O. Box 122, Mystic, CT 06355 or to the Mystic Seaport, P.O. Box 6000, Mystic, CT 06355.
Edgar E. Tattersall
STONINGTON — Edgar E. Tattersall, 83, of Cove Road, died Sunday morning, Feb. 21, at his home.

He was born Sept. 12, 1915, in Pawcatuck, the son of William and Clara Crandall Tattersall. He attended local schools. Mr. Tattersall was a veteran of World War II, who served as a sergeant with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He married Mary Kirk on March 21, 1940. Mrs. Tattersall died Feb. 21, 1979, 20 years to the day before Mr. Tattersall's death.

Mr. Tattersall worked as a maintenance electrician with the Narragansett Electric Co. in Westerly for more than 38 years. He was a member of the Pawcatuck Masonic Lodge, the Groton Sportsmen's Club, the Westerly Camera Club, and the Lyme Arts Association.

Mr. Tattersall is survived by two daughters, Nancy Stamm and Marjorie Macaulay, both of Stonington; three brothers, Richard and John Tattersall, both of Pawcatuck, and James Tattersall of Florida; four sisters, Corabelle Foley of Pawcatuck, Thelma Whitford of Charlestown, R.I., Florence Day of Riverside, R.I., and Mildred Bates of St. Augustine, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday. Mystic Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Gifts in Mr. Tattersall's memory may be made to Mystic River Ambulance Corps., P.O. Box 64, West Mystic, 06398.
Ivy W. Tattersall

Ivy W. (Wardman) Tattersall, 91, formerly of Milan Terrace, Pawcatuck, died Jan. 10, 2010, in the Apple Rehabilitation Center, Mystic. She was the widow of the late Albion Tattersall.

Born in Elizabeth, N.J., she was a daughter of the late Daniel and Ethel (Nunes) Wardman.

Ivy had been employed as a purchasing agent for the Douglas Randall Company before retiring. She was active in the Order of the Eastern Star and a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Pawcatuck VFW and a member of the Rainbow Girls.

She leaves four daughters, Barbara Graves of Hutchinson, Kan., Carolyn Ritter and Janet McCrary, both of Pawcatuck, and Elaine Comolli of Hope Valley; one brother, Jon Wardman of Pawcatuck; four sisters, Annie Burns of Hope Valley, Josephine LaMont of NYC; Arlene Bond of Raleigh, N.C., and Louisa Reed of Asheville, N.C.; 20 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a son Jon A. Tattersall; a sister Jane Collins; and a grandson Daniel Gentile.

Calling hours are omitted. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the graveside service to be held Friday, Jan. 15, at 11 a.m. in River Bond Cemetery, 117 Beach St., Westerly. For online condolences, please visit www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com.
John Tattersall — John Tattersall, 74, of Greenhaven Road, Pawcatuck, died Monday at the Hamilton Pavilion after a long struggle with Alzheimer’s disease.

Mr. Tattersall was born on Nov. 24, 1925, in Pawcatuck, the son of William Ablion and Clara L. Crandall Tattersall.

He married Ethelinde Welsh Tattersall.

Mr. Tattersall was a communicant of St. Michael Church.

He is survived by a son, John M. Tattersall of Pawcatuck; a daughter, Mary Burdick of Pawcatuck; a brother, James Tattersall of St. Augustine, Fla.; four sisters, Mildred Bates of St. Augustine, Florence Day of Alton, R.I., Cora Bell Foley of Pawcatuck and Thelma Whitford of Charlestown, R.I.; and five grandchildren.

He was predeceased by six brothers, Richard, Edgar, George, William, Ablion and Daniel; and four sisters, Grace, Margaret, Cora and Evelyn.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at the convenience of the family.

The Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., is in charge of arrangements.
John E. Tautenhan, Jr.

STONINGTON – John E. Tautenhan, Jr., of South Broad St., Stonington, passed away at his home on Friday, April 3, 2015 at the age of 70. He was the husband of the late Carol (MacArthur) Tautenhan.

Born in Lunenburg, Mass., he was a son of the late John E. and Dorothy Tautenhan.

John was a self-employed barber for many years who enjoyed carpentry and fishing.

He is survived by his two sons; John E., III of Southbridge, Mass. and Daniel of Portland, Ore.; a stepdaughter, Jennifer Flanagan of Franklin, Mass. and two stepsons; Robert C. Tripp of N. Scituate, R.I. and Kenneth R. Tripp of Seymour, Conn. He also leaves two brothers; James Tautenhan and his wife, Elaine, of N. Providence, their two daughters, Lori Biscelli and Cindy Joyce and their 5 children; and Jeffrey Tautenhan and his wife, Patti, of S.C.; and 11 grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. Visiting hours are omitted. Burial will be private and held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 931 Jefferson Blvd., Ste 3004, Warwick, RI 02886 in John’s memory. For online condolences, please visit www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com.
Antonio Augusto Tavares, 94, of Pawcatuck, beloved husband of the late Eulalia (Ruela) Tavares, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009, at The Westerly Hospital.

Born on March 15, 1915, in Monte, Murtosa, Portugal, he was the son of the late Antonio Joaquin and Blandina (da Silva) Tavares.

Antonio came to the United States in 1958 settling in Stonington where he was a fisherman for many years. He then went on to work for Kellems Co., retiring in 1979.

He was a faithful parishioner of St. Mary Church, Stonington, and will be deeply missed by his family.

He leaves his five children, Maria Ascensao Henri and her husband, Anthony; of Stonington, Blandina Ponte and her husband, Jose, Virginia Beyer and her husband, Harold; Maria do Ceu deCastro and her husband, Durval, and Antonio A. Tavares Jr. and his wife, Maria, all of Pawcatuck; 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a sister, Laurinda Sardo of Stonington; and two nieces, Maria and Rose Sardo, both of Stonington.

He was predeceased by three sisters and three brothers.

Antonio's family would like to thank Dr. Mark Mancini and his staff as well as The Westerly Hospital for the care and comfort shown to Antonio during his illness.

Funeral services will begin Friday, Nov. 13, 2009, at 9:15 a.m. 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, Stonington.

His family will receive friends today from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington, CT 06378 or to the Lighthouse Foundation, 529 Main St., Suite 101, Boston, MA 02129.

The Tavares family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to share an online message of condolence.
Eulalia Tavares
Stonington — Eulalia R. Tavares, 79, of 4 Canary St., Pawtucket, died Friday at The Women’s Hospital, where she was admitted on Wednesday. She was born June 4, 1913, in Portugal, daughter of Francisco and Ascensas Ruda Cardena. She married Antonio A. Tavares on April 12, 1942, in Muttosa.
Mrs. Tavares came to the United States on May 2, 1959, and worked as a reader in the Dye House at the American Velvet Co. in Stonington, retiring in 1977. She was a communicant of St. Mary’s Church in Stonington, and a member of the Our Lady of Fatima Society. Besides her husband, she is survived by a son, Antonio A. Tavares Jr. of Pawtucket; four daughters, Maria Henri of Stonington, and Blanca Pent, Virginia R. Boyer, and Maria R. deCastro, all of Pawtucket; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.
The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at the Mystie Funeral Home Inc., Route 1, Mystic, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at noon in St. Mary’s Church. Burial will be in St. Mary’s Cemetery.
Calling hours will be 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.
Jose Barbosa Tavares, 57
Father of Steven A Tavares

Pawcatuck — Jose Barbosa Tavares, 57, of Stillman Avenue died March 3 at his home.


The husband of Liduina Vincente Tavares, he was a warehouse man at Electric Boat in Groton. He retired in 1991. Married for 30 years, the Tavares had a residence in Holiday, Fla.

He was a communicant of St. Michael’s Church in Pawcatuck and a member of the Portuguese Holy Ghosts Society in Stonington. He served in the Portuguese military in his youth. He was an avid gardener.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son, Steven A. Tavares of Pawcatuck; one daughter, Diana Wick of Lowell, Mass.; three brothers, Eduardo Tavares of Providence, Laurenco and Laudalino Tavares, both of Pawcatuck; and two sisters, Geraldina DeMedeiros and Maria Olga Medeiros, both of Pawcatuck.

Burial was in St. Michael’s Cemetery in Pawcatuck. The Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home in Westerly was in charge of arrangements.
Nelson L. Tavares

Nelson Lee Tavares, 39, of Pawcatuck died suddenly Thursday, July 1, 2010, as a result of injuries sustained from an automobile accident while working in Watch Hill.

Born in Westerly, he is the son of Lauro and Maria Hortencia Tavares of Pawcatuck.

After graduating from Stonington High School, Nelson lived and worked in Clearwater, Fla., for 19 years. He had recently relocated to Pawcatuck to be with his family.

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

A loving and devoted son, Nelson will be dearly missed by his parents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Visiting hours will be held Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. A Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated on Wednesday, July 7, at 12 p.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

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to The Pediatric Cardiology Unit, Hasbro Children's Hospital, P.O. Box H, Providence, RI 02903.
Ruth Taverna-Cookson


She was born on Aug. 20, 1962, in Cambridge, Mass., the daughter of Francis and Yvonne Taverna.

She enjoyed spending time on her boat and exploring the Florida Keys, and being with her friends, co-workers and animals at the Mystic Aquarium.

Ruth is survived by her husband, John; stepchildren, Christopher and Rachel Cookson; and siblings Paul, Steven, John and Sandy.

She was predeceased by her siblings Christine, Francis, Patricia, and Thomas.

A Memorial Mass will be held at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at St. Patrick Parish, 71 Central St., Stoneham, MA. Friends may gather afterward at the VFW, 688 Huron Ave., Cambridge, MA.
Allan Taylor

Stonington — Allan D. Taylor, 63, of Pawcatuck passed on at the Westerly Health Center on Tuesday, March 18, 2014.

Allan was born in New York, son of the late Quintin and Annette Taylor. Allan grew up in Mystic and attended Stonington High School. He worked as a self-employed master carpenter and early in his career worked as a finish carpenter at Mystic Seaport. Allan was an artist at heart, creating work of beauty and detail, and his woodworking graces many a shoreline area home.

Allan was also a music lover and guitarist in the style of John Fahey. He will be remembered for his wit and offbeat sense of humor.

He leaves two sons, Jacob Taylor of South Korea and Alexander Taylor of New London; and a daughter, Caitlin Romanowski of Texas. He will also be dearly missed by brother Richard Taylor of Hartford; sister Linda T. Peduzzi and her husband, Larry, of Pawcatuck; nephew Hendrix Taylor; and niece Jen Sablon-Taylor; cousins and friends.

Allan's family thanks the wonderful staff and extended family at Westerly Health Center and Gentiva Hospice for their compassionate and loving care.

Visiting hours are omitted. Funeral services and burial will be private.

Donations in lieu of flowers, may be made to Gentiva Hospice at www.gentivahospicefoundation.org in Allan's memory.

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

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

Pawcatuck — Donald L. Taylor, 83, of 153 South Anguilla Road, died Thursday morning at The Westerly Hospital.

Born on Dec. 5, 1918, in Pawcatuck, he was the son of the late Lloyd and Charlotte Norman Taylor. He was the husband of Mary Doney Taylor.

Mr. Taylor was a plant engineer and later a consultant for Harris Graphics and the former Cottrell Co. in Pawcatuck for more than 40 years before retiring.

He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Westerly.

Besides his wife of 59 years, he is survived by a son, Donald C. Taylor of Stonington; a daughter, Martha J. Johnson of Westerly; a sister, Esther Perkins of Ledyard; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by one brother, Edson Taylor.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in Christ Episcopal Church, corner of Elm and Broad Streets, Westerly.

Calling hours are 6-8 tonight at the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly. Burial will be in River Bend Cemetery, Beach Street, Westerly.
Donald C. Taylor

Stonington — Donald C. Taylor, 57, beloved husband of Bridget M. Taylor of 378 Farmholme Road, Stonington, died suddenly Saturday, April 13, 2002, at the Westerly Hospital.

Born in Westerly on December 31, 1944, he was the son of Mary (Doney) Taylor of Pawcatuck and the late Donald C. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor owned and operated Stonington Chevron Station for over 20 years, and at the time of his death he was a truck driver for Quinlan Transportation in Pawcatuck.

Donald enjoyed spending time with his family and farming at his home in Stonington.

Besides his wife and mother, he will be sadly missed by his son, Andrew D. Taylor of Stonington; his daughter, Ann Marie Hall of Ledyard; his sister, Martha J. Johnson of Westerly; and two stepdaughters, Rosemarie Paino and Allison Paino, both of Stonington. He also leaves two grandsons, Joshua A. Taylor of Stonington, and Connor D. Hall of Ledyard; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Taylor was predeceased by his first wife Margaret (Carson) Taylor.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday in Christ Episcopal Church, on the corner of Elm and Broad streets, Westerly.

Calling hours will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday in the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main Street, Westerly.

Burial will be in Stonington Cemetery.
Mildred E. Tabor
20-year Seaside associate
Sept. 21, 1916 — Feb. 27, 1989

STONINGTON — Mildred Elizabeth (Crowe) Tabor, 72, of Lord's Point, Stonington, wife of the late Emile Tabor, former longtime Norwich resident, died Monday at Connecticut Hospice in Branford after an extended illness.

Mrs. Tabor was born Sept. 21, 1916, in Norwich, daughter of the late William and Maude (Baker) Crowe. She had been a summer resident of Lord's Point since 1918, making Stonington her permanent home in 1964.

Florence Taylor

Florence Geneva (Smith) Taylor, 73, of 52 Maple St., Stonington, formerly of Mystic, died at The Westerly Hospital this morning following a brief illness. Her husband, Edward Milton Taylor, died in 1973.

A daughter of the late Frank Henry and Minnie (Lamphere) Smith, she was born in Mystic, May 11, 1906.

Surviving are a son, William K. D'Amico of Stonington; two daughters, Jessie A. Gray of Glendora, Calif. and Rose F. Kincaid of Lima, Ohio; two brothers, Ernest H. Smith of Stonington and Frank B. Smith of Groton; two sisters, Gertrude M. Saunders of Pawcatuck and Olive E. Smith of Groton; 13 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Shea-Williams Funeral Home, 19 East Main St., Mystic. Burial will be in New Lebanon Cemetery, Lebanon, Conn. Calling hours will be held tomorrow evening from 7 to 9 o'clock.
TAYLOR—In Stonington, Conn.,
October 27, 1948, Louise (Stinson)
Taylor, aged 91.
Funeral service Saturday after-
noon 2 o'clock from her late home,
36 Orchard Street, Stonington. In-
terment in Stonington Cemetery.

Mrs. Louise S. Taylor Dies
Mrs. Louise Stinson Taylor, 91.
died yesterday afternoon at her
home at 36 Orchard street, after a
lengthy illness. She was born Oct.
20, 1858, in Mystic, the daughter of
the late Joseph and Louise Wilcox
Stinson. She made her home with
her daughter, Mrs. Burton W. Jop-
son.
She is survived by a brother, Ed-
ward F. Stinson of Pawcatuck;
several nieces and nephews, and
three grandchildren.
Funeral services will be con-
ducted from her late home tomorrow at
2 p.m. with the Rev. Robert Ever-
sull officiating. Burial will be in
Stonington cemetery.

MRS. LOUISE TAYLOR
DEAD AT AGE OF 91
A week after passing her 91st
birthday, Mrs. Louise (Stinson)
Taylor, mother of Mrs. Burton Jop-
son, died yesterday afternoon at
her home, 36 Orchard Street, fol-
lowing a lengthy illness.
Born in Mystic, October 20, 1858,
she was the daughter of Joseph and
Louise (Wilcox) Stinson.
She was a great lover of the
home and devoted her full at-
Mary A. Taylor

Mary A. (Doney) Taylor, 83, of 153 South Anguilla Road, Pawcatuck, died Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2005, at The Westerly Hospital. She was the beloved wife of the late Donald L. Taylor.

Born in Westerly, March 22, 1922, she was the daughter of the late Harold and Ethel (Clark) Doney.

Mrs. Taylor had been employed at Yardney Electric for several years before her retirement.

She was a member of Christ Episcopal Church, Westerly.

She will be sadly missed by her daughter, Martha J. Johnson of Pawcatuck. She also leaves her four grandchildren, Ann Marie Hall, Andrew D. Taylor, Peter M. Johnson and Kimberly J. Dorsey; and six great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her son, Donald C. Taylor.

Funeral services will be held on Monday at 11 a.m. in Christ Episcopal Church, corner of Elm and Broad streets, Westerly. Calling hours will be Sunday evening from 6 to 8 in the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly. Burial will be in River Bend Cemetery, Beach Street, Westerly.
Patricia Taylor

Stonington — Patricia “Pat” A. Taylor, 60, of Stonington, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2011, at The Westerly Hospital.

Born in Kittery, Maine, she was the daughter of the late John and Dolores (Tift) Taylor and had lived in Stonington for most of her life. She was employed with Douglas Randall in Pawcatuck for many years up until her retirement in 1996.

Pat was an avid basketball fan. She enjoyed watching the UConn women and had season tickets to the Connecticut Sun basketball games. She also had a love for animals, especially for her two cats.

She leaves behind her many cousins and two aunts.

Her family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic.

Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Association, www.mdausa.org or a charity of the donor’s choice.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave an online expression of sympathy for the family.
Peter Taylor

Mystic — Peter Thurston Taylor, M.D., 78, of Mystic, husband of 35 years to Janilyn "Jan" (Jacius) Taylor, died Monday, Jan. 11, 2016, at home.

Born in Baltimore, Md., he was the son of the late Thurston and Margaret (Crompton) Taylor and lived in Mystic for the past 13 years, previously residing in Simsbury and Somers. Peter was a graduate of Phillips Academy Andover, Harvard College, and Temple University School of Medicine in Pennsylvania.

He was a radiologist and founding member of Jefferson X-Ray, now Jefferson Radiology, a longtime provider of radiology services at Hartford Hospital. He retired in 1997.

Peter was a boating enthusiast and was captain of his boat, the "Radiant IV." He enjoyed cruising out of the Mystic River to explore the waters of Long Island Sound and beyond, even plotting its course through New York up to the Erie Canal. He was a dedicated member and volunteer of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 25-03 in Mystic and honorably served in the U.S. Air Force as a flight surgeon.

Peter cherished time with his children and grandchildren. In addition to his wife, he leaves his four beloved children, Susan Duronio and her husband, Robert, of Chapel Hill, N.C., Michael Taylor of Marietta, Ga., Nancy Bush and her husband, Lawrence, of Mendon, Utah, and Erica Raab and her husband, Michael, of Arlington, Mass.; grandchildren, Joseph, Gina and Ella Duronio, Christian, Graydon and Benjamin Bush and Evan and Alexander Raab; his sister, Janet Marx of Portsmouth, N.H.; sister-in-law, Carole Vicino and husband, Raymond Vicino, of Farmington; and a brother-in-law, Thomas Jacius, and wife, Joyce Jacius, of East Granby; as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

Peter was an avid reader, very generous to family and friends, and was known for his balanced temperament in any discussion.

A celebration of his life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, in Mystic. Burial will follow with military honors at Elm Grove Cemetery in Mystic. A brief visitation will be held at 10 a.m. until the time of the service. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Peter's memory may be made to the Mystic Seaport, www.mysticseaport.org.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave a note of condolence for his family.

Friday, January 29, 2016
William Taylor
Pawcatuck — William Arthur Taylor, 82, of 13 East Enterprise Ave., died Monday at home.

Born on March 17, 1919, in Pawcatuck, he was the son of the late Arthur H. and Martha Cooper Taylor.

He was the husband of Harriett Vincent Taylor.

Mr. Taylor attended local schools in Stonington.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving as a staff sergeant with the 364th Battalion in Naples, Italy.

Mr. Taylor worked as a foreman for the Bradford Dyeing Association in Bradford, R.I., for 49 years before retiring.

Besides his wife of 62 years, he is survived by four daughters, Judith Pinkham of Moody, Maine, Joan Edmond of Westerly, Vondell Baun of Orange, and Emma Dean Melia of North Stonington; a son, William A. Taylor Jr. of Westerly; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a sister, Esther Hill.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in the United Congregational Church in Pawcatuck. Burial will be in River Bend Cemetery in Westerly.

Calling hours are 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly.

Memorial donations may be made to the United Congregational Church, 9 Castle Way, Pawcatuck CT 06379, or to Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, 179 Gallivan Lane, Uncasville CT 06382.

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William A. Taylor


Born in Pawcatuck, on March 17, 1919, he was the son of the late Arthur B. and Martha (Cooper) Taylor.

Mr. Taylor attended Stonington schools. He worked as a foreman for the Bradford Dyeing Association, in Bradford for 49 years before retiring.

A World War II Army veteran, serving in the 384th Battalion in Naples, Italy, he was discharged as a staff sergeant.

Besides his wife of 62 years, he leaves four daughters; Judith Pinkham of Moody, Maine, Joan Edmund of Westerly, Vendall Bunn of Orange, Conn., and Emma Dean Melia of North Stonington; and one son, William A. Taylor Jr. of Westerly. He also leaves 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two nephews, William Hill and Robert Hill.

He was predeceased by a sister, Esther Hill.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Feb. 28, at 11 a.m. in the United Congregational Church, Pawcatuck. Calling hours are Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly. Burial will follow in River Bend Cemetery, Westerly.

Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the United Congregational Church, 9 Castle Way, Pawcatuck, CT 06379; or to the Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, 179 Gallivan Lane, Montville, CT 06353.
Deaths


Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the United Congregational Church, Pawcatuck. Calling hours are this evening from 7 to 9 in the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly. Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the United Congregational Church, 9 Castle Way Pawcatuck, CT 06379; or to the Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, 179 Gallivan Lane, Montville, CT 06353.
Henry Tedford
Stonington — Henry H. Tedford, 90,
formerly of 1 Elizabeth Drive,
Pawcatuck, ascended into heaven on
September 16 at the home of Richard
and Tracy Tedford, surrounded by
loved ones.
He was the husband of the late
Margaret L. Tedford and Charlotte E.
Tedford and was the son of the late J.
Edward Tedford and Edith Lego.
He is survived by his nine
children, Susan Hougensen, Larry
Tedford, Henry Tedford Jr., Sandra
Shetland, Mary Shifflett, Kenneth
Tedford, Stephen Tedford, and Dou-
glas Tedford and stepchildren,
Herbert Young, Rose Mathis, and
Rowena DeMary; 18 grandchildren
and 28 great-grandchildren; three sis-
ters, Caroline Tedford Kider; Mary
Tedford-Morin, and Faith Tedford;
two brothers, Charles Tedford and
James Tedford; and several nieces
and nephews.
He was preceded in death by his
brothers, Otis Fisher and Jay Tedford,
sister Ida Polash, and stepsons Robert
Young and Dennis Cross.
Mr. Tedford received the Korean
Service Medal when he served in the
U.S. Navy during the Korean War.
He was employed by Pfizer as a
chemical operator for 35 years, retir-
ing in 1988.
He was an avid card player and en-
joyed shooting pool, being with his
family and attending Monticello Wes-
leyan Church.
His family will greet relatives and
friends at The Dinoto Funeral Home,
17 Pearl St., Mystic on Friday from 5
to 7 p.m. A graveside service will be
conducted at Elm Grove
Cemetery, Route 27, Mystic, on Satu-
day at 10 a.m.
In lieu of flowers, donations may be
made to the Alzheimer’s Association.
For obituary information,
directions or to share a note of remem-
brance/condoence with the family,
please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Margaret Tedford
Pawcatuck — Margaret Larkin (Young) Tedford, 83, of Pawcatuck, died Sunday, April 18, 2004, at The Westerly Hospital.

She was born in Pawcatuck on Aug. 7, 1920 to the late Mary Jane (Clark) Larkin and Samuel Edward Larkin. She graduated from Stonington High School in 1939. She was a member of St. Michael Church in Pawcatuck.

She worked for C.B. Cottrells as a machinist during World War II. Later she worked for Conn. Cab Co., where she was president of the International Association of Machinists Union, Local 1913. She left Conn. Cab to join the Kellemes Company of Stonington, where she worked until retirement in 1982.

She is survived by her husband, Henry Tedford; five children, Cecelia Burbine, Rose Mathias, Rowena DeMary, Herbert Young and Teresa Amaral; 20 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; nine stepchildren; and several stepgrandchildren.

She was predeceased by her son, Robert Edward Young in 1998; a grandson, Herbert Donald Young II in 1994; and her brother, Edward Larkin.

Her family will greet relatives and friends on Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Patrick Church, Mystic. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery.

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

Margaret Larkin (Young)
Tedford, 83, of Pawcatuck, died Sunday, April 18, 2004, at The Westerly Hospital.

She was born in Pawcatuck on Aug. 7, 1920, to the late Mary Jane (Clark) and Samuel Edward Larkin. She graduated from Stonington High School in 1939. She was a member of St. Michael Church in Pawcatuck.

She worked for C.B. Cottrells as a machinist during World War II, later working for Conn. Cab Co., where she was president of the International Association of Machinists Union Local 1913. She left Conn. Cab to join the Kellemes Company of Stonington, where she worked until retirement in 1982.

She is survived by her husband, Henry Tedford; five children, Cecelia Burbine, Rose Mathias, Rowena DeMary, Herbert Young and Teresa Amaral; 20 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; nine stepchildren; and several stepgrandchildren.

She was predeceased by her son, Robert Edward Young in 1998; a grandson, Herbert Donald Young II in 1994; and her brother, Edward Larkin.

Her family will greet relatives and friends on Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Patrick Church, Mystic. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery.

For obituary information, directions, or to send an on-line condolence to the family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Alcinda B. (Bolarinho) Teixeira, wife of the late Antonio Teixeira, of West Arch Street, Pawcatuck, passed away at The Westerly Hospital on July 1, 2007.

She was born in Sao Miguel, Azores, the daughter of the late Antonio and Trindade (Santos) Bolarinho.

Mrs. Teixeira was a homemaker, and she was a member of Our Lady of Fatima Society.

She is survived by three daughters, Natividade and her husband Jose Vicente of Pawcatuck, Maria doCarmo Machado of Toronto, Canada, and Maria Tavares and her husband Antonio of Pawcatuck; two sisters, Maria Amarol of Toronto and Maria Bolarinho of the Azores; one brother, Manuel Bolarinho, also of the Azores; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by three brothers, Jose, Antonio, and Rogerio Bolarinho.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in St. Michael the Archangel Church, Liberty Street, Pawcatuck, Thursday at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Visiting hours will be held in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. Burial will be in St. Michael Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to Home and Hospice Care of RI, 169 George St., Pawtucket, RI 02860 in her memory.
Antonio T. Teixeira, 87, beloved husband of Alcinda (Bolarinho) Teixeira, of 24 W. Arch St., Pawcatuck, died Jan. 1, 2006, at The Westerly Hospital, Westerly. He was born in San Miguel, Azores, the son of the late Joao and Gloria (Costa) Teixeira.

Mr. Teixeira had been employed in the maintenance department of the American Velvet Company for 22 years, retiring in 1993.

He was a communicant of St. Michael the Archangel Church in Pawcatuck, a member of Our Lady of Fatima Society and he enjoyed his flower and vegetable garden.

Surviving in addition to his wife are three daughters, Natividade and her husband Jose Vicente de Pawcatuck, Maria doCarmo Machado of Toronto, Canada, and Maria Tavares and her husband Antonio of Pawcatuck. She also leaves three sisters in Montreal, Canada; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by three brothers; a sister; and a son-in-law.

Calling hours will be held today from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly.

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

Norwich — Dorothy Sylvia Costa Teixeira, 77, of Spring Hill, Fla.,
died Saturday at the home of her
daughter, Lynne Whitley of Nor-
wich.

She was born on May 21, 1919, in
New London, the daughter of the
late Anthony and Mary Sylvia
Costa of New London.

She married William Teixeira of
Spring Hill, Fla., on Jan. 7, 1939, at
St. Joseph's Church in New Lon-
don.

She lived in Stonington from 1939
to 1985 when she and her husband
moved to Spring Hill. She was em-
ployed at Kellems Co. in Stoning-
ton from 1950 until she retired in
1980.

Besides her husband, she is sur-
vived by two daughters, Lynne
Whitney of Norwich and Judith
Adcock of Ledyard; two sons, Wil-
liam Teixeira Jr. of Stonington and
Allan Teixeira of Pawcatuck; a
brother, Edward Costa of Mobile,
Ala.; a sister, Louise Mandler of
Montville; eight grandchildren and
10 great-grandchildren. She was
predeceased by a sister, Mary Tun-
ucci.

A private memorial service will
be held at St. Mary's Church in
Stonington.

Memorial donations may be
made to the American Cancer Soci-
ety or the Hospices of Southeastern
Connecticut.
Mystic — John J. Teixeira, 75, of Mystic, husband of 55 years to Constance “Connie” (Madeira) Teixeira, passed away Friday, Sept. 4, 2015, at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

Born on the island of Sao Miguel, Azores, he was the son of the late Joao and Maria (Ribeiro) Teixeira and lived in Mystic for 43 years.

John was a millwright and chemical operator at Pfizer Inc. for 30 years up until his retirement in 1996.

John enjoyed traveling, having taken several cruises as well as trips to Europe and Brazil. An avid Sport-ing Lisbon soccer fan, John coached a men’s soccer club in Stonington in the 1970s as well as Stonington Youth Soccer. He also was a Los Angeles Dodgers fan.

In addition to his wife, he leaves his four children, John J. Teixeira Jr. and his wife, Paula, of Mystic, Rick Teixeira and his wife, Leigh, of Stonington, Regina Teixeira and her husband, Richard Ulkus, of Tavernier, Fla., and Joseph Teixeira and his wife, Jennifer, of Ledyard; two sisters, Maria Viveros and her husband, Manuel, of Sao Miguel and Mica Batista of New Milford; brother, Luis Teixeira and his wife, Jandira, of Conway, S.C.; six grandsons, Rich Teixeira and his wife, Ashlie, and Matthew Teixeira, all of Florida, Adam Teixeira of Mystic, Ryan and AJ Teixeira of Stonington, and Joseph Teixeira Jr. of Ledyard.

He was predeceased by an infant brother, Enrique.

Calling hours will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, in Mystic. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Burial will follow at St. Mary Cemetery, Route 1, Stonington.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Center for Hospice Care Southeast Connecticut, (www.hospicesect.org) or to St. Mary Church.
Preston — William “Gramp” Teixeira, 94, of Preston, and formerly of Stonington, died Friday morning, June 27, 2008, with his family by his side at his daughter, Lynne’s, home in Preston.

He was born on Jan. 9, 1914, in the Azores islands, son of the late Jessie Teixeira and Adeleide (Lima) Mattos.

William worked for 30 years at the Stonington Boat Works building fishing boats, then 13 years at Dodson Boat Yard.

On Jan. 7, 1939, he was united in marriage to Dorothy Costa at St. Joseph Church in New London.

Mr. Teixeira is survived by four children, Judith Adcock of Busto, Fla., William Teixeira Jr. of Stonington, Lynne Whitney of Preston, and Allan Teixeira of Pawcatuck; a brother, Edward S. Mattos of Pawcatuck; eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

The funeral and interment will be private and at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours.

The Cummings-Gagne Funeral Home, Norwich, has been entrusted with the arrangements.
Survived by his younger sister, Beth Terkanian and his niece, Elizabeth Kristenian. Also surviving are nieces, Kathryn Terkanian and her husband Scott Keefe; Amy Terkanian and her son-in-law, Gregory Terkanian.

Married for 44 years, Susan Terkanian, 70, of Pawcatuck, and her late husband, Donald Terkanian, were photographed together at an event in 1983. Their love and care of the VNA Hospice was incredible and beautiful at such a difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the St. Michael's Church in Pawcatuck. Those fortunate to know him can attest that the man loved to have a great time. Donald was a member of the Watch Hill and Westerly Yacht Clubs. He greatly enjoyed sailing with Susan and his family and friends. He had many great friends in the Pawcatuck, Westerly area including the "Y's".
PAWCATUCK - Augustine "Slim" Terranova, 89, of W. Arch St., Pawcatuck, passed away at Apple Rehab Watch Hill on Monday, March 28, 2016. He was the husband of the late Gladys (Tanajeski) Terranova.

Born in Westerly, he was a son of the late Gennaro and Maria Terranova.

Slim worked as a carpenter for Cherenzia & Nigrelli for many years and was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II who served in Hiroshima. A communicant of St. Michael Church, he was a big time New York Yankee fan and also enjoyed golfing.

He leaves his son, Dennis A. Terranova, of Pawcatuck; and daughter, Janice Shortman; as well as a beloved companion, Genevieve Arbacheski, all of Pawcatuck. He is also survived by a sister, Florence Loomis, of Westerly; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Slim was predeceased by twin great-grandsons; three brothers, Nicholas, Frank and Sam Terranova; and three sisters, Minnie Terranova, Columbia Patterson and Lillian Brochears.

Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, March 31, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. A Funeral Liturgy will take place at St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington on Friday, April 1, at 9:30 a.m. There is no procession to the church from the funeral home. Burial with Full Military Honors will follow at St. Sebastian Cemetery, Westerly. For online condolences please visit www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com.
Donna Tetreault
Stonington — Donna Marie Tetreault, 55, wife of Scott Tetreault of Pawcatuck, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015, at the Westerly Hospital.
A celebration of life will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. Jan. 17, 2015, at the Pawcatuck VFW. Fulton-Theroux Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.
Anne Thacher (1958 - 2017)

Stonington - Anne Creveling Thacher died peacefully at home on Saturday, March 18, 2017, after a long illness that she was determined to defeat.

Anne was born in New York City, on April 18, 1958, to Peter Shaw Thacher and Mary (McGrath) Thacher. She attended The Chapin School in New York until 1971, when the family moved to Geneva, Switzerland. In 1976, Anne graduated from the International School in Geneva and in 1980 she received a bachelor's degree from Smith College, where she majored in international government and anthropology. Anne also spent time in the family home in Nairobi, Kenya from 1977 to 1983.

Following college, Anne moved to Stonington. She worked with Advest Inc. until 1981 and E.F. Hutton & Company, which eventually became UBS/Paine Webber Inc., until 2000. She volunteered with Literacy Volunteers teaching English as a second language from 1986 to 2000.

Anne returned to school and in 2004 earned her master's in library science (M.L.S.) from the University of Rhode Island. Also that year, she began work at the Stonington Historical Society's Woolworth Library. She worked there as a librarian until May 2016, when she retired because of ill health. Anne was a gifted researcher with a love of history. She was a good problem solver who enjoyed helping people and she was instrumental in digitally cataloguing the Historical Society's collections.

Anne loved the natural world, her birdfeeders, and her Havanese dog, Flora. She was an accomplished needlewoman, specializing in fancy knitting, crocheting, and needlepoint, as well as extraordinary quilting. She was a member of the Five Rivers Consortium, the Stonington Historical Society and the Wadawanuck Club.

Anne will be sorely missed by her friends and family. She is survived by her mother, Mary M. Thacher of Stonington; her sister, Linda (Thacher) Visscher and her husband, Pieter T. Visscher and their children, Adeline Shaw Visscher and Adrian Hand Visscher of Mystic; her brother, Peter Shaw Thacher Jr. of Washington, D.C. and Stonington; as well as by her aunt, Anne McGrath Lederer of Earlysville, Va., and her children, Sloane Lederer, wife of Lucius N. Palmer, their son, Schuyler Beekman Palmer of New York City, and Andrew Lederer, his partner, Megan Schmidt and their daughter, Phoebe Schmidt of Winthrop, Wash.; and, by her aunt, Patricia Daly Lipe of Haymarket, Va. She is also survived by her former husband, Kenneth B. "Kip" Tate Jr. of Bloomington, Ind.

She was predeceased by her father, Peter Shaw Thacher.

Anne's family are particularly grateful to neighbors, Pam and Grant Legare and Carol Goodman, as well as nurses, Andrea Lewis and Maggie Costello of Lighthouse Healthcare for their friendship and attentive care.

There will be a memorial Mass at 11 a.m. April 22, 2017, at St. Mary Church in Stonington.

Gifts in her memory may be made to the Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Road, Groton, CT 06340 and to the Woolworth Library of the Stonington Historical Society, P.O. Box 103, Stonington, CT 06378.

Funeral Home
Mystic Funeral Home - Mystic
Route 1 51 Williams Ave. Mystic, CT 06355
(860) 536-2888

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Anne Thacher

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Anne was born in New York City on April 18, 1938, to Peter Shaw Thacher and Mary (McGrath) Thacher. She attended The Chapin School in New York until 1971, when the family moved to Geneva, Switzerland. In 1976, Anne graduated from the International School in Geneva and in 1980 she received a bachelor's degree from Smith College, where she majored in international government and anthropology. Anne also spent time in the family home in Nairobi, Kenya, from 1977 to 1983.

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Elwood James
"Woody" Thacher

Elwood James, "Woody" Thacher, 91, of Marco Island, died Sunday, February 28, 1999, after a long battle with cancer.

Mr. Thacher was born in Wilkes Barre, Pa., July 23, 1907. He retired from the federal government in 1968 after working for the geological survey for 27 years. He moved to Winter Haven in 1969 and to Marco Island in 1996.

He was an avid genealogist having written 37 books on the Thacher family history. His work traced the family origin to Queen Camel, England where Rev. Peter Thacher was Vicar of the St. Barnabas Church from 1574 to 1624. He was a benefactor of this church and maintained a close relationship with this village for many years.

He is survived by three sons, William Peter (Janet) Thacher of Lewistown, Md., E. James Thacher Jr. of Middletown, Md. (Patricia Thacher of Frederick, Md.) and Thomas Wayne (Betty) Thacher of Marco Island with whom he made his home; and one daughter, Carolyn (Jack) March of Spring Hope, N.C.; nine grandchildren, Craig, Jeff, Donna, Cheryl, Sherry, Deborah, Dan and Martha and Amy; six great-grandchildren, Danielle, Zachary, Emily, Zachary, Graham and Jack; one brother, Merle Thacher of Dumfries, Va.; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Friday, March 5, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. in Wesley United Methodist Church, 350 South Barfield Drive, Marco Island, Fla.

Interment will be on March 6, 1999 in Winter Haven, Fla.

Donations in his memory may be made to Hospice of Naples, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, Fla. 34105.

FULLER FUNERAL HOME
592-1611
Peter Shaw Thacher

STONINGTON — Peter Shaw Thacher, 72, died in Stonington on Saturday, April 1, of brain cancer after a short illness.

Born Sept. 8, 1925, in New York City, he graduated from the South Kent School. He married Mary C. McGrath in Warren, Va., on March 2, 1957.

A Navy veteran of World War II, he graduated from Yale College in 1948. He worked for the Marshall Plan in Paris before serving in Korea with the Department of the Army. In July 1954, he was on a Cathay Pacific commercial plane which was shot down by the Chinese Communists in the China Sea. Of 18 passengers, only eight survived.

In 1956, Mr. Thacher joined the U.S. Department of State where he was assigned to the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, first as the officer responsible for Far Eastern affairs, and later as counselor for science and technology.

In 1971, Mr. Thacher was seconded to the United Nations as program director for the U.N. Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm. Subsequently, he became director of the U.N. Environment Program’s European Office in Geneva. In 1977, he went to Kenya as the organization’s deputy executive director; with the rank of U.N. assistant secretary-general. He worked in Nairobi until 1983, when he retired and returned to the United States. In 1987, the U.N. Environment Program presented him with the Global 500 award.

In 1990, he became a distinguished fellow at the World Resources Institute in Washington, D.C. He also served in an advisory capacity to many organizations, including NASA, the World Health Organization, and the United Nations for the Conservation of Nature.

He was appointed to the 1998 U.N. Task Force on Environmental and Human Settlements. At the time of his death, he was president of the Earth Council Foundation/U.S. He was also on the board of the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies.

In Stonington, Mr. Thacher chaired the town’s Conservation Commission and served as an alternate on the Stonington Borough Planning and Zoning Commission. He served on the Southeastern New England Council of Governments, on the board of the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, the Advisory Council of the University of Rhode Island College of Resource Development. In 1992, the state of Connecticut Association of Conservation and Island Wetlands commissions named his conservationist of the year.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Thacher is survived by three children, Anne Thacher Tate, Linda Thacher Vlascher, and Peter Shaw Thacher Jr., and a granddaughter.

Services were held Tuesday, April 6. Mystic Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Gifts in Mr. Thacher’s memory may be made to the Avalonia Nature Conservancy, P.O. Box 49, Old Mystic, 06372, the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, P.O. Box 122, Mystic, 06355, or the Stonington Historical Society, P.O. Box 103, Stonington, 06378.

Peter Thacher

STONINGTON — Peter Shaw Thacher, 72, a career diplomat who was active in local government, died Saturday of brain cancer.

Born Sept. 8, 1925 in New York City, he was a graduate of the South Kent School. He married Mary C. McGrath on March 2, 1957, in Warren, Va.

A Navy veteran of World War II, he graduated from Yale College in 1948. He worked for the Marshall Plan in Paris before serving in Korea with the Department of the Army. In July 1954, he was on a Cathay Pacific commercial plane which was shot down by the Chinese Communists in the China Sea. Only eight of 18 passengers survived.

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In Stonington, Mr. Thacher chaired the Conservation Commission and served as an alternate on the Stonington Borough Planning and Zoning Commission. He served on the Southeastern New England Council of Governments, board of the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center and the Advisory Council of the University of Rhode Island College of Resource Development.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Thacher is survived by two daughters, Anne Tate and Linda Vlascher; a son, Peter Thacher; and a granddaughter.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Avalonia Nature Conservancy, P.O. Box 49, Old Mystic 06372, the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, P.O. Box 122, Mystic 06355, or the Stonington Historical Society, P.O. Box 103, Stonington 06378.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at St. Mary’s Church. Burial will be private. The Mystic Funeral Home, route 1 Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.
Obituaries

Peter S. Thacher

Peter Shaw Thacher, 72, of Stonington, died Saturday, April 3, 1999, at his home of brain cancer after a short illness.

Born in New York City, Sept. 8, 1926, he was a graduate of the South Kent School. He married Mary C. McGrath in Warren, Va., on March 2, 1957.

A Navy Veteran of World War II, Mr. Thacher graduated from Yale College in 1948. He worked for the Marshall Plan in Paris before serving in Korea with the Department of the Army.

In July, 1964, he was in the Cathay Pacific commercial plane which was shot down by the Chinese Communists over the China Sea. Of the 18 passengers, only he and seven others survived.

In 1966, Mr. Thacher joined the U.S. Department of State where he was assigned to the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, first as an officer responsible for Far Eastern affairs, and later as Counselor for Science and Technology.

He was posted to the United Nations as Programme Director for the UN Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm in 1971. Subsequently, he became Director of the UN Environment Programme’s European Office in Geneva, Switzerland. In 1977, he went to Kenya as the organization’s deputy executive director, with the rank of UN Assistant Secretary-General.

Mr. Thacher worked in Nairobi until 1983, when he retired and returned to the United States. In 1984, the Government of Spain conferred the Knight Commander’s Cross of the Order of Civil Merit for his role creating the Mediterranean Action Plan. In 1987, the LTN Environment Programme presented him with the Global 500 Award.

Mr. Thacher continued his involvement with matters global and local. In 1983, he became a Distinguished Fellow at the Resources Institute in Washington, D.C. He also served in an advisory capacity to many organizations including NASA, the World Health Organization, the International Council of Scientific Unions, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, and the American Society for International Law.

Most recently he was appointed to the 1998 UN Task Force on Environment and Human Settlements by Secretary-General Kofi Annan. At the time of death, he was President of the Earth Council Foundation/US.

He was also on the board of the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies.

In Stonington, Mr. Thacher chaired the Town’s Conservation Commission and served as an alternate on the Stonington Planning and Zoning Commission. He served on the Southeastern New England Council of Governments, on the Board of the Denison Pequot-Sepas Nature Center, the Advisory Council of the University of Rhode Island College of Resource Development.

He was named Conservationist of the Year in 1992 by the State of Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions.

In addition to his wife, he leaves three children, Anne Thacher Tate, Linda Thacher Visscher, and Peter Shaw Thacher Jr., and a granddaughter, Adeline Shaw Visscher.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Avalon Nature Conservancy, P.O. Box 49, Old Mystic, CT 06358, the Denison Pequot-Sepas Nature Center, P.O. Box 122, Mystic, CT 06355 or the Stonington Historical Society, P.O. Box 103, Stonington CT 06378.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in St. Mary Church, Stonington. Interment will be private. The Mystic Funeral Home Route 1, Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.
George B. Thackeray

George B. Thackeray, 63, of Minor Street, Pawcatuck, Conn., died Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011 at his home.

Born Sept. 11, 1948 in Westerly, R.I., George was the son of the late Charles L. and Mae (Mason) Thackeray.

George was a commercial fisherman. He was a member of the Bass Masters of R.I., Ducks Unlimited and the Pawcatuck Coin Club. He loved to build custom fishing rods, and overall he was a very caring neighbor.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Vietnam Conflict.

George is survived by his sister, Linda Mongillo and her husband Patrick, of Kingston, and four nephews and three nieces. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Charles D. Thackeray.

Calling hours will be held Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly. Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in funeral home.

Burial with Military Honors will follow in R.I. Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Exeter.

Buckler-Johnston
Funeral Home
Dorothy Thavenet
Pawcatuck — Dorothy E.
Thavenet, 83, of River Road
Pawcatuck, died Wednesday, Oct. 20,
2004, at her home.

Dorothy was born in Pawcatuck
on May 17, 1921. She was the son of
the late John and Martha
(Findeisen) Thavenet.

Miss Thavenet was laboratory
technician for 30 years at The Westerly
Hospital. She graduated from
the former Rhode Island State
College, now the University of Rhode
Island.

Dorothy was a member of Christ
Episcopal Church in Westerly.
She will be sadly missed by her
sister, Claire L. Smith, and her
brother-in-law, Morris Smith, of
Pawcatuck; two nephews, Timothy
Smith and his wife, Alicia Smith, of
Pawcatuck, and Louis Thavenet
and his wife, Evelyn Thavenet, of
Pawcatuck; and a niece, Martha Logan and her husband of Seattle, Wash.

Funeral services will be
private, and burial will be in River Bend Cemetery,
Westerly.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to
Christ Episcopal Church, 7
Elm St., Westerly, RI
02891.

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

**Aruba** — George E. Thayer, 67, of Green Avenue, Pawcatuck, died on Saturday afternoon, March 1, 2008, at Dr. Horacio Oduber Hospital in Aruba.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara J. (Arruda) Thayer of Pawcatuck; his son and daughter-in-law, Erik and Valerie Williams of Pawcatuck; his daughter and son-in-law, Robin and Paul Thomas of Pawcatuck; three grandchildren, Tori, Jayme and Maggie; his brother, Edward Thayer of Ardmore, Okla.; his niece and nephew, Jessica and Eric Thayer of Ardmore, Okla.; and several cousins, friends and other relatives.

Mr. Thayer was born in Wakefield, R.I., on Dec. 8, 1940, the son of the late Edgar C. and Josephine (Capalbo) Thayer. He was an engineering aid for the Town of Westerly for many years. George was a member of the National Guard and involved with many local groups and organizations including the Westerly Lodge of Elks, the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society, the Recreation Board for the Town of Stonington and the Pondview Golf League of Westerly. He was a former member and chairman of the Planning and Zoning Board for the Town of Stonington and a member of the Westerly Fire/Police. George also was an associate at Rushlow-Iaco Funeral Home for more than 30 years as well as working at E-Z Midway Liquors of Westerly. Mr. Thayer loved to coach as he did for the Stonington Recreational Youth Basketball League and the Girls' Softball League of Westerly. He was an avid bowler who participated in the yearly WARM Shelter Fundraising Event.

George loved spending time with his grandchildren Tori, Jayme and Maggie at Tim Hortons.

George's family would like to thank his many friends and relatives for all the special times and memories through the years.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2008, at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, 96 Main Street, Stonington. There will be no procession from the funeral home. Burial will take place in St. Sebastian Cemetery, Westerly. Calling hours will take place on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Rushlow-Iaco Funeral Home, 64 Friendship Street, Westerly.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in George's memory can be made to the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center, 27 Chase Street, Pawcatuck, CT 06379, or the Stonington Recreation Commission, 165 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT 06379.
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George was a member of the National Guard and involved with many local groups and organizations including the Westerly Lodge of Elks, the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society, a member of the Recreation Board for the Town of Stonington, the Pond View Golf League of Westerly, past member and chairman of the Planning and Zoning Board for the Town of Stonington, and a member of the Westerly Fire Police.

George also was an associate at Rushlow-Iaco Funeral Home for more than 30 years as well as working at E-Z Midway Liquors of Westerly.

Mr. Thayer loved to coach as he did for the Stonington Recreational Youth Basketball League and the Girls Softball League of Westerly. He was an avid bowler who participated in the yearly WARM shelter fundraising event.

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Mystic — Henry A. Thibeault, 89, of West Mystic, formerly of Pawcatuck, passed away Wednesday at Mary Elizabeth Nursing Center.

He was the husband of the late Elvira (Bradshaw) Thibeault.

His family will greet relatives and friends at The Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl Street, historic downtown Mystic on Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. A funeral service will be conducted at the funeral home on Thursday at 10 a.m. Burial with military honors will be in Elm Grove Cemetery.

Additional information will appear late Friday at www.dinotofuneral.com, and in Saturday's edition of The Day.
Frances J. (Lombardo) Thibodeau

PAWCATUCK — Frances J. (Lombardo) Thibodeau, 85, wife of the late Dennis M. Thibodeau, of 42 West Vine St., Pawcatuck, passed away peacefully surrounded by family at her home on Thursday, March 14, 2019.

Born in Westerly, she was a daughter of the late John and Mary Lombardo. Frances was a daily communicant of St. Michael’s Church, part of a “Coffee Group” at Bess Eaton in Pawcatuck, a member of the Westerly Senior Center & a regular at Silver Sneakers.

She will be dearly missed by her three children, Janette Phillips (Bill) of Pawcatuck, Nancy Balestracci of Groton and Jerry Thibodeau (Paula) of Groton; five grandchildren, Matthew Phillips, Josephine Phillips, Thomas Balestracci (Melissa), Joseph Balestracci & Ryan Thibodeau; five siblings; Josephine Robinson of Burleson, TX, Conni Coffone of Dewey, AZ and brother-in-law, Angelo Casale of Westerly; 3 siblings were predeceased: John Lombardo, Mary Casale & Gaspar Lombardo; and many nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours are respectfully omitted. A Funeral Liturgy will be held at St. Mary’s Church, 95 Main St., Stonington on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. Burial will follow at St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the St. Michael’s Church Building Fund. Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly is in care of the arrangements. For online condolences please visit www.gaffneydolanfuneralhome.com.
Gordon Thomas

West Lebanon, N.H. —

The son of Earle and Helen Thomas of Rye, N.Y., Gordon graduated from Rye High School before matriculating at Dartmouth College. Gordon graduated with the esteemed Dartmouth Class of 1949 and then continued his post-graduate education at Columbia University, where he received his law degree.

Gordon retired to Norwich, Vt., after serving many years as the vice president and general counsel of ITT Continental Baking Co. in Harrison, N.Y. In retirement, Gordon traveled extensively, played tennis and paddle tennis, and sang with the Men's Glee Club of the Upper Valley. Gordon also dedicated countless hours to a wide array of volunteer organizations in the Upper Valley and beyond. He was a friend to many and respected by all.

Gordon was predeceased by his wife of 42 years, Doris (Aakervik) Thomas.

He is survived by his wife of eight years, Patricia (Dumke) Thomas and her family. Gordon is also survived by his daughter, Krista Corr; son-in-law, Barton Corr; and granddaughters, Julia and Megan Corr of Newton, Mass.; his daughter, Alix Jenkins and son-in-law, John Jenkins, of Hillsborough, N.C.; his sister, Joanne Macomber and her family of Marblehead, Mass.; his sister, Betsy Amin-Arsala and her family of Washington, D.C.; goddaughter, Carol Mohn of Marblehead, Mass.; and goddaughter, Susan Granstoffer of Gatlinburg, Tenn.

A celebration of life for friends and family will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013, at the top of Hopkins Center, Hanover, N.H.

To view an online memorial and or send a message of condolence to the family, please visit www.rand-wilson.com

Arrangements are under the direction of the Rand-Wilson Funeral Home of Hanover, N.H.
Margarethe Thomas

Stonington — Margarethe Z. Thomas, "M", died on Tuesday, March 7, in Waterford.

She was born in New Castle, Pa., on March 9, 1939, to Emily Louise (Dickey) and George Brown Zahniser.

 Margarethe Brown Zahniser graduated from the Winchester Thurston School, Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1957. She graduated from Connecticut College in 1961 with a bachelor of arts degree in art history. After college she worked as a college counselor at Miss Porter’s School and in admissions at Connecticut College.

Mrs. Thomas was a local Stonington real estate agent for 30 years. She founded and operated Noah’s Art, a little art gallery at Noah’s Fine Foods in Stonington, for nearly 30 years.

She was a member of the Wadawanuck Club in Stonington for over 30 years, as well as an active member of the Stonington Dingy Club serving as race committee chairman since 1983. She was also a member of SVIA (Stonington Village Improvement Association). Mrs. Thomas was an avid bridge player, gourmet cook, and gardener.

She is survived by her son, Stirling H. Thomas III, and his wife, Donna D. Thomas, and grandchildren, Mackenzie, age 6, and Emma, age 4; and her daughter, Elizabeth H. Cano, her husband, Fernando Cano Gil, and grandchildren, Ana Maria, age 4, and Fernando Benito, age 2. She is also survived by her sister, Emily Louise Z. Baldridge, and her husband, Jerald Baldridge.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 11, at 11 a.m. at Calvary Church (Episcopal), Stonington. Burial will follow in the Calvary Memorial Garden and a reception will follow the services.

Donations in her memory may be directed to Calvary Church, Episcopal, 27 Church Street, Stonington CT 06378.

To send the family an online condolence, please visit www.montofuneral.com.
TUES. 8/26/58

Service Conducted
For Mrs. Thomas

STONINGTON — Funeral services for Mrs. Marguerite Brooker Thomas, 76, of Water St., Stonington, who died Saturday, were held yesterday afternoon at the Shea Memorial Home, Mystic. The Rev. Carleton E. Worcester, pastor of the United Church, Stonington officiated.

Burial was in Stonington Cemetery where the Rev. Mr. Worcester read the committal service. The bearers were John Dodge, Edward P. York, Jr., Henry R. Palmer, Ernest Post, Chester Nyman and Frank Crowley.
Richard Thomas
Stonington — Retired Coast Guard Capt. Richard Marvel Thomas, 70, of New York City, formerly of Diving Street, Stonington, died Sept. 17 at the Wetherly Nursing Home following a lengthy illness.

He was born on May 29, 1929, in Greenwich, the son of William Andrew Thomas III and Harriet Marvel Thomas.

He married the former Jean Elizabeth Hewitt of Darien and New York City.

Capt. Thomas was a 1951 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy. He received a law degree with honors from The George Washington University.

He served as the Coast Guard General Court Martial Judge in the eastern half of the United States. He was one of the first graduates of the Judge Advocate Generals School at the University of Virginia’s newly created course to instruct military judges in their responsibilities mandated by the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Capt. Thomas was the commissioning officer for the cutters Cape Fox and Durable, and also commanded the Legare and Frederick Lee. He served temporarily with the State Department as the U.S. spokesman to the Inter-Governmental Maritime Organization in London.

Capt. Thomas was a former chairman of the Committee on Regulations and Matters concerning the Coast Guard of the Maritime Law Association, former member of the American Bar Association advisory committee on legal assistance for servicemen, the Navy League of the United States, former member of the Greenwich Representative Town Meeting and former chairman of the Board of Deacons of the Potomac Presbyterian Church in Maryland.

He was a member of the Bar of the District of Columbia, New York, Missouri, the Court of Military Appeals and the United States Supreme Court.

Capt. Thomas served as the first Chief of the Rules of the Road Branch, a new position enabling the Coast Guard to assist in the development of a single set of navigational rules for United States waters.

After retirement, he served as an associate at the admiralty law firm of Haight, Gardner Poor and Havens in New York City.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Heather Fletcher Thomas of Darien; a brother, William duBarry Thomas of Convent Station, N.J.; and two grandsons. His son, William Andrew Thomas II of New York City, died in a boating accident two days after him.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Oct. 16 at the Coast Guard Academy Chapel, 47 Mohegan Ave., New London. The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Oct. 20 at the Chapel at Mt. Myers in Arlington, Va.

Burial with full military honors will follow in Arlington National Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Coast Guard Academy Legal Library, 47 Mohegan Ave., New London, CT, 06320-8111.

The Byles-New London Memorial Home, 99 Huntington St., New London, is in charge of the arrangements.
William Thomas II

Stonington — William Andrew Thomas II, 34, of New York City, formerly of Diving Street, Stonington, died Sept. 19, in a boating accident in Lloyd Harbor, N.Y.

He was born on Oct. 4, 1964, the son of Richard Marvel Thomas and Jean Hewitt Thomas of New York City.

Mr. Thomas was a musician and composer, as well as a computer consultant for the banking and investment community. He was a chorister at Washington Cathedral under the direction of Douglas Major.

He also sang at the Kennedy Center, the White House and was a soloist at Wolf Trapp with the Metropolitan Opera.

Mr. Thomas attended classes with the director of the Kings College Choir, Cambridge, England, and Mstislav Rostropovich. He played piano competitively and studied with Yida Novick in Bethesda, Md.

Mr. Thomas attended St. Albans School in Washington, D.C., and graduated from New York University with a bachelor’s degree in psychology.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by a sister, Heather Fletcher Thomas of Darien.

He was predeceased by two days by his father, retired Coast Guard Capt. Richard Marvel Thomas.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Oct. 16 at the Coast Guard Academy Chapel, 47 Mohegan Ave., New London.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Albans School, Mt. St. Alban, Washington, D.C., 20016.

The Byles-New London Memorial Home, 39 Huntington St., New London, is in charge of the arrangements.
Kris Thomason Killed in Mishap

Kris Thomason, 13-year-old son of Major and Mrs. Robert T. Thomason (USAF Ret.) was killed Friday evening while delivering newspapers in his hometown, Eagle River, Alaska.

Kris was the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Thomason of 6 Isham St., Mystic, formerly of Stonington.

Maj. Thomason, a former Stonington resident, now lives on Whirlaway Road, Eagle River.

Mrs. Thomason is the former Ellie Faulk of Palmer, Alaska.

Kris is also survived by a 15-year-old brother, Robert Jr., and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Faulk of Arizona.

According to the family, Kris, as is customary in Alaska for a 13-year-old, was delivering his papers on a motorcycle in a rural area when he was struck and killed by an automobile.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete but will be held in Palmer, Alaska.

Marguerite Thomas Dies at Hospital

STONINGTON — Mrs. Marguerite Brooker Thomas, 78, wife of Harry P. Thomas of Stonington, died late Saturday afternoon at Westerly Hospital where she had been a patient since Aug. 12.

Mrs. Thomas was born in Burrville, Conn., May 24, 1892, daughter of Warren and Abigail Blakeley Brooker, and had been a resident of Stonington since she was married to Mr. Thomas 52 years ago.

She was a member of Ruth Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Barbara Freitchie Council, Daughters of America; Congregational Ladies Aid Society, and the Women's Guild of the United Church. She was a member of the Second Congregational Church here.

Besides her husband, her only other survivor is a son, Capt. Elwell B. Thomas of Stonington.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. tomorrow at Sheep Memorial Home, Mystic. Burial will be in Stonington Cemetery.

THOMAS — In Westerly, R.I. Aug. 25, 1894, Marguerite B. Thom- a son of Harry P. Thomas of Stonington, Conn., aged 78 years.

Funeral services Tuesday, Aug. 31 at 7 P.M. from the Sheep Memorial Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, interment in Stonington Cemetery. There will be no calling hours.
Carl Edward Thompson

Carl Edward Thompson, 86, died peacefully Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2008, at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital, surrounded by his family.

Carl was born June 23, 1922, in Mystic, the fourth of six sons born to James and Mamie (McDonough) Thompson. He was predeceased by his wife Jacqueline in 1999. Carl's brothers Donald, James, Leonard, Lawrence, and John predeceased him. He is survived by his brother Robert of New Haven.

Carl grew up in Stonington, and, as a teenager, began working for the Cottrell Company, a printing press manufacturer.

He joined the United States Marine Corps in 1941 and served on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific. He was among those veterans from Stonington who were recently honored for exemplary service in World War II by Connecticut Secretary of State Susan Bysiewicz.

After the war, he worked for the Harris Seybold company, and, while working in Chicago, Ill., met and married Jacqueline (Johnson) Thompson. He and his wife lived in Stonington until they moved to California, where Carl became West Coast Regional Service Manager for The Miehle Company, a printing press manufacturer subsidiary of Rockwell International. He and Jacqueline raised their family in Mill Valley, Calif., and later returned to the East Coast, where Carl became the East Coast Regional Service Manager, living in both New York and Pawcatuck.

Carl leaves five children: Patrice Thompson and her husband, Jonathan Loiacono of San Francisco; Curtiss Thompson and his wife, Carla Thompson of Pawcatuck; Cecile Thompson of Pawcatuck; Carlotta Hartsough of Davis, Calif.; and Vincent Thompson and his wife, Lisa Thompson of Waterford. In addition, he leaves eight grandchildren: Dr. Gabriel Loiacono of Jamestown, N.C.; Katherine Brion of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Daniel Hartsough and Jacqueline Hartsough of Davis, Calif.; Joseph Loiacono of San Francisco; Anna Thompson of Waterford; and Haley and Angela Thompson of Pawcatuck; and two great-grandchildren, Nicholas Brion and Izabella Loiacono.

A third great-grandchild is expected next month.

Carl and his wife, Jacqueline, loved dancing and music, and greatly enjoyed the local jazz scene. He was also a loyal audience member whenever his sons and daughters played music in local venues. In his willingness to look to the future with energy and hope, even during his illness, he remains an inspiration to his family.

Calling hours will be Friday, Oct. 24, from 5 until 8 p.m. at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route One, Mystic. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. Everyone is asked to go directly to church Saturday morning.

Burial will follow at St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck. The family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for directions and the online guest book.
Fisherman, artist, tale spinner
Ellery Thompson is dead at 87

STONINGTON — Ellery Thompson, artist, author and story-teller, who once described himself as "the last of the Yankee fishermen," died today at the Colchester Convalescent Home. He was 87.

Thompson, the subject of a New Yorker magazine series in the early 1950s, later recalled his life in a book titled "Draggerman's Haul," which described more than 50 years as a Stonington fisherman.

Although he never married, he once mused that his fishing boats were like a wife to him. Other works by Thompson include the book "Come Aboard the Draggers," and he wrote a column for The Day called Born to Fish.

Thompson's paintings of New England fishing scenes, many of which featured Latimer Light and other coastal landmarks, are prized among marine art collectors. Doctor's orders forced him to retire from the sea after 50 years.

Thompson fished in the days of fishing plenty, and later lamented the reckless assault of modern fishermen on the once abundant crop.

Marian Krecpio, who cared for Thompson during his later years, said his paintings gained wide attention through the Mystic Seaport, where he had been employed as a story-teller.

His paintings today hang at the Seaport, New Bedford Museum in New Bedford, Mass., and other public buildings.

Thompson's brother, Morris, was lost at sea off Point Judith in the 1930s. The tragedy later became one of Thompson's most dramatic stories.

He was the commentator on a television documentary on the 1938 hurricane. He lived most of his life in Stonington, Mystic and Nounk, and was a member of the Shriners.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.
Malcolm Thompson
Mystic — On Jan. 21, 2003, Malcolm Edward Thompson, son of Leon Edward Thompson and Helen Ulrich, died of emphysema. He is survived by his stepfather, Edward Tobin of Tequesta, Fla.; his sister, Janice Thomas of Miami, Fla.; his sister, Lee Albright of Rockwall, Texas; his two sons, Cameron Thompson of Nashua, N.H. and Ryder Thompson of Stonington; and their mother, Caroline Thompson of Mystic. Malcolm was born on June 6, 1928 in Bronxville, N.Y. He spent some of his childhood in Hampton, N.H., but most of it was spent in Manhattan. He attended high school at Brooklyn Tech and Bronx High School of Science. On his 17th birthday he enlisted in the U.S. Naval Aviation Cadet Program. After completing Aviation Officer Candidate School, he entered the Navy Flight Training Program. Upon graduation in 1948 he earned his commission as an Ensign. He was assigned to Air Group 17 and was based at NAS Quonset Point, R.I. and Jacksonville, Fla., flying TBM Avengers. He served on several aircraft carrier tours. He became a naval flight instructor in Pensacola, Fla., teaching in the North American SNJ. Other aircraft he flew included the Douglas AD-1 Skyraider. He was also briefly a CIC Officer aboard the USS Roosevelt in 1952. During his commission he studied at Hampton-Sydney College in Virginia and Duke University. He resigned from the Navy and was discharged in 1954, after 9 ½ years of service.

Malcolm returned to New York and enrolled in the Art Students League, studying under Frank J. Reilly for 3 ½ years. He joined an illustrator's studio in 1957 doing covers for paperbacks. He commenced painting portraits in Westchester, Long Island, and Philadelphia. When the studio in which he painted was torn down to make room for the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, he took a flying job with Seven Seas Airlines. In 1960 he flew around the world, mid-east, and Africa. He switched to Inter-Ocean Airways in 1961 and flew DC-4's under contract for the United Nations in the former Belgian Congo at Leopoldville. Malcolm briefly quit flying in 1962-63 and moved to Paris. He had a painting studio there for several years, and attended both the Académie de la Grande Chaumière and the Alliance Française as a serious art student. Malcolm returned to New York in 1964 and resumed portrait painting. In 1967 he took a flying job with Trans Caribbean World Airways, where he was made Captain flying Boeing 727s. In 1969 he moved to Guilford. His airline was bought out by American Airlines, with whom he continued flying 727s.

Malcolm moved to Stonington in 1971-72. He bought a 72-foot schooner in Newfoundland in 1980 and sailed it to Stonington. Shortly thereafter he moved aboard it with his two sons and docked the "Pursuit of Happiness" in downtown Mystic. He used it as a floating art gallery, displaying his paintings on cool summer afternoons. He retired from American Airlines in 1988, and lived and worked aboard the boat until 1989 when he became too ill with emphysema and was forced to sell.

Per Malcolm's wishes, there will be no funeral. However, his family will be holding a memorial gathering this Saturday from 8 to 9 p.m., January 25, 2003, at the German Club, 54 Greenmanville Ave. (Route 27), Mystic. All are welcome.

Contributions in his memory may be made to Hospice of S.E. Connecticut, Inc. P.O. Box 202, Uncasville, CT 06382.

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

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Robert Thompson

Mystic — Robert Francis Thompson, 90, died on Monday, Oct. 17, 2011, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital. He was the third of six sons born to James and Mary Thompson. He was predeceased by his brothers, Donald, James Leonard, Carl, Edward, Lawrence Henry and John McDonough Thompson.
He was born on Haley Street in Mystic on Oct. 27, 1920. He lived at Apple Rehab on Broadwary, near the house where he was born.

His boyhood was spent in Mystic, Stonington and Pawcatuck. As a teenager, he traveled to Durango, Colo., to work in the Civilian Conservation Corps, and he developed a love of travel. He served in the Merchant Marine during World War II, working in the boiler room of a ship and visiting many ports, including the Persian Gulf. He worked on the railroad and the Velvet Mill, drove a truck, picked oranges, and did lumber work. At 6 feet, 6 inches, he was nicknamed “Stretch.”

Robert traveled the country and worked in a variety of occupations, including that of laborer and truck driver. He worked at various construction sites. Known for his fearless confidence, he once climbed down a well to retrieve a bundle of live dynamite. He hopped freights and hitchhiked at a time when such forms of travel were more common, covering great distances in search of work.

Bobby Thompson lived a long, colorful life with an easy smile, little stories about people and places he’s been, a few tall tales, quiet faith and a shared enjoyment of a good cup of coffee. He lived the American Twentieth Century as the guy with a shovel in his hand and a poem in his heart. He sailed freighters to far-off lands, labored for the railroads, laying track and blasting rock. He was a steeplejack, truck driver and boxer. Bobby hopped freight trains all over America and could tell you about a little diner along the way, or a bridge he used to swim off of on a little stream somewhere. He would occasionally come home to Stonington for a while and maybe have dinner with one of his brothers, and then stick his thumb in the wind for another adventure.

More recently than he should have, Bobby was known to celebrate the lost art of hitchhiking. As Bobby said to his brother Lennie at Lennie’s funeral, we say “So long, Bobby.”

Robert had been a communicant at St. Mary’s Church in New Haven, where he lived before returning to Mystic. In New Haven, he often went to Clare’s Corner Cornucopia, where he enjoyed the paintings and murals. An accomplished primitive artist, Robert’s work was exhibited at the Groton Public Library in the 1980s. Robert composed many poems and knew many songs, which he would recite or sing for his nieces and nephews. He continued to draw and, in the last few months of his life, would repeatedly draw a picture of Jesus. He was a man of faith who often recited the prayers of his Catholic youth.

Robert is survived by his cousins, Mildred McDonough of New London and William McDonough of Waterford. He is survived also by five nieces and two nephews, Patrice Thompson of San Francisco, Cecile Thompson of Pawcatuck, Carlette Hartsoough of Davis, Calif., Lauren Magrudier of Portsmouth, R.I., Diane Thompson of Stonington, Curtiss Thompson of Pawcatuck, and Vincent Thompson of Waterford. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren and nieces, Dr. Gabriel Loiacono of Oshkosh, Wis., Joseph Loiacono of Santa Cruz, Calif., Daniel Hartsoough of Davis, Calif., Katherine Brion of Ann Arbor, Mich., Jacqueline Hartsoough of Santa Barbara, Anna Thompson of Waterford, Haley Thompson of Pawcatuck, Angela Thompson of Pawcatuck, Hilary Magrudier of Providence and Abigail Magrudier of Boston. He is also survived by five great-grand-nieces and nephews, Nicholas, Jack, and Thomas Brion and Isabella and Zita Loiacono.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 9 a.m. TODAY (Thursday, Oct. 20) at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. Burial will follow at St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck. There are no calling hours. Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave an online expression of sympathy.
Astley Thorp


Born in Pawcatuck, he was the son of the late Astley and Emma Jane Thorp. Ash was employed as a poultry worker for Arbor Acres until his retirement.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a stepdaughter, Karen Howard of Pawtucket; a sister, Virginia Birkbeck of North Stonington; and 2 stepgrandchildren.

Visiting hours are omitted. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a graveside committal service today, Thursday, at 1 p.m., in Stonington Cemetery, 345 North Main St., Stonington. Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, is handling the arrangements.

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

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William Thorp

Groton — William Harold Thorp of Norwalk passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2012, with his family at his side.

William "Bill" was born on June 8, 1916, in Westerly, the son of J. Harold and Elsie (Wilcox) Thorp, in a house at 14 Railroad Ave. He married Anita Alice Potter on Feb. 24, 1940, enjoying a long and prosperous 70 years of marriage.

Bill spent his youth in the Quamshang section of Stonington, enjoying the many benefits of a life on the Connecticut coast. An avid boat builder and sailor, he learned to love being on the sea at an early age. He carried this love of the sea well into his retirement years, cruising the waters of Long Island Sound on most summer days. Life at sea was an important part of his working career as well, where his projects took him all over the world doing important oceanographic studies.

Bill was an accomplished musician and principal trumpeter for a number of local community bands including the Westerly Band, Mystic-NOANK Band, American Legion Band, Stonington Band, Pfizer orchestra, Columbia Band and Connecticut College orchestra. He was well known for his trumpet accompaniment of Christmas caroling and Easter services in both Norwalk and Mystic. He was a frequent trumpeter soloist in both the NOANK and Mystic Baptist Churches. He continued as first trumpeter in the Westerly Band up to the age of 92, completing 81 years as a member and officer in the organization.

In his professional life, Bill was a graduate of Colgate University, working first at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft during World War II and then as a mathematician at the Navy Underwater Sound Laboratory in New London. At the Sound Laboratory, he was frequently at sea designing tests and making the measurements of sound travel in water that would later result in his creation of Thorp's Attenuation Equation, an internationally recognized predictor of the amount of sound attenuation expected of sound systems in all ocean environments. His work is documented in many texts and documents, including the Journal of the Acoustic Society of America, and is still relied on by our Navy as an accurate predictor to this day.

An avid genealogist, Bill and his wife, Anita, devoted much of their retirement years to studying their family histories. Bill was a direct descendant of Elder William Brevoort, passenger on the Mayflower and active colonial leader. An active member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants and the Connecticut Genealogical Society, he performed family history studies for many others in addition to those of his own family. He was known for his meticulous attention to the detail of those histories and for the accuracy and thoroughness of his studies.

Bill is survived by his three children, Barry and wife, Susan, and children, Brian and wife, Stephanie; and Jan, and children, Julian and wife, T. Ratliff. He also leaves nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren to carry on his memory of fine example.

He was proceeded by his father, Bill; his mothers; sisters, Elizabeth Bennett and Frances Smith; his son-in-law, James S. Ratliff; and a grand-daughter, James William Ratliff. His family will greet relatives and friends from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at the Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., historic downtown Mystic, with a reception to follow. Private interment will precede at Elm Grove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mystic Seaport, 185 Pequot Avenue, Mystic, CT 06355, or another worthy organization of the donor's choosing.

For information, directions, or to share a note of remembrance, please visit www.dinotfuneral.com.
Philip Pendleton Thorpe died peacefully April 26, 2010, surrounded by his family. He was 81.

He was born in 1929 in Glen Ridge, N.J., to Harold and Elisabeth (Robinson) Thorpe. He graduated from The University of Rochester in 1951 with a degree in business. He was a member of DKE.

After graduation, he joined the Air Force as an aviation cadet where he earned his wings and loved to spend time chasing F80 Shooting Stars around the beautiful blue skies of Arizona. He was heading to the Korean War when he was stricken with polio at the age of 25.

This did not stop Thorpe from reinventing himself. He married Helen Buch in 1954 and raised four children in New Providence, N.J.

He was owner and CEO of Falcon Safety Products with his brother Roy from 1955 until 1986 when the firm was sold.

After his early retirement, he became a certified financial planner, a hypnotherapist, a flight instructor and an art gallery owner in New Hope, Pa. Phil loved life, and everyone who came to know him loved him and his sense of humor.

He married Carol Hogan in 1989. They spent 10 years in New Mexico running the Sandhill Crane B&B and published a newspaper called Bridges which was a "Bridge between people with disabilities and the services they needed." In 2000, they returned east where they settled in Pawcatuck, Conn., next to the train tracks and cove where he loved listening to the engineers toot him a special hello and where he waited anxiously each year for the osprey to return to their nest by the water.

Phil was very active in Post Polio conventions and fighting for the rights for people with disabilities. He had a searching spirit, a curiosity about how things work, an ability to draw, a love for airplanes and his old boat "The Shangri La."

He was predeceased by his father, Harold, mother, Elisabeth; stepmother, E lberta; and brother, Roy.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Ann Hogan; daughter, Susan Thorpe Cestare and husband Russell, daughter Anne Thorpe Crespo, daughter Carol Thorpe Amonica and husband Roger, son Philip Jr. and wife Katri, stepdaughter Kerry Morton and husband David, a brother Harold and six grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 1, 2010, at 11 a.m. at United Church of Stonington, 67 Main St., Stonington, Conn. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Burial will be private.

His family requests in lieu of flowers memorial donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project: www.woundedwarriorproject.org or to Fisher House at www.fisherhouse.org. You may also visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for information or to leave a note of condolence for his family.

Mystic Funeral Home
Mrs. Bessie Tillinghast
Of Wequetequock, Dead

Mrs. Bessie Daisy (Palmer) Tillinghast, 77, wife of the late George D. Tillinghast, died unexpectedly yesterday at her home, 224 Elm Street, Wequetequock.

A daughter of the late Charles and Lily (Chapman) Palmer, she was born in Clark's Falls on March 22, 1885.

Mrs. Tillinghast was a member of the Central Baptist Church.

Surviving are three sons, Delbert P. Tillinghast and Archie C. Tillinghast of Wequetequock and Lawrence P. Tillinghast of North Stonington; two daughters, Mrs. Louella Roessler and Mrs. Ruth T. Zech, both of Wequetequock; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held at the Harvey W. Buckler Funeral Home, 121 Main Street, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. John Elliott, D. D., former pastor of the Central Baptist Church, will officiate. Interment will be in Union Cemetery, North Stonington.

TILLINGHAST (Suddenly) — In Wequetequock, Conn., August 16, 1962, Bessie D. (Palmer) Tillinghast, wife of the late George D. Tillinghast.

Funeral services will be held from the Harvey W. Buckler Funeral Home, 121 Main Street, Sunday, August 19, at 2 p.m. Interment in Union Cemetery, North Stonington. Relatives and friends are invited. Friends may call at the funeral home Friday and Saturday evening 7-9.

WIMPFHEIMER — In Stonington, Conn., August 16, 1962, Clarence A. Wimpfheimer, husband of Beatrice (Booth) Wimpfheimer, aged 69.

Funeral service will be held at the Calvary Episcopal Church, Stonington, on Sunday, August 19, at 2 p.m. Interment will be in Stonington Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Mystic Marine Historical Association.
Delbert Tillinghast Jr.

Stonington — Delbert Palmer "Skip" Tillinghast Jr., 62, of 908 Stonington Road, died Monday at his home.

Mr. Tillinghast was born May 4, 1935, in Westerly, the son of the late Delbert P. Sr. and Iona Jewett Tillinghast.

He was a graduate of Stonington High School. He began his career as an apprentice at the former Cottrell Co. in Pawcatuck. As a young man, he worked as a waiter at the former Greenhaven Inn in Pawcatuck.

He was employed as a designer in mechanical design at Electric Boat Division before being promoted to supervisor five years ago. He was member of the Marine Draftsmen Association for 30 years.

Mr. Tillinghast was a Cub Scout leader and coached in both the Westerly and Pawcatuck Little League Associations.

He enjoyed saltwater activities and often clammed for quahogs and steamers around Sandy Point.

He was a communicant of St. Mary’s Church, having formerly been a member of St. Pius X Church in Westerly, where he served as a lector and religion teacher. He was also a charter member of the Rhode Island Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

In addition to his wife of 42 years, Elizabeth Carey Tillinghast, he is survived by four sons, Robert P. Tillinghast of Westerly, Daniel M. and Timothy J. Tillinghast, both of Pawcatuck, and Delbert P. "Bert" Tillinghast III of Groton; two daughters, Debbie A. Urso and Cheryl L. Allen, both of Westerly; a sister, Patricia Lyons of Rowayton, and 11 grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday in St. Mary’s Church, followed by burial in St. Sebastian Cemetery in Westerly. There is no procession from the funeral home. Calling hours are 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly.
Mr. Tillinghast; 
retired engineer

STONINGTON — Delbert Palmer Tillinghast, 70, of 322 Stonington Road, Wequetequock, a retired mechanical engineer of the New London Naval Underwater Systems Center, died Thursday at his home.

A lifelong resident of Stonington, he retired from the sound lab in 1972 after 30 years of service.

Mr. Tillinghast was a president of the Pawcatuck Golden Agers, a charter member of the Wequetequock Volunteer Fire Department, a member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Mystic Senior Citizens, Stonington Community Center and the Elderly Nutrition Project Council of Norwich.

A native of Stonington, he was born July 18, 1907, the son of George D. and Bessie Palmer Tillinghast.

His first wife, Anne Iona Jewett Tillinghast, died in 1961. He married the former Marlon Algier Smith Burdick Nov. 26, 1972.

Besides his wife, survivors include a son, Delbert P. Tillinghast Jr. of Westerly; a daughter, Mrs. Patricia Lyons of Rowayton; two brothers, Archie C. of Norwich and Lawrence P. Tillinghast of North Stonington; two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Zech of Wequetequock and Mrs. Louella Roessler of Norwich; and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Flynn Funeral Home, Mystic. Interment will be in Union Cemetery, North Stonington.

Calling hours are 7 to 9 tonight.
Obituaries

Esther A. Tillinghast
Lifelong area resident

NORTH STONINGTON — Esther Arlene Drake Tillinghast, 68, of Clarks Falls Road, died Thursday evening, Aug. 14, at The Westerly Hospital.

She was born Oct. 23, 1928, in Preston, the daughter of the late Walter and Mary Ann Bromley Drake.

She was a lifelong resident of the area. She married Benjamin Tillinghast on Nov. 20, 1946.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Tillinghast is survived by eight sons, Robert Tillinghast Sr. of Pawcatuck; John Tillinghast of Montville; Edward Tillinghast of Ledyard; Danny, David and Roy Tillinghast, all of Stonington; Raymond Tillinghast of North Stonington; and James Tillinghast of Massachusetts; one daughter, Gail Tillinghast of Jacksonville, Fla.; three brothers, Paul Hill of North Carolina; Dave Hill of Westerly, R.I.; and Jessie Hill of North Stonington. 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held Wednesday, Aug. 20. Burial is in Pendleton Hill Cemetery, North Stonington. Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, was in charge of arrangements.
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George Tillinghast

Stonington — George Ellsworth Tillinghast, 97, of Academy Point, Mystic, died on May 6, 2006, at The Westerly Hospital in Westerly, R.I.

He was born on Jan. 12, 1909, in West Mystic, the son of the late Andrew E. and Susan (Brown) Tillinghast. He was a graduate of Mystic Academy and attended Stonington High School.


George grew up in Mystic and as a young man started his career engaged in painting automobiles. He eventually gravitated toward the screen-print textile industry and spent the major portion of his working life as a foreman at Handcraft Textile Co. in Plainfield. George retired in 1974 and for many years devoted his time to his hobby of refinishing antique furniture.

When he first married in 1934, George moved to Norwich and resided there until 2001 when he moved to Academy Point in Mystic. He spent many enjoyable years at Academy Point, an assisted living facility located in the building that formerly housed his alma mater, Mystic Academy. He will be remembered by his family and many friends as a pleasant and gracious gentleman who thoroughly enjoyed the company of others.

He is survived by two sons, Wayne G. Tillinghast of Groton Long Point, George E. Tillinghast Jr., of Glastonbury, a daughter, Isabelle A. Raines of Sterling, Va., and a step-daughter, Shirley (Thornton) Bildtman of Spring Hill, Fla. He also is survived by 13 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his three siblings, Marion (Tillinghast) Brooks of Groton, Helen (Tillinghast) Panciera of Mystic, and Stuart E. Tillinghast of St. Petersburg, Fla.

In accordance with his wishes, funeral arrangements will be private and there will be no calling hours.

The Cummings–Gagne Funeral Home, 82 Cliff St., Norwich, has been entrusted with George's arrangements.
TELLLOTSON — In Westerly, R.I., June 20, 1965, Mrs. Vera Maud (Coleman) Tilloston, 77, wife of the late Capt. Richard D. Tilloston, of 19 Main Street, Stonington.

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A graveside service will be conducted at Stonington Cemetery, Route 1, Stonington, Monday at 9:30 a.m. Visiting hours are tonight from 7-9 at the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly. Donations in her memory may be made to the Salvation Army.
Bradford Tilney

Architect

Stonington — Bradford Sargent Tilney, 90, formerly of Orange, a
summer resident of Stonington for
many years, died Friday, April 21, at
the Groton Regency Retirement and
Nursing Center after a long illness.

He was born in Lynton, Devon-
shire, England, on Aug. 22, 1908, the
son of Robert E. and Rhoda Miles
Tilney.

Mr. Tilney attended Hamden Hall,
graduated from Hotchkiss Prep
School, and Yale University School
of Architecture in 1933. He earned a
master's degree in architecture at
the Cranbrook School of Fine Arts,
Dearborn Hills, Mich., in 1935 and
received his license in 1936, after
working for Pleasance Pennington
in New York City.

He was a retired Army captain,
having helped build the Lido Road in
Burma during World War II.

Mr. Tilney maintained an active
architectural practice for more than
54 years, retiring in 1992. He had
resided in Orange, Cheshire, and
summered in Stonington from 1948
until 1975.

With his partner, William F. Pedersen,
he won the competition for the
design of the Franklin D. Roosevelt
Memorial in the Potomac National
Park, Washington, D.C., in 1962. His
biggest project was the annex to the
Boston Post Office, South Station,
which spanned 14 years. His prac-
tice took him all over the world, with
offices in New Haven, New York,
Boston, Detroit, Baltimore, and Mil-
lan, Italy.

Mr. Tilney was elected to the Con-
necticut Examining Board in 1958
where he served for five years as sec-
retary. He was a member of the
American Institute of Architects,
The Rotary Club of New Haven, the
Yale Club, the Lawn Club, the Farm-
ington Country Club in Ivy, Va., the
Amateur Ski Club of New York, and
the Wadawannuck Yacht Club of
Stonington.

He is survived by his wife, Susan
Wood Tilney of Newark, Del.; two
former spouses, Josephine Toy
Collins Tilney of Groton and Rose-
marie Manger-Tilney of Orange; a
son, Timothy Collins Tilney; a step-
daughter, Karin Manger of Holly-
wood Hills, Calif.; a brother, Ralph
Brackett Tilney of Creve Coeur, St.
Louis; five grandchildren; and seven
great-grandchildren.

There will be a memorial service
at 10 a.m. Saturday at the First Con-
gregational Church on the Green
(Route 10) in Cheshire.

Cody-White Funeral Home, Mil-
ford, handled arrangements.
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Josephine Tilney

Stonington — Josephine Toy Collins Tilney, 96, formerly of Tippin Rock Road, died Saturday at Caleb Hitchcock Health Center in Bloomfield.

She was born on July 5, 1905, in Hartford, the daughter of the late Frederick Starr and Josephine Seymour Toy Collins.

She attended the Oxford School in West Hartford, and graduated from Miss Porter's School in Farmington. She also attended the Boston School of Art. She spent most of her adult life in Cheshire and Stonington.

For many years, Mrs. Tilney was an artist.

She was a member of The Descendants of the Founders of Hartford, and was descended from Richard Lyman. She was also a member of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America and a member of the Stonington Historical Society.

She is survived by a son, Timothy Collins Tilney of Newark, Del.; a half-brother, Atwood Collins II of Bloomfield; and four grandchildren.

Burial will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Hartford at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to the Duncaster Expansion Plan, 40 Loeffler Road, Bloomfield CT 06002 or the National Society of Colonial Dames of America in the State of Connecticut, 211 Main St., Wethersfield CT 06109.

Vincent Funeral home, 880 Hopmeadow St., Simsbury, is in charge of arrangements.
Robert James Tirrell, 72
Self-employed contractor

STONINGTON — Robert James Tirrell, 72, of Taugwonk Spur died Thursday, April 20, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London where he was a patient for the past six weeks.

He was born in Orange on April 30, 1922, and attended schools there. He was an Army veteran of WWII.

He married the former Barbara Beattie on Aug. 16, 1947, in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Hamden. She survives.

Mr. Tirrell was a self-employed contractor for many years before his retirement. He was a member of the James W. Harvey Post American Legion in Stonington and the Disabled American Veterans.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Shirley Peck of Niantic, Joan Gignac of Killingworth and Barbara Alexander of Tolland; two sons, Robert Tirrell Jr. of Stonington and Kenneth Tirrell of Pawcatuck; three sisters, Irene Swertfeger of Orange, Edna Techauder of Monroe and Gladys Cantrell of Ledyard; two brothers, Arthur Tirrell of Milford and Edward Tirrell of Stockbridge, Ga.; and seven grandchildren.

Burial with military honors was held Monday in St. Mary Cemetery in Stonington.

The Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Stonington Ambulance Corps Inc, P.O. Box 424, Stonington 06378.
Arturo Tiziani


Born in Mystic on June 20, 1913, he was the son of Giacomo and Amabile Tiziani.

He attended local schools and remained a lifelong resident of this area. In 1945, he married Gloria Cidale. She predeceased him in 1994.

He worked for over 30 years as a truck driver for Sonoco Company of Mystic before retirement.

He was survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Arthur and Eve Medeiros of Stonington; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Petro Tiziani and Brivio Tiziani; and a sister, Olinda Tiziani.

The funeral will be held from Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 9:45 a.m. with a Funeral Mass at St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington, at 10:30 a.m. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery, Stonington.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Stonington Ambulance Corps., P.O. Box 424, Stonington, CT 06378.
St. Joseph Cemetery.

Gloria Tiziani

Stonington — Gloria T. Cidale Tiziani, 86, of 8 Lathrop Ave., Pawcatuck, died Sunday at the Watch Hill Manor in Westerly.

She was born Feb. 19, 1906, in St. Miguel, the Azores, the daughter of the late Dennis and Gloria Santos Cidale. She was the wife of Arthur Tiziani.

She had worked as a winder at the American Velvet Co. in Stonington, and then as a pattern presser at the former Sonoco Products in Mystic.

Mrs. Tiziani was a communicant of St. Mary Church, Stonington, and a former member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Holy Ghost Society.

Beside her husband, she is survived by one son, Arthur Medeiros of Stonington; one sister, Mary Morgenstern of Stonington; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral will assemble at 9:15 a.m. today at the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Church. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery.
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TRAVERS — In Stonington, Conn., April 9, 1971, Joseph Santos Travers, 51 years of age, of the late Marcella Travers. Funeral will be held from the home of Mrs. Joseph Travers to St. Mary's Church, Stonington at 10 a.m. Interment in the cemetery of the church. Friends will be received at the suitable hours.

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Gertrude Tocker

Stonington — Gertrude J. Tocker, 95, of Stonington departed this earth on Thursday, March 22, 2012, in her home, with her family in attendance.

She was born in Germany in 1916. She immigrated to the United States from Germany in 1954 with her daughter and son. She was a valuable employee at the American Velvet Co. as an inspector for 27 years. Her passion was her garden that hosted an array of flowers along with tomatoes and parsley. She was known for her homemade strawberry and homegrown raspberry jelly that have been enjoyed and shared with friends and family all over the world.

She is survived by her daughter, Brigitte of Arizona; and her son, Gerd and his wife, Alena, of Groton; her granddaughter Kimberly and her husband, Robert, of Oklahoma; grandson Gordon and his wife, Shannon, of Arizona; three great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews in Germany.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerd; 12 siblings; and her son-in-law, Gordon A. Mankins.

She will be missed by countless friends who she felt were extensions of her own family.

Private funeral arrangements are being entrusted with Mystic Funeral Home.
Robert Toft

Stonington — Robert L. Toft, 89, of Stonington and Rocky Hill, passed away in Mystic on Jan. 29, 2009, after a several-month illness.

He was born in Minneapolis, Minn., to Arthur and Ellen (Christianson) Toft.

He graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in aeronautical engineering. Following his graduation he took a position at Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford. In 1966 he became engineering program manager for the JT9D engine for the Boeing 747. In August 1972 he was promoted to engineering program manager for all PWA programs, both commercial and military.

He continued in this position until he retired in 1977. A year later he returned to work as the vice president of engineering at the Turbo Power and Marine Division of UTC in Florida. This involved the development of an engine for the Saudi Arabian pipeline. He held this position for several years before retiring again.

As a youth, Bob was an avid model airplane builder, winning several trophies, one on the national level. His designs are still published today in model airplane magazines. In his adult years, his interests were boating, photography, and home construction.

He was a member for more than 50 years of the Rocky Hill Congregational Church and served on various boards and committees. He was also a member of the Rocky Hill Board of Education.

He was predeceased by his brother, Arthur Toft Jr.

Bob leaves his beloved wife of almost 65 years, Joyce; a daughter, Marcia Rush and her husband, Tom, of Portland; a son, Richard and his wife, Dolores, of San Antonio, Texas; and a son, Douglas and his wife, Sara, of Rocky Hill. He also leaves his former daughter-in-law, Catherine Hinckley of Chaplin; his six grandchildren, Jennifer Ladegard and her husband, Jason, Katie Mikkola and her husband, Benjamin, and Ashley Toft, all of Connecticut, and Garrett Toft, Erik Toft, and Geoffrey Michlik, all of Las Vegas, Nev.; a great-grandson, Jackson Robert Ladegard; as well as several nieces and nephews. His beloved family.

There will be a memorial service to celebrate Bob's life at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 3, at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd., Wethersfield. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Helen and Harry Gray Cancer Center, 80 Seymour St., P.O. Box 5037, Hartford, CT 06102.

For online expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopo.com.
Joseph Toth
Pawcatuck — Joseph Michael Toth, 53, beloved husband of Jane (Milne) Toth, of 16 Walnut St., Pawcatuck, died July 9, 2004 in North Stonington.

He was born Aug. 23, 1950 in Westerly, son of Martha (Mellow) McShane and the late Alan Robert McShane.

In addition to his wife, mother, children and grandchildren, he also leaves a brother, David Toth of Pawcatuck, and a sister Rhonda Montalvo of Coventry, Vt.

Calling hours will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly, R.I. The funeral and interment will be private.

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Barbara Totolis
Mason's Island — Barbara Jean
(Richards) Totolis of Mason's Island,
died Sunday, Oct. 5 at the Westerly
Hospital in Rhode Island.
She was born in Springfield,
Mass., the daughter of the late
William and Mildred Richards and
older sister to brothers William,
Thomas, and
Edward.
A graduate
of Springfield
Hospital
School of
Nursing,
Barbara
received her
master's in
nursing at
Columbia
University, N.Y.C., and, upon
completion, taught Medical Nursing
at Hunter College in Manhattan.
After moving to Ridgefield, where
she resided for 26 years, Barbara
continued a lifetime of medical
service as President and VP of
Ridgefield's District Nursing
Association. She was also Auxiliary
President and a Director of
Danbury Hospital, Head Nurse of
Wilton Meadows HCC, and
Assistant Director of Nursing at
Bethel Health Care Center while in
Western Connecticut.
Her years in Mystic saw her as
Staff Development Educator at
Mariner Health at Pendleton in
Mystic, and, more recently, Infection
Control and Staff Development
Nurse at Westerly Hospital.
Barbara was the loving wife of
Christos John Totolis and devoted
mother of Cynthia Jean and John
Thomas. She is also survived by her
two grandsons, Henry Peter and
Jack Christos Morgan of Hong
Kong, 7 nieces and 4 nephews.
Funeral service will be held at 11
a.m. Thursday, Oct. 8 at the St.
Sophia Hellenic Greek Orthodox
Church, 200 Hampstead St., New
London. A private burial will be
held in the Hillcrest Park Cemetery
Visiting hours will be held from 4
to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8 at the
Byles Memorial Home, 99
Huntington St., New London. There
will be an additional calling hour on
Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the
church prior to the service.
In lieu of flowers, donations may
be made to the St. Sophia Church
Development Fund.
Please visit www.byles.com for
directions, obituary and the family's
online registry.
Hugh H. Toulmin; senior Hartford National officer

STONINGTON — Hugh H. Toulmin, 48, of Tipping Rock Road, senior vice president and manager of the Connecticut Division of Hartford National Bank and Trust Co., died unexpectedly Monday of a cerebral hemorrhage, while vacationing at the home of relatives in the North Adirondack mountains in New York.

Prior to his appointment to vice president in April of this year, he served for eight years as senior vice president and manager of the Eastern Region of Hartford National based in the Commerce Office on Captain's Walk in New London.

As manager of the Connecticut Division, and working from the bank's head office in Hartford, Mr. Toulmin had responsibility for five regions and 56 branch offices.

Mr. Toulmin joined Hartford National in 1956.

A native of Boston, he was born July 9, 1930, the son of Mrs. J. Linzee Weld of Boston and the late John E. Toulmin.

Mr. Toulmin was a graduate of Milton Academy and Harvard College, class of 1952, and the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania.

Royce E. Gray, of North Stonington, vice president and eastern region manager of Hartford National, said, "I feel confident in speaking on behalf of our entire eastern region management and employees that we have not only lost an esteemed boss but a real friend as well. His legacy for us would be an even more inspired determination to fulfill his goals for our bank and in particular his favorite eastern region."

Other memberships included the Ausable Club, Wadawanuck Club, Thames Club, Delphic Club and the Harvard Club of southern Connecticut.

Besides his mother, survivors include his wife, Saraellel Merritt Toulmin; two sons, Cooper and Chaffe Toulmin and a daughter, Sarael Toulmin, all of Stonington; and two brothers, Peter N. of Providence and Paul R. Toulmin of Raleigh, N.C.

A memorial service will be conducted at 3 p.m. Friday at Calvary Church, Stonington.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Hugh H. Toulmin Scholarship Fund of Pine Point School, Stonington.

Active in many civic and charitable affairs, Mr. Toulmin was a former treasurer and director of the Hartford Symphony and a member of the West Hartford Board of Finance. He also served as director of the Southeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce, the Lamb Club of Lawrence Memorial Hospital and the United Way of Southeastern Connecticut.

He also was a vice president and trustee of Pine Point School in Stonington, a trustee of Lawrence Memorial Hospital, and junior warden of Calvary Church of Stonington. He was a member of the Rotary Club of New London and the Navy League. He served as a first lieutenant in the Marine Corps from 1952-54.
Arthur Townsend

Mystic — Arthur John Townsend, 77, died Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016, in New London at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital, where he spent the last days of his life in hospice due to various infections.

He was a resident of Mystic. Arthur, known to his family and friends as “Aj” and “Art,” was born on June 19, 1939 in Gowanda, N.Y. He was the only child of Holland Allen Townsend and Pearl (Tarbox) Townsend.

After two and a half years in the U.S. Navy, he studied horticulture at State University Agricultural and Technical Institute at Farmingdale in New York, where he met his former wife, Lucille Baron, with whom he remained close friends until his death.

He was a beloved special education teacher for 27 years on Long Island, after which he retired to a country home that he loved in Roxbury, N.Y.

He is survived by his daughter, Lauren Virginia Townsend, 53, of Bradley Beach, N.J.; son, Thomas Allen Townsend, 49, of Mystic; and grandson, Alexander Townsend Baumann, 23, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Arthur was a lover of nature and the outdoors. A contribution to an animal shelter or wildlife refuge would honor his spirit.

There are no services scheduled.
Sharon, Conn.—Thomas P. Townsend, 92, died peacefully on Dec. 31, 2009, at Sharon Health Care.

Tom was born on March 28, 1917, in Bryn Mawr, Pa.
He graduated from Episcopal Academy in Philadelphia, Pa., South Kent School in Connecticut, and the University of Pennsylvania.

He was a CPA and worked as an accountant and eventually as CFO for several different mining companies.

He served in the Navy as a supply corps officer on a destroyer from 1942 to 1945.

Tom lived a life of service, helping others whenever and however he could. He was particularly active in the ARC, the United Fund, and Americares. He was a trustee of South Kent School. He used his many talents in his involvement with St. Mark's Church in New Canaan, Conn., and Mystic.

Tom was an avid sailor and enjoyed cruising up and down the East Coast on his boat, Seabird. He was a competitive athlete playing tennis, golf and skiing throughout his life.

He was the father of Joanne Taber of Lakeville, Conn., Hunter Townsend of Meriden, N.H., and Elizabeth MacDon-
ald of Atlanta, Ga. His three children, his 10 grandchildren and his eight great-grandchildren will miss his brave and cheerful disposition.

He was preceded by his wife, Laura, and two sons, Tommy and Stewart.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the nursing staff of Sharon Health Care for the loving care Tom received.

Memorial donations may be made to The Pequotsepos Nature Center in Mystic.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 16, at St. Mark's Church in Mystic.

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TRACY — In Norwich, Dec. 22, 1938, Rose Durr Tracy, widow of Richard Tracy of 11 Julian St., age 82 years.

Funeral services will be held at Gager's Funeral Home (Robert E. Krodel) 65 Sachem St. Saturday at 10:30 o'clock with the Rev. Bertram Smith, pastor of the Norwich Town Congregational church officiating. Burial in the family plot in Maplewood cemetery. At the request of the family there will be no calling hours. Please omit flowers. Contributions may be made to the Salvation Army.

Mrs. Rose D. Tracy

Mrs. Rose Durr Tracy of 11 Julian St. died early Thursday morning at Backus Hospital after an extended illness. She was born in Norwich Dec. 19, 1885, the daughter of George and Mary Lang Durr. She was married to Richard B. Tracy in New York. He died in 1939.

Mrs. Tracy was a graduate of W. W. Backus hospital school of Nursing, class of 1917, and was also a member of the Backus hospital Alumni association. She was a member of Norwich Town Congregational church. Mrs. Tracy was supervisor of all school nurses in the Norwich Public School System until her retirement in 1939.

Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Eugene (Minnie) Boucher of Norwich; four brothers, John, Frank, and Henry Durr of Belle Fourche, South Dakota and Walter Durr of Norwich Town, also several nieces and nephews.

Gager’s funeral home (Robert E. Krodel) is in charge of arrangements.
Virginia Trainor

Virginia (Melia) Trainor, 88, of Noyes Avenue, Pawcatuck, died peacefully Sunday, July 9, 2006, at The Westerly Hospital. She was the beloved wife of the late Thomas H. Trainor.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael the Archangel Church, 62 Liberty St., Pawcatuck.

There is no cortege from the funeral home. Burial will follow in River Bend Cemetery.

Calling hours are today from 5 to 8 in the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly.

Donations in Virginia's memory may be made to the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center, 27 Chace St., Pawcatuck, CT 06379.

Mrs. Trant was born in Avondale, R.I., on May 17, 1910, the daughter of Elisha B. and Phoebe L. (Champlin) Gardner. She attended Enfield High School and was a graduate of the former Old Home Memorial Hospital in New London.

Before retiring in 1983, she was employed as a licensed practical nurse at Mary Elizabeth Nursing Center for more than 35 years.

She was a communicant of St. Patrick Church and a former member of the Hugo Simonelli Post VFW Auxiliary where she served as president in 1954. She was married to William H. Trant Jr. in Hartford on June 28, 1930.

Mr. Trant died in 2002.

Mrs. Trant is survived by nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by a daughter, Joan Esther Trant; and a sister, Katherine Gauthier.

A graveside service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 8, at St. Patrick Cemetery on River Road, Old Mystic. There are no visiting hours.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association of SECT, 403 N. Frontage Road, Waterford, CT 06385.

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

Mystic — Margaret I. (Medeiros) Trant, 81, of Mystic, wife of James P. Trant, passed away Sunday, Jan. 15, 2012, at The Westerly Hospital.

Born in Stonington, she was the daughter of the late Manuel and Margaret (Mello) Medeiros and was a longtime resident of Mystic.

For many years she was employed with Kellemas in Stonington and the former Hartford National Bank in New London. Her family and friends will remember her for her talented sewing skills, and she loved making all kinds of clothing from wedding gowns to alterations and homemade dolls. She also enjoyed cooking and spending time with her family.

Margaret was a communicant of St. Mary Mother of the Redeemer Church in Groton.

Besides her husband, she leaves her daughter, Maryellen McConnell and her husband, Alan, of Quaker Hill; siblings, Terry Truss of Ledyard, Lucille Wofford, and Catherine Fogerson and her husband, Sonny, all of Sacramento, Calif., and Veronica "Ronnie" Medeiros of Mystic; sister-in-law, Kathy Medeiros of Hope Valley, R.I.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by a granddaughter, Kendall McConnell, and a brother, John Medeiros.

Her entire family would like to thank Ronnie for the care, comfort and compassion she gave to her sister during her declining health.

Calling hours will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, 51 Williams Ave., Mystic. Funeral services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Friday from the funeral home followed by a Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Mother of the Redeemer Church, 69 Groton Long Point Road, Groton. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery, Route 27, Mystic.

Memorial donations may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (www.lls.org).

The family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave an online tribute.
In addition to her daughter in Maine, she is survived by two sons, Brian M. Trant of Plano, Texas, and John T. Trant of Hope Valley, R.I.; a daughter, Catherine A. Jones of Groton; three grandchildren, Rico J. Lusa of Central Falls, R.I., Amanda Lynn Trant of Cranston, R.I., and Charleen Ann Trant of Groton; six great-grandchildren; a brother, Thomas Houde and his wife, Rita, of Cheshire, Conn.; sisters-in-law Sonia Houde of Hamden, Conn., and Margaret Moniz and Lois Trant, both of Mystic; brother-in-law James Trant and his wife, Margaret, of Mystic; son-in-law Robert Jones of Groton; dear friend Jean Roderick of Rhode Island; and several nieces and nephews.

She is also survived by her lifelong friend, Leona Watrous of Noank, with whom she shared an 80-year friendship.

She was predeceased by her sister, Sr. Catherine Flaberty of Hartford, and two brothers, John J. Shea of West Virginia and Frank Houde of Hamden.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010, at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic (1 Williams Ave). A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 1, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. Burial will be private immediately following the Mass.

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

To leave an online message of condolence and directions to the funeral home please visit www.mysticfuneral-home.com.
John Jacquelin Trask, 73, Officer in Brokerage Firm

John Jacquelin Trask, a partner and vice president of the brokerage firm of Francis I. du Pont & Company from 1941 until his retirement in 1971, died Friday of emphysema at his home in Stonington, Conn. He was 73 years old.

Mr. Trask held a seat on the New York Stock Exchange from 1936 to 1969 and was a member of the exchange's arbitration board from 1956 to 1971.

Following his retirement, Mr. Trask, an enthusiastic photographer, played an active role in the development of Mystic Seaport, Conn. In 1976 he wrote a book entitled "Stonington Houses - A Panorama of New England Architecture."

A graduate of Groton School and Yale University, he was a member of the New York Yacht Club, the Society of Colonial Wars and former commodore of the Edgartown (Mass.) Yacht Club.

Surviving are his wife, the former Elsie Barber; a daughter, Elsie Wheeler; two sons, John J. Jr. and Richard; four grandchildren; a sister, Winifred Lee, and a brother, Frederick.

Rev. Daniel F. Lenahan, at 66, A Maryknoll Missionary Priest

The Rev. Daniel F. Lenahan, a Brooklyn-born Maryknoll missionary priest, died Wednesday of a heart attack in Honolulu. He was 66 years old.

Following his ordination in 1941, the Rev. Lenahan was assigned to Korea, where he and other missionaries in the area...
Helen (Rudewicz) Traskos, of Pawcatuck, wife of the late James J. Traskos Sr., passed away Tuesday, May 22, 2012, at The Westerly Hospital.

Born in Chester, Conn., she was the daughter of the late Leon and Bertha (Malkowski) Rudewicz.

She loved doing crafts, oil painting, gardening and spending time with her family and friends. She was a member of St Mary’s Church in Stonington, Conn.

She is survived by two children, James J. Traskos Jr. and his wife, Kathy, of Westerly, and Christine Banks and her husband, Kevin, of Fredericksburg, Va; a brother, Leo Rudewicz, of Chester; a sister, Frances Pitts, of Clinton; five grand-

children, Jennifer Banks-Abreu, Matthew Banks, James J. Traskos III, Jacob Traskos and Joshua Butler; and two great-grandchildren, Joslyn and Kate Butler.

Calling hours will be held Thursday, May 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic.

A funeral Mass will be held Friday, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Church, 95 Main St. Stonington. Burial will follow at Stonington Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Home & Hospice Care of Rhode Island (www.hhcri.org) or to the Visiting Nurses of SECT (www.vnasc.org).

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to share an online message of condolences to the family.
Elizabeth Traugott
Stonington — Elizabeth Ewing
Traugott, 89, formerly of Greenwich
and Stonington, died Tuesday at
Kendal at Longwood, Kennett Square,
Pa.

Born in Germantown, Pa., she was
the daughter of the late Sharpless and
Elizabeth Smith Ewing.
Elizabeth was a graphic artist. She
loved to do interior design in homes.
She is survived by her sister, Jane
Ewing of Medford, N.J.
Service and interment will be
private.
Arrangements are being handled by
the Kuzo and Gofus Funeral Home,
Ltd., of Kennett Square, a Life
Celebration Home.

DAY - 9-12-2002
Bridget Travers, 89
Communicant of St. Mary's Church

STONINGTON — Bridget Macione Travers, 89, of Water Street, died Sept. 16, at Mystic Manor Convalescent Center, where she was a resident for the past 10 years.

She was born at the family home in Pawcatuck on Feb. 9, 1907, the daughter of Antonio and Antoninette Lupica Travers. Raised in Pawcatuck, she attended St. Michaels Parochial School.

She was employed as a weaver at the George C. Moore Co. in Westerly for several years before her retirement.

She was a communicant of St. Mary's Church in Stonington. Known for her generosity, Mrs. Travers volunteered for many years as a housekeeper at the church.

Her husband, Joseph Santos Travers, died on April 9, 1971.

Mrs. Travers is survived by a brother, Anthony T. Macione of Westerly; and more than 340 nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by three brothers, James, Samuel, and John Macione; and four sisters, Pauline Manzella, Ida Manzella, Angelina Lazzaro, and Mary Ferraro.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's Church in Stonington on Wednesday, Sept. 18. Burial is in St. Mary's Cemetery. The Dinozzo Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial gifts in Mrs. Travers name may be made to St. Mary's Church, 95 Main St., Stonington 06378.
Mrs. Vera Tillotson
Of Main Street, Dead

STONINGTON — Mrs. Vera Maud (Coleman) Tillotson, 77, of 34 Main Street, Stonington, wife of the late Capt. Richard D. Tillotson, died this morning at The Westerly Hospital where she had been a patient for the past month.

Mrs. Tillotson was born on May 24, 1888, in Taunton, Mass., a daughter of the late George and Lucy Coleman.

A husband by a previous marriage, Adelbert Hewitt, died many years ago.

A long-time Stonington resident, Mrs. Tillotson worked at one time at the P.H. Opie Dry Goods Company store in Westerly, and during World War II, was employed at the Hamilton Standard Division of United Aircraft in Pawcatuck.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Fred Gould of Stratford, Conn.

Funeral services will be held at the Williams Funeral Home, 34 Main Street, on Tuesday at 3 p.m. Interment will be in Stonington Cemetery.

COMMITTEE MEETING
STONINGTON — The standing committee of the United Church of Stonington will meet at 7:45 tomorrow night in Fellowship Hall. Moderator J. Benjamin Burdick will conduct sessions.

Helen Tobiassen
Mother of Two

PAWCATUCK — Helen Tobiassen, 87, wife of Karl T. Tobiassen of Stonington Road, died yesterday at the Westerly Hospital.

Helen Tobiassen was born Oct. 3, 1901, in Austerheim, Norway. She was the daughter of the late Lina and Ole Olsen.

She was a member of the United Church of Stonington.

Besides her husband, survivors include one daughter, Telli Hansen of Pawcatuck; one son, Harry Tobiassen of Ledyard; and six grandchildren.

The Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly, is in charge of arrangements.

Helen Tobiassen

Helen Tobiassen, 87, wife of Karl T. Tobiassen of Stonington Road, Pawcatuck, died Saturday, Aug. 19, 1989, at The Westerly Hospital.

Born Oct. 3, 1901, in Austerheim, Norway, she was the daughter of the late Lina and Ole Olsen.

She was a member of the United Church of Stonington.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Tobiassen's survivors include one daughter, Telli Hansen of Pawcatuck; one son, Harry Tobiassen of Ledyard; and six grandchildren, Jon and Donna Tobiassen, both of Ledyard, Eric, Lisa, and Dara DeFosse, all of Pawcatuck, and Arne DeFosse of North Concord, Vt.

A graveside service will be conducted at Stonington Cemetery, Route 1, Stonington, Monday at 9:30 a.m. Visiting hours are from 7-9 at the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly. Donations in her memory may be made to the Salvation Army.
Joseph Travers
Dies at Age 61

Joseph Santos Travers, 61, of 117 Water Street, Stonington, died Friday at his home of natural causes according to Medical Examiner Griffith J. Winthrop.

The husband of Bridget (Macleone) Travers, he was a former dye mixer at the American Velvet Company. He was born in St. Miguel, Azores on January 6, 1910, son of Arsenio and Mary (Santos) Travers and came to Stonington in 1911. A communicant of St. Mary’s Church, he was a member of the Nina Council, Knights of Columbus, and the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society.

Surviving besides his wife are a brother, Antone Travers of Westerly, and three sisters, Mrs. Evangeline Mathews, Mrs. Isabella King and Mrs. Grace Pampel, all of Stonington.

The funeral will be at 9 o’clock Tuesday morning from the Shea-Williams Funeral Home in Pawcatuck with a Requiem High Mass at 8:30 at St. Mary’s Church. Interment will be in St. Mary’s Cemetery. Calling hours will be held at the funeral home this evening from 7 to 9 and tomorrow from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Joseph Travers

STONEINGTON — Joseph Santos Travers, 61, of 117 Water St., a former dye mixer of the American Velvet Co. mill, died Friday at his home.

Medical Examiner Griffith J. Winthrop said death was due to natural causes.

Born Jan. 6, 1910, in St. Miguel, Azores, he was the son of Arsenio and Mary Santos Travers. He came to Stonington in 1911.

Mr. Travers was a communicant of St. Mary’s Church, and a member of the Nina Council, Knights of Columbus, and the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Bridget Macleone Travers; a brother, Antone Travers of Westerly, and three sisters, Mrs. Evangeline Mathews, Mrs. Isabella King and Mrs. Grace Pampel, all of Stonington.

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

Calling hours are from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday.
OBITUARIES

Manuel J. Travers
Longtime Kellems employee, Little League coach

PAWCATUCK — Manuel J. Travers, 73, of Oriole Street, died Sunday, Aug. 24, at Connecticut Hospice in Branford. He had been admitted there Thursday, Aug. 21.

Mr. Travers was born in Stonington, Aug. 9, 1924, to the late Antone and Sylvana Sylvia Travers. A graduate of Stonington High School with the Class of 1943, he lived in the area his entire life.

On May 20, 1951, he married the former Dorothy Starr in New London; she survives him.

In World War II, Mr. Travers served in the U.S. Navy. After the war, he worked for the Kellems Company in Stonington, as head of the shipping department for 27 years, retiring in 1986.

Mr. Travers was active in community affairs. A member of the Neptune Engine Company of the Stonington Fire Department, he played as catcher for the fire department baseball team, and served as a coach of the Kellems team in the Stonington Little League. He belonged to the Portuguese Holy Ghost Society.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Theresa Hoffman of Hopkinton, and Maureen Roy of Westerly; one sister, Mary Manfred of Westerly; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a brother, Jerry Travers.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday, Aug. 27, at St. Mary Church in Stonington. Burial with full military honors was at St. Mary Cemetery.

Contributions in memory of Mr. Travers may be made to Connecticut Hospice Inc., 61 Burban Drive, Branford, 06405.
Ruth Travis-Gobeille, beloved wife of Howard L. Gobeille of 44 Pequot Trail, Pawcatuck, died Thursday, Nov. 29, 2001, at Pendleton in Mystic.

Born in Pawcatuck on Dec. 10, 1924, she was the daughter of the late Storington Police Chief Jay R. and Gladys (Nash) Travis.

Mrs. Gobeille during her lifetime enjoyed a great love for animals birds and nature. From childhood, she was often called upon to tend to neighborhood pets and ailing wildlife, having the ability to bond effortlessly with lost cats, dogs, foxes, and, most recently, an exceptionally gentle coyote she named Amaigo.

Through the years, she fed countless flocks of birds daily. She was also actively concerned for children, with their troubles and basic needs.

Most of her life she expressed her thoughts in poetry and writings; and, despite not having a college degree, she published an international monthly poetry publication and is listed in the Who's Who Internationally in Authors and Writers, 9th edition, in International Who's Who in Poetry, 5th edition, and in Notable Americans.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Judith Mousam of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Naomie Gobeille of Naples, Fla.; one sister, Celeste Gould of Westerly; and three grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, P.O. Box 902, Uncasville, CT 06382.

Arrangements by the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly, RI 02891.
Howard Trefrey

Stonington — Howard P. Trefrey, 77, of Stonington, passed away Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at home.

Born on April 30, 1934, in Newton, Mass., he was the son of the late Charles S. & Ruth (Pierce) Trefrey.

Howard, known as “Hap” to his friends and family, attended and graduated from Middlebury College in Vermont with a degree in business. While at Middlebury College he played football, and was an avid and accomplished skier.

He went on after graduating college to work for Sears, before becoming the national marketing director for Robert Hall, a national chain of men’s clothing stores before its closing in 1977. Shortly thereafter, he opened up the Yankee Silversmith, a very successful jewelry store in Olde Mistick Village.

Howard was predeceased by his wife, Cynthia, and his daughter, Cynthia T. Roberts.

He is survived by a son, Bradford Trefrey; his son-in-law, Jeff Roberts; and his grandchildren, Jason, Justin and Jonathan Roberts and Emily and Alia Trefrey.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, May 24, at The Road Church, 903 Pequot Trail, Stonington. Burial will be private and there are no calling hours.

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

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to leave an online message of condolence.
Joao Trindade

Pawcatuck — Joao (John) Daly
Trindade, age 5, of 109 Brookside
Lane, Pawcatuck, died Sunday at
The Westerly Hospital.
He was born in Wareham, Mass.,
July 16, 1999, son of Joao M.
Trindade of Bridgewater, Mass.,
and Donatilde
Waite of Paw-
catuck.
Joao had at-
tended West
Broad Street
School and
West Vine
Street School
in Pawcatuck
and had many
friends at the

Women’s Center of Southeastern
Connecticut.
In addition to his parents, he is
survived by his godparents, Jaime
and Kimberly Azevedo, aunt and
uncle, Julie and Joe Cavaiho, mater-
nal grandfather, Kenny Sylvia, and
aunts, Maria Raposa and Deolindin-
da Pimentel, all of New Bedford,
Mass.; his paternal grandmother;
Maria Trindade of New Bedford;
and aunt and uncle, Ed and Liberta
Pappa of New Jersey.
He was predeceased by his mater-
nal grandmother, Dinela Sylvia.

The funeral service will be held at
the Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1,
Mystic, on Friday, July 23, at 7 p.m.
Relatives and friends are invited to
call from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday at the
funeral home.
OBITUARIES

Peter F. Tripp, Mariner Environmentalist, Artist

Peter F. Tripp, 67, of 18 School St., Stonington, mariner, artist and environmentalist, died Saturday at the Connecticut Hospice in Branford where he was admitted on May 19.

He was the husband of Betty Richards. He was previously married to Mary (Sousa) Tripp who died in 1982.

Born July 5, 1920, he was a son of the late Roswell and Florence (Wyman) Tripp.

Mr. Tripp was a graduate of Yale University and the Brooklyn Navy Yard Apprentice Program.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II and served in the U.S. Merchant Marine aboard tankers and tugboats. He was also a lotsman at the Brooklyn Navy Yard and last worked in 1987 as a layout specialist for Metal Design of Stonington.

In 1967, Mr. Tripp illustrated "The $1,000 Yacht," which is scheduled for republication this summer. In 1969, he illustrated "The Inside Passage." Both books were written by Anthony Baily.

In the 1960s, he earned a local reputation as an environmental activist, spearheading the opposition to a proposed jetport for eastern Connecticut. He was also known as a sailing enthusiast who redesigned conventional sailing rigs.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Nathaniel Tripp of Passumpsic, Vt.; a stepson, George Cochran of Newport; two stepdaughters, Sharon Mariscal of Lincoln, R.I. and Amy Cochran of Stonington; two sisters, three grandsons; and several nieces and nephews.

TRIPP — In Branford, Conn., May 21, 1988, Peter F. Tripp, age 67, of 18 School St., Stonington and Orange Park, Fla., husband of Betty Richards and the late Mary (Sousa) Tripp.

A memorial service will be conducted at the Stonington Lighthouse Tuesday, May 24, at 2 p.m. There are no visiting hours. Memorial gifts may be made to the Stonington Visiting Nurse Association, 227 North Water St., Stonington, or the Stonington Library, or Greenpeace U.S.A., 1436 U St. NW, Washington, D.C., 20009.

Arrangements by Church & Allen-Dinoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic.
Dr. Felix Trommer

Mystic — Dr. Felix Thilo Trommer, 91, died peacefully on Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2011, after a brief stay at Essex Meadows Health Care Center in Essex.

Dr. Trommer was born in 1920, in Planitz, Germany. He grew up in Lisbon and attended Norwich Free Academy, then the University of Maryland School of Dentistry.

A respected dentist, he practiced in Norwich for 43 years. An active community member, he served on the Cancer Society Board of Directors, the Lyme Library Board and the Dental Staff of United Workers of Norwich, and as commodore of the Thames Yacht Club.

Additionally, he was a member of the Westbrook Club, the Off Soundings Club, the Rotary, and the Mt. Vernon Lodge of Masons.

He was a part owner and founder of Huntington Institute in Norwich.

He was a well-regarded outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting everything from deer to woodcock. On the first day of duck season, he would be the first in the blind. Angling salmon and trout took him all over the United States and to many countries.

After retirement, he loved to garden, travel and carve decoys and shorebirds. He had a fondness for art and was an avid collector of both antique and contemporary pieces. The extended family will miss its colorful patriarch. He lived a very full and passionate life and died peacefully and comfortably.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 57 years, Peggy, in 2008.

He is survived by his three children, Paul R. Trommer (Barbara Sosman) of Bangor, Maine, Felice T. Cressman (Michael Cressman) of Chester and Eric W. Trommer (Rosemary Wachtol Trommer) of Telluride, Colo. He also is survived by five grandchildren, Karen C. Trommer (Justin Courter), Anderson M. Reggio, Shawnee S. Adelson, Finn T. Trommer and Vivian R. Trommer; and one great-grandson, Samuel Courter.

A memorial service and reception will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 56 Great Hammock Road, Old Saybrook.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Haitian Health Foundation, 97 Sherman St., Norwich, CT 06351.

To share a memory or leave a condolecence for the family, visit www.facebook.com/norwichbulletin.com
STONINGTON.

Obituaries.

Mrs. Ann Eliza Trumbull, widow of the late John F. Trumbull, died at her home in Stonington, shortly before 1 o'clock this morning. The deceased was in the eighty-seventh year of her age, having been born at Oxford, N. Y., Nov. 22, 1809. Her father was Col. Joseph Smith of Stonington and her mother Nancy Eells. In 1829 she married John F. Trumbull of this place, and except for a short residence in New York city had spent all her subsequent life in the Borough. Of the large family of brothers and sisters of which she was a member, only four remain: Mrs. Maria Faxon and Mrs. Charlotte N. York of Stonington, Edward Smith of Detroit, Mich., and Samuel N. Smith of California. Mrs. Trumbull had fourteen children, of whom five survive her: Mrs. Henry C. Robinson of Hartford, Mrs. Ira H. Palmer of Stonington, Mrs. Dwight W. Hakes of Colchester, James V. A. Trumbull of Hartford, and Miss Maria B. Trumbull of the Borough. She was an earnest and devoted member of the Second Congregational church for many years, and her long life was filled with Christian charity. Her death came peacefully and without apparent pain. It had not been immediately expected, but her bodily condition for a long time had been feeble. Her mental faculties were unimpaired to the last, and she was conscious and cheerful in her final hours. The people of the Borough extend to the bereaved family their heartfelt sympathy. A notice of the funeral will appear later.
Elizabeth Trumbull; active in Stonington

By Linda Wyone

STONINGTON — Elizabeth Trumbull, a woman described by a family member as "her own person" and who was well-known in the Stonington Borough for her tenure on the Planning and Zoning Commission, was found dead Wednesday.

Miss Trumbull, 68, who was said to live in a tent in one room of her dilapidated house on Main Street, was found by Stonington police in what appeared to be the kitchen. Police described the house, located in an exclusive neighborhood of preserved historical houses, as piled high with trash and debris.

Francis "Frankie" Keane, owner of Keane's News Office, said Wednesday he became concerned about Miss Trumbull in recent days when he did not pick up her afternoon newspapers and when her morning newspapers, sent daily to the American Vortex Co. where she worked, were returned.

"She always stopped in nights and got her papers," Keane said. He added that he called the velvet mill and found she hadn't reported to work for a couple days.

One call led to another, and at 5:30 p.m., the Stonington Police received word she hadn't been seen in days.

Police said there was no indication of foul play. Acting Medical Examiner Dr. Robert T. Henke ordered Miss Trumbull's body to be brought to the Thompson L. Neill & Sons Funeral Home. The investigation was continuing today.

Keane said Miss Trumbull, from one of the first families of the borough, was his friend for years. "I remember her when she came to live here. She was always willing to do anything for Stonington, for the good of the town. The whole town will feel sorry when they hear about it," he said.

Miss Trumbull worked in the billing department at the velvet mill for more than 20 years. Company president Jacques D. Wimpshemner commented, "She was an extraordinary woman." He would often ask her advice on speeches he intended to make, he said. "She was a very good friend, a very good thinker. She understood what I was trying to do," said Wimpshemner.

Miss Trumbull served on the borough Planning and Zoning Commission since its inception in 1959.

Eugene E. Holland of South Street said everyone in the village knew she lived in a tent in one room of the house. "Hundreds of people wanted to buy that house. Lots would have liked to fix it up — it's an eyesore," Holland said.

Dorothy Fapp, chairwoman of the borough Planning and Zoning Commission, said she'd seen Miss Trumbull at Rialto's Market last week. She added that Miss Trumbull had asked if it would be all right if she did not attend Thursday's special meeting because she wasn't feeling well.

Miss Trumbull, with her white hair in braids worn on top of her head and always wearing trousers, rarely missed a zoning commission meeting. "She made a significant and valuable contribution to the borough through that effort," Ms. Fapp said. "She had a good balance between preservation and individual rights. She was sensitive to not telling one down the tubes for the other."

Commission member Rose York said Miss Trumbull represented the feeling of Stonington, what Stonington has always been. "We all felt she was a special person, she was very intelligent," Ms. York said.

Borough clerk-treasurer Joseph H. Furtado also lauded her commitment and said her death would be a loss to the village. "She was a very interested citizen," he said.

Henry R. Palmer Jr., a borough Burgess and distant cousin of Miss Trumbull, said: "I knew her as well as anyone else did around. No one knew her very well. I guess they all wondered about her, but everyone liked her. She was very cordial and pleasant."

In the 1960s, Miss Trumbull owned the Stonington Mirror newspaper, later named the Mystic Compass, Palmer said. "She was an excellent editor and writer," he added.

Miss Trumbull was said by some borough residents to have been related to Jonathan Trumbull, the first governor of Connecticut, but Palmer said he doubts that is true. She is more likely related, as Palmer is, to John F. Trumbull, a prominent Stonington businessman of the 1800s who dealt in whaling ships.

Borough Warden Clarence H. Maxson said everyone thought highly of Miss Trumbull. "She was very sociable," he said.

Of her unusual living conditions, he said: "She had a little room off the kitchen and she lived in the two rooms. She didn't have any bathing facilities. The sewer wasn't connected or anything. I felt sorry for her, myself."

Though the house was in disrepair, "she kept the taxes up on it," said Maxson.

A friend, Alice Powers, was initially stunned today to hear Miss Trumbull had died, then said: "She has been having one helluva lifetime with that house."

She recalled her friend as a very independent person. "I've always liked her. I admit she's been very funny. People didn't really know her. She knew people, of course. She wasn't a recluse. She didn't want people going into her own private affairs."

During World War II, Miss Powers said, Miss Trumbull used to volunteer to walk around the borough, making sure lights were out all over the neighborhood.

No photograph of Miss Trumbull was available. "She never wanted her picture taken," said Miss Powers. Miss Trumbull's sister, Barbara Gould, also said she doubts any photographs of her exist.

Mrs. Gould declined to discuss her sister's way of life, other than to say "She was her own person."

The 11 Main Street property is one of the most desirable lots in the borough with a backyard that extends to Little Narragansett Bay. Borough residents said tourists often inquired whether the "ghost house," with its windows that have remained broken for the last couple years, was for sale.

Daily reporters Michael Gray and Bill Thorndike also contributed to this story.
LAST RITES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS

LEO E. MARTLEY
Funeral services were held Monday morning in Mystic for Leo E. Martley, who died Friday at his home on Jackson avenue. A requiem high mass was held at St. Patrick's Church, with the Rev. William J. Monahan officiating. Burial was in a vicinity cemetery. Bearers were John Donahue, Robert Parks, William Fitzgerald and William O'Connell.

PATRICK MCCOURT
Patrick McCourt, a resident of Stonington for many years, died Monday at the home of his mother, Mrs. John L. Muise, on Bay View avenue in the borough. He was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, the son of Owen and Annie (McQuade) McCourt. Coming to this country in early life, he was employed for 62 years on the steamboats that in past years were operated by the England Navigation Co., retiring 15 years ago. He was industrious and well liked, and his kindness and hospitality were much appreciated.

Miss M. Cecelia Gaffney
Miss M. Cecelia Gaffney of New York, a sister of Mrs. Harry C. Allen of Mystic, died Wednesday, March 25, at her home after a long illness. She was president and one of the founders of the Wilson club, which was formed during the first world war and which supported the policies of Woodrow Wilson. Miss Gaffney was a successful writer on musical and biographical subjects and was a member of the Catholic Writers' Guild.

HORACE N. TRUMBULL
Horace N. Trumbull died suddenly at 9:30 o'clock, March 30th, at his home on Broadway, New York, N.Y. He was a member of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Trumbull, and a nephew of Miss Louise Trumbull of Stonington. He died at his home on Broadway.

Graduating from Union College at Schenectady, N. Y., he was early engaged in newspaper work. He served in the Korean War, and had a commission in the present war. The early part of his life found him a summer resident here for several years, his parents, who had removed to Hartford, having a vacation home on Elm street.

Surviving are his wife and two sons, Charles P., a graduate of the University of Virginia, and John B. Trumbull.

Connecticut College
Plans Benefit Raritan Valley

Richard Buck Wins "What About It, Folks?"

At Music Club Meeting

The March meeting of the Art Music Club of Stonington held at the home of Lena Madina on Dutchess Street. The roll was taken on a "True or False Quiz," the winner being Richard Buck. This was followed by the next club song, "The Old Man's Song," and a concert of "Jingle Bells." The usual refreshments were served.

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The March meeting of the Art Music Club of Stonington held at the home of Lena Madina on Dutchess Street. The roll was taken on a "True or False Quiz," the winner being Richard Buck. This was followed by the next club song, "The Old Man's Song," and a concert of "Jingle Bells." The usual refreshments were served.
OBITUARY

James Van Allen Trumbull, one of the best known residents of Stonington, died at his home in the borough about 9:20 o'clock this morning, in the sixty-fifth year of his age. He had been ill for several weeks, but during the last few days had shown considerable improvement, so that his death came as a special shock to his family and friends.

Mr. Trumbull was born in Stonington, September 13, 1847, the son of John Franklin and Ann Eliza (Smith) Trumbull. He was educated in the borough schools and at the Russell Military School in New Haven. He made a number of voyages to distant parts of the world during his youth, including two trips to China, with Captain Benjamin F. Cutler. While still a young man he entered the railroad business, making his home at various times at New Haven, Springfield and Hartford. After a long service in responsible capacities he was appointed superintendent of the Valley division, and later became superintendent of the Hartford division. From this post he went to the superintendent of the Providence division, having his headquarters at Providence. Later, while still with the railroad, he was made superintendent of the Shore Line division with headquarters in New London. Some years ago he returned to Stonington and made his home on Main street, where he passed away this morning.

Mr. Trumbull united with the Second Congregational Church of Stonington in 1872, and remained a member until his death. He was also a member of Asylum Lodge, No. 57, F. and A. M., of Stonington, and past master of the lodge.

Mr. Trumbull was devoted to his family and could rarely be prevailed upon to take part in outside activities. Beneath a dignified, even a rigorous, demeanor, he was a man of warm sympathies, and a great host of friends and acquaintances will testify to the cordial good will and assistance he was always ready to manifest to them. It has often been said that no officer of the New Haven railroad ever endeared himself in a larger degree to those who worked under him. No service was too arduous for him to undertake for those who had any claim upon him, and it is certain that the news of his death will arouse an instant and widespread expression of regret and grief.

Mrs. Trumbull, who was Miss Belle Burch, daughter of the late Captain Billings Burch of Stonington, survives with two sons, John F. and James B. Trumbull. The former is secretary and chief inspector of the Connecticut Public Utilities commission, with headquarters at New Haven, the latter is connected with the engineering department of the New Haven road at Boston, living at Newton Centre. Mr. Trumbull also leaves four sisters, Mrs. Henry C. Robinson of Hartford, Mrs. Ira H. Palmer of Stonington, Mrs. Dwight W. Haines of Colchester, and Miss Maria B. Trumbull of Stonington.
Tribute

LOUISE TRUMBUll

Something vital has gone from Stonington with the death of Miss Louise Trumbull. For as long as we can remember she has been an integral part of its life.

She felt a deep sense of responsibility about Stonington. You could count on her attendance at Town Meetings. She contributed to all the best interests and was the moving spirit of many of them—the Second Congregational Church Sunday School, the Camp Fire Girls in the old days, the Library, always, and in particular the Travel Club with its delightful weekly meetings which she started and furthered for years.

But it is not by her works only that she will betray her. She has been a stimulus; spicy, humorous, cultivated, warm friendly with a kind of vitality that one could rely on. She seldom showed her somber side, but she wrote them for a fortunate few.

Her mind was rarely fine, her life was well planned, and her spirit was joyous and lovely.

A.M.C.S.

Stonington has lost one of its best loved and most public spirited citizens. Miss Louise Trumbull died at her residence on Thursday, October eleventh, after a long life in which she gained the affectionate regard of all who knew her. She was a faithful supporter of the Congregational Church in the Borough, taking part in all its activities. For many years she was a leading spirit in the management of the Free Library and of the Village Improvement Association. But perhaps she may be best remembered for her work in the Travel Club, which was her creation—a club without organization or officers, at each meeting of which one of the members read a paper about a journey, real or imaginary, to some distant place, with occasional talks, often illustrated, by a visitor, on some topic of general interest. She had an independent character, full of originality, the courage of her convictions and a gay sense of humor, which is sadly lacking in this loose world of cliches where we all copy each other and do as our neighbors do. She cared not a whit what others thought—and her way was always the right way. Her death leaves void which cannot be filled.

C. M. Williams

LAST RITES

Miss Louise Trumbull

Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon for Miss Louise Trumbull, long an active leader in Stonington affairs, who died at her home on Main Street Thursday morning. She was in her 80th year and had been in failing health for a long period.

Miss Trumbull was born in Stonington on November 25, 1871, the youngest of the three daughters of Horace Niles and Mary Jane Pendleton Trumbull. Following her early education in private schools and graduation from Radcliffe she taught for several years in private schools in Rochester and Pelham Manor, New York.

Following her retirement she returned to her home here and began an active participation in local affairs. She was last member of the original girls' scout council in Stonington, was the originator and conducted the Stonington Travel Club, was on the Board of Directors of the Second Congregational Sunday School and gave generously of her time and interest to many boards and committees directing Borough affairs.

She is survived by Edna Trumbull, King of Stonington, Genesee; Trumbull Woodell of Pasadena, and Charles Pendleton Trumbull of San Pedro, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Devereaux Johnson of New York.
Miss Maria B. Trumbull 1852-1936

Miss Maria Babcock Trumbull died at the age of 83 at her home in Stonington, Thursday morning, April 30, 1936, after a long illness which had prevented her from attending to her duties as librarian and assistant librarian, affectionately known among her friends and neighbors as "Mama." She had spent her entire life in a cherished neighborhood center.

Miss Trumbull was born in Stonington on October 1, 1852, to Joseph Babcock Trumbull and Anna Eliza (Smith) Trumbull. She was for several years the only survivor of a family of 16 children of John F. Trumbull, two of them being the children of her earlier marriage to Eliza Mary (Noble) Trumbull. Miss Trumbull was educated in private schools at Stonington and Hartford, and in 1865, she went to New York City to continue her studies. She was a woman of broad interests, and her love of music and the arts was evident in her choice of activities, which included playing the piano and singing in a church choir.

High School Productions Win Praise

Faculty and Student Shows Get Big Hand at West Broad St. School

The much-heralded "Spring Fever," produced by a group of high school boys and girls' glee club, was a hit at West Broad Street School last Friday evening, with a large audience, which was most enthusiastic over the musical production. The program opened with a "Night in Vienna," presented by members of the glee club, and included a song, "The Blue Danube," and a musical number, "The Blue Danube," which were well received by the audience. The program also included a musical number, "The Blue Danube," which was well received by the audience. The program also included a musical number, "The Blue Danube," which was well received by the audience.

Stonington High Defeats Westerly

Stonington High track team which is being successfully coached by Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Foley, Jr., and Mrs. M. F. Trumbull, crossed the finish line first in the Thanksgiving Day meet in Westerly last fall. In the meet, Stonington High School won easily, with a score of 52 to 18. The meet was held at the track field at Stonington High School, and was attended by a large crowd of spectators. The meet was the first of the season for Stonington High School, and the team is expected to do well in the upcoming meets.

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Atty. Abel P. Tanner Attacks the New Deal in Republican Club Talk

Atty. Abel P. Tanner of North Stonington, once a member of the Republican Club, has come out against the New Deal policy. He has stated that the New Deal is nothing but the old stand of the Republicans. He has criticized the policies of the New Deal, including the relief program and the AAA. He has said that the New Deal is a failure and that it has not done what it promised.

Destroy Stones at Chesebro Cemetery

Every effort is being made by First Selectman Noyes, F. Farnell, to discover perpetrators of one of the most dastardly outrages that has been perpetrated in this town. Some miscreants have been busy engaged in destroying grave markers in the old Cheseborough cemetery in the Bay View district. Work has been done with the grave stones that have stood for many years. There are people in this vicinity capable of effecting damage of this kind and it is to be feared that the guilty will be punished.

Winning height, 9 feet 6 inches.
One mile run—Won by Burdick, S.; second, Grills, S.; third, Terras, W.
High jump—Tie for first between Austin, Babson, Morin, Bronson, McDonald and Mill, of Stonington. Winning height, 5 feet 1 inch.
Discus—Won by Austin, S.; second, Bryant, W.; third, Kirby, W.
Winning throw, 103 feet 6 inches.
Shot put—Won by Austin, S.; second, Babson, S.; third, Argent of W. Winning distance, 41 feet 8 inches.

Bob C. Creelman, principal of the high school.

It was far more than the “fanatic force” it had predicted to be. The high school students claim they have learned many new tricks that they had never known before, and it was quite evident that the teachers were old-timers at the business of being classroom teachers, and that the antics of their pupils are nothing new to them.

The ingenuity of the production brought a great deal of praise to the co-authors.

The evening ended with dancing to the music of the high school orchestra.
DIED

TRUMBULL—In Stonington, May 27, 1928, Miss Mary Jane Trumbull, aged 68 years.
Washington Reels Shown in Schools

On Monday and Tuesday, June 9th and 10th, moving picture reels pertaining to the life of George Washington will be shown in the Shingun Public School.

The program is as follows:
- Broadway school, Mystic, 11 a.m., Monday, June 8th
- Old Mystic school, Old Mystic, 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 9th
- Mystic school, Mystic, 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 9th
- Falmouth school, Falmouth, 9 a.m., Wednesday, June 10th
- West Road school, West Boylston, 2 p.m., Wednesday, June 10th

The school authorities are indebted to Mr. Joseph B. Hall, of Weymouth, and Mr. Stanley M. Rice, of the Museum of Modern Art, for their generous cooperation.

Mrs. Theo. Wilcox Dies of Illness

The death of Mrs. Jeanne Blyth Wilcox, widow of Mr. Charles S. Wilcox, occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Israel B. Portman, on Saturday, June 6th, following a long illness.

Mrs. Wilcox was born in Stonington, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Israel B. Portman. She was the mother of five children, all of whom survive her: Mr. and Mrs. Israel B. Portman, of Mystic, Mr. Charles S. Wilcox, of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Wilcox, of Mystic, and Miss Jeanne B. Wilcox, of Stonington.

Mrs. J. Trumbull Dies at Her Home

Mrs. Nancy Bell (Burch) Trumbull, widow of James Van Allen Trumbull, died at her home on Main Street at 3:30 o'clock last Thursday evening.

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The engagement of Miss Marquardt was announced.

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Frederick R. Sanford Is Honored at Calvary Church Reception Wednesday

There was a capacity attendance at the reception held at 3:30 p.m. on June 7th, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Rev. Frederick R. Sanford, rector of Calvary Episcopal Church, in the chapel of the church.

The program consisted of a number of readings, prayers, and music, presented by the clergy and choir of the church. The service was conducted by the Rev. John W. Osborne, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, New York.

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Lucretia Tubbs

Stonington — G. Lucretia Tubbs, 89, of Stonington, beloved wife of the late Andrew G. Tubbs, passed away peacefully Thursday, June 23, 2011, at The Westerly Hospital.

She was born in Norwich, the daughter of the late George and Laura (Palmer) Ernest, and was a lifelong resident of Stonington.

She was a graduate of Stonington High School and the Katharine Gibbs School of Providence. Lucretia worked for and retired from Amica Insurance in Providence.

She is survived by her stepchildren, Phyllis Stephan of Griswold, Marjorie Foster of Stonington, Andrew Tubbs of Groton, Audrey Tubbs of New London, Arthur Tubbs of Audubon, N.J., and Deborah Zorn of Bozrah; many grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, June 30, at the Grace Fellowship Evangelical Free Church, 102 Providence New London Turnpike, North Stonington. There are no calling hours and burial will be private.

The family invites you to visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com to share an online expression of sympathy.
Joseph H. Tucker Jr., 72, of Brookside Lane, Pawcatuck, died peacefully on Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009, at The Westerly Hospital.

Born in South Kingstown on Oct. 26, 1936, he was a son of the late Joseph H. and Yolanda (Lepore) Tucker.

Mr. Tucker was employed at The Westerly Hospital as a dietary receiver before retiring in 1995.

Joseph was a former member of the Peace Dale Congregational Church and was an avid Boston Red Sox fan. He also enjoyed singing and bartending.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Sheryl Tucker of Westerly; and his four children, Lori Tucker Mowbray of Charlestown, Stephen J. Tucker of Pawcatuck, Lt. (Providence Fire Department) Dennis R. Tucker of Narragansett, and Amy Tucker Kleever of Westerly.

He also leaves his stepdaughter, Gina Robinson Arnold of Westerly; and several nieces and nephews. He was the loving grandfather of six, great-grandfather of five, and brother of Louis A. Tucker Sr. of East Greenwich and Joan Tucker Landrie of Manchester, Conn.

He was predeceased by his sister and brother, Ruth Tucker Friel and James B. Tucker Sr.

Funeral service will be held on Saturday at 4 p.m. in the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St., Westerly. Calling hours will precede the service from 2 to 4 p.m. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Jimmy Fund, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th floor, Brookline, MA 02445-7226. For online condolences and shared memories, visit www.buckler-johnston.com.

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Frances M. Tudisco

Miss Frances M. Tudisco, 88, of Garden Street in Pawcatuck, died on Friday morning, July 30, 2004 at The Westerly Hospital.

She leaves a sister, Sadie M. Grispolo of Pawcatuck; two nieces, Rosemary M. Grispolo of Pawcatuck and Ann Algie of Westerly, three nephews, Joseph F. Grispolo of Westerly, Anthony Grispolo of Fla. and Thomas Grispolo of Fla.; and several great-nieces and nephews. She was preceded by a brother, Charles Tudisco and a sister, Josephine Larocca.

Miss Tudisco was born in Pawcatuck on June 23, 1916, the daughter of Rosario and Anna Maria (Limanni) Tudisco. She was an inspector for many years at the Bostitch Company of East Greenwich and was a member of the Daughters of Isabella and St. Michael's Church in Pawcatuck.

The funeral will be held on Monday, August 2, 2004 from Rushlow-Iacoi Funeral Home, 64 Friendship Street, Westerly, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's Church, 60 Liberty Street, Pawcatuck. There will be no procession from the funeral home. Burial will take place at the old St. Michael's Cemetery, Pawcatuck. Calling hours will take place at the funeral home on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.
Thomas J. Tuite, 32, Navy Career Man, Drowns in Suda Bay, Greece

PAWCATUCK — Thomas Joseph Tuite, 32, a resident of Pawcatuck and a United States Navy career man, was drowned yesterday when he fell overboard from the Talbot County, an LST, in Suda Bay, Crete, Greece. He was a Radioman first class and enlisted in the Navy when he was 17, following graduation from Stonington High School.

Official notification of the death came to his father, Thomas P. Tuite of 53 Gough Avenue, West Warwick, R. I., last night from Vice Adm. J. L. Holloway, chief of naval personnel.

The notice said Radioman Tuite died in line of duty.

He was born in Westerly, son of Thomas and the late Charlotte Joseph Tuite. He spent his early years in Stonington. Since the death of his mother more than 20 years ago he had made his home at 150 West Broad St. with his grandfather, John Tuite, and an aunt, Miss Helen Tuite, who is a retired Stonington school teacher.

The only other survivor is a sister, Mrs. James Rittenhouse of Old Mystic.

At Stonington High School, where he was popularly known as "Buddy" Tuite, he was active in all school affairs and particularly prominent as manager of several athletic teams.

He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He once served aboard an aircraft carrier on Admiral Richard E. Byrd's expedition to the South Pole after World War II.

Radioman Tuite saw service on practically all categories of Naval ships except destroyers and submarines.

According to his father his ship was due to return to the United States next month.

Arrangements for returning the body here have not been announced.

THE NEW LONDON, CONN., EVENING DAY, TUESDAY, 12/10/57

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The funeral of Radioman First Class Thomas Joseph Tuite, 32, of 150 West Broad St., was held from his home Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock followed by a high mass of requiem at St. Michael's Church at 10 A.M. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

Interment in St. Michael's new cemetery.

The funeral of Radioman First Class Thomas Joseph Tuite, 32, of 150 West Broad St., was held from his home Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock followed by a high mass of requiem at St. Michael's Church at 10 o'clock, Radioman Tuite, a United States Navy career man and son of Thomas P. Tuite of West Warwick and the late Charlotte (Joseph) Tuite, was the victim of accidental drowning while on naval duty in Suda Bay, Crete, Greece.

Celebrant of the mass was Rev. Francis V. McShane. Seated in the sanctuary were Rev. Anthony DeCarlo, of St. Joseph's church, West Warwick and Rev. Thomas J. Greeley, pastor of St. Joseph's Church. Mrs. Roger Vatter was the organist, Lawrence Sullivan, singing the music.

Dr. Albert R. Weis, an old student of Tuite's, was among the pallbearers. Pallbearers were Edward Bessette, Charles Holland, Jr., Alfred Kupikowski, Andrew W. Perry, Joseph T. Marle and Donald Archangeli.

Active bearers, all from the Quonset naval air station, were D. L. Perrand, J. B. Gavron, W. B. Rooney, G. M. Nagan, K. W. Edmonds and R. Osten.

The firing squad was composed of E. R. Littlefield, B. F. Thompson, J. M. Beaver, R. M. King, M. K. Chaney and C. D. Carpenter. The flag covering the casket was presented to Mr. Tuite by Lieut. Muntz Cavage.

Also in attendance representing the United States Navy was Lieut. Cmdr. Ringus Wesley and Chief Petty Officer Frank A. Murias.
John A. Turco

John Andrew Turco, 37, of 126 West Broad St., Pawcatuck, died suddenly at The Westerly Hospital on Friday, Sept. 12, 2003. He was the husband of Michelle C. (Bruno) Turco, and loving father of his 2½-year-old son, Nicolas Bruno Turco.

John was born in Westerly on June 1, 1966, the son of Martha (Rider) Turco of Westerly and the late Joseph Francis Turco Sr.

John graduated from Westerly High School in 1984. He received a bachelor of science degree in communications from the University of Rhode Island, a master of education degree from Rhode Island College and an advanced graduate degree in education and administration from Sacred Heart University.

John began a teaching career in the Groton School System in 1984. He spent the last five of his nine years teaching at the Noank Elementary School. John was completely devoted to his students, and he took a personal interest in all of them and made a positive impression on many young lives. His love for teaching always made him the first to volunteer to help a child or colleague. It was important for him that all the children be given the best care and attention possible. In addition to teaching fifth grade, John was a member of numerous committees including the Noank Respect Committee, District K-12 Science Curriculum Committee, Noank SIT Secretary and a Connecticut Education Association/National Education Association Union Steward. He also participated in the Bio Buddies through Project Learn, a collaboration to reduce isolation of various ethnic, racial and socio-economic groups.

John had a special passion for automobiles. He gained an enormous amount of knowledge about them and was always called upon for advice and recommendations. He was an avid tennis fan, playing in various leagues throughout the area. He also participated in the Dunn’s Corners Fire Department Golf League for several years and played volleyball as Eaker Point. He was also a long-time Boston Red Sox fan.

During his short life, John lived every day to the fullest. He took on the world and experienced all that it had to offer. He gave of himself without hesitation and without conditions. He touched the lives of his students, friends and family as few ever do. His spirit lives on through all who have known him.

Besides his wife, son and mother, he is survived by his maternal grandparents, Thurston and Eleanor Rider of Voluntown, Conn.; four sisters, Valerie Turco of Cranston, Mary Turco of Hope Valley, Ann Sharrard and her husband Mark of Oswego, Ill.; and Elizabeth Tetlow and her husband Bruce of Westerly; three brothers, Joseph F. Turco Jr. and his wife Yena of Oakdale, Conn., David Turco of Westerly, and Andrew Turco and his wife Donna of Westerly; his in-laws, Paul and Jean Bruno Jr. of Pawcatuck; sisters-in-law Victoria Wrang and husband Jim and Deborah Harris and husband Justin; two godchildren; Gillian Turco and Randi Parrilla; several nieces and nephews; and countless friends.

Calling hours are today from 4 to 7 p.m. at the 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 on Thursday at 9 a.m. in St. Michael Church, Liberty Street, Pawcatuck.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the John A Turco Memorial Fund at the Westerly Community Credit Union, 122 Granite St., 308, Westerly, RI 02891 or to the Nicolas B. Turco Education Fund, c/o Noank School, 42 Smith Lane, Noank, CT 06340.
Popular Noank Elementary teacher dies unexpectedly

John Turco, 37, had spent Friday on field trip with his 5th-graders

By Judy Benson
Day Staff Writer

Groton — Students, teachers and staff at Noank Elementary School are grieving the loss of fifth-grade teacher John Turco, who died suddenly Friday after spending the day on a field trip with his class and fifth-graders from Harbor School in New London.

Turco, 37, a resident of Pawcatuck, was known as an enthusiastic and energetic teacher who was much beloved by the students in his classes over the last five years at Noank and before that at other elementary schools in Groton. He had been a teacher for 10 years, and although he had obtained the educational credentials to be a school administrator, decided to remain in the classroom.

“He loved children,” said Carol Doucet, principal of Noank Elementary. “His biggest strength was his ability to connect with every child. He could always find what was special in every child, and he always saw the best in kids.”

Michelle Turco said her husband grew more committed to teaching each year, and enjoyed sharing stories with her about his students and the events of each school day.

“John’s legacy is his commitment to children — all children,” his wife said. “The more difficult the child, the better. He had a wonderful ability to connect with them. He was just a giver.”

Her husband loved the challenge of teaching fifth-graders, she said, and seemed to have a special understanding of that age group. As one of a scarce number of male elementary teachers and the only male classroom teacher at Noank, he believed it was doubly important for him to be a good role model, she said.

“It was important for him to be a positive male role model,” she said.

He built their three-family home in Pawcatuck himself and used his interest in carpentry for math lessons with his students in which they created model homes out of cardboard, his wife recalled.

One former student, from Turco’s class during his first year as a teacher, is now a technician in the Navy. He wrote to Turco thanking him for turning him from a failing student into a successful one by teaching him that there is more than one right way to master the material.

Turco had no known health problems, according to his wife. On Friday evening, after putting their two-year-old son, Nicholas, to bed, he told his wife he didn’t feel well and then collapsed. A short time later he was pronounced dead at The Westerner Hospital.

Turco grew up in Westerly and had a large extended family there.

The state Medical Examiner’s Office is performing an autopsy. Michelle Turco said the funeral arrangements are incomplete until the autopsy is completed. The Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home in Westerly will handle the arrangements, and the funeral will take place at Saint Michael Church in Pawcatuck, she said.

Doucet, the principal, learned of Turco’s death Saturday, and then spent the day calling the parents of all the students in his class. On Monday the

Noank Elementary mourns teacher

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students were offered counseling from a team organized by the school psychologist over the weekend, Doucet said.

Counselors were also made available at Cutler Middle School and Robert E. Fitch Senior High School for students who had been in Turco’s classes when they were younger.

Doucet said that faculty and students are trying to focus on celebrating Turco’s contributions and the privilege of having known him.

“He was so full of life,” she said.

His last day with his students was spent on a trip to Camp Hazen in Westbrook as part of the Bio-Buddies program, which brings urban and suburban classes together. Turco’s class met with a fifth-grade class from Harbor School in New London for get-acquainted activities. The two classes will share various science lessons this year.

Sueellen Hampton, a fifth-grade teacher at Edgerton School in New London, said that her son Christopher was in Turco’s class last year.

“The kids really related to him, because he told them stories about when he was a kid,” Hampton said. “He was just such a loving, warm person. He touched so many children’s lives in Groton. It’s a big loss to the community.”

Another parent, Patricia Semarcik, said both her daughter and son are very upset about Turco’s death.

Her daughter, Eileen, had him as a teacher two years ago, a special year for Turco because of the birth of his son. He often shared his pride in being a new father with his class. Semarcik’s third-grade son, Michael, was looking forward to having Turco in fifth grade.

“He had a huge impact on the kids,” Semarcik said. “He went too soon.”

Doucet recalled that when the other teachers at Noank began planning a baby shower for the couple, Turco shared all he had been learning about infant clothing, strollers and cribs.

“He was totally involved with his son,” she said.

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On The Court
And Off, Both
A Joy And A
A Gentleman

His older brother David, the better tennis player, sagely captured the endearing essence of the John Turco I wanted to remember to his family on Wednesday, the day of his wake.

Always the gentleman, I kept repeating, rather numbly, still seeing him out there on Monday and Wednesday nights, all these summers, including this one, on the Stonington High School courts. Ever genial and conversant. A man of serious tennis skills, and — to a fault, perhaps — persistent kindness. Never at a loss for sporting praise, whether he’d hit a winner, which was more often the case, or you did. And that laugh, wide, mouthed, generous, rangy as his lithe 6-footer’s demeanor, even in mixed doubles, back in the less cutthroat days when mixed was part of the Stonington Rec League.

John Turco died unexpectedly at age 37 last Friday night after being stricken at his home in Pawcatuck. David, seven years older, listened to me patiently. “He just lived in the moment,” David said. “Whenever you encountered John, that’s how you knew him. He was there with you.”

David Turco understood that quality in his brother because he, too, had just learned from a news story following John’s death much about John’s teaching career in Groton. “We’re a close family,” he said, “but John was not a bragger. He didn’t dwell on himself.”

John Turco, who had seven brothers and sisters, taught fifth-graders at Noanok Elementary School. Before that, he’d had been at a couple of other elementary schools during his decade of teaching in Groton. He was married to Michelle Bruno Turco, a social worker with the state, and the father of a 2-year-old son, Nicholas.

Michelle was sitting with him watching “TV last Friday night after putting their son to bed. He sat up, said something didn’t feel right, put his hands across his chest and had trouble breathing. His wife called 911 and, fearing he’d been stung by a bee, to which he was allergic, went to retrieve an epinephrine pen. EMTs arrived quickly but to no avail. The cause of death was still not known to his family on Wednesday.

Word spread among the tennis community by Saturday evening. I’d happen upon Turco from time to time away from the tennis courts, but it was playing tennis that I knew him best. Finding him across the net under the lights on a mosquito-infested July night was, indeed, a summer ritual. It was also a pleasant reunion. I’d hear about his teaching. I’d tell him about a letter his mother, Martha Turco of Westerly, had written to me at the paper. He’d laugh. I liked him. Everybody liked him. The children, responding to that friendly, animated face, absolutely did.

Jeff Nelson, who works at Electric Boat and played on the same tennis team with Turco for years in various leagues, knew as we all did, how that fondness was sometimes benignly tested. “He would always give his opponent the benefit of the doubt,” said Nelson.

“When the ball would be clearly out but much to the chagrin of his doubles partner, the call would stand.”

But make no mistake, John Turco was an able opponent. Casual and courteous as he unfailingly was, he knew the game, and he had the goods.

When he was a boy, he alone among the siblings liked to welcome people into the house by offering refreshments. “We used to say John would be a butler,” his mother said.

When he was older, the sincerity with which he greeted people wherever he met them spawned another family prediction. “John’s going to be the mayor. That’s what we’d say,” his mother said.

He became a teacher. I knew him, I keep saying, as a gentleman, and a joy.

This is the opinion of Steven Slosberg.
Frank Turek dead at 76

The whole town were friends of his.

Mr. Turek, director of the Stonington Community Center for 38 years and a member of the Board of Education for a dozen years, was known for his efforts to benefit the community, from its children to the elderly, and from the annual Village Fair in the Borough to organizations like the ambulance corps.

He also served a term on the Board of Selectmen in 1971-72. "He was an energetic fellow," Keane recalled. "He worked too hard. He gave his whole life to everything."

Mr. Turek was a resident of Stonington for 45 years. He brought him in contact with a wide variety of residents, who remembered him for his unfailing cheer and graciousness.

Stonington Republican Town Committee Chairman Robert R. Simmons today called Mr. Turek a "warm, friendly helpful person."

"Everyone in Stonington loved Frank Turek," Simmons said. "That's the only way we can express it."

Simmons said that during Mr. Turek's recent illness "Everywhere I went people would ask me how Frank was doing. I think that just reflects the love people had for him."

Simmons cited Mr. Turek's work with the Comom, his service in the Air Force in World War II and as a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force Reserves, as well as in state and local government.

"Frank was a man who dedicated his whole life to public service at the national, state and local levels," Simmons said. "This was, in my view, a very impressive record of public service that I think is virtually unequalled by anyone I know."

"Frank just gave every ounce of what he had to the people of this town and this state. We are in his debt."

Assistant Superintendent of Schools Andrew Rines this morning said he was "very saddened" by the death of a man who was a personal friend as well as a colleague with whom Rines worked for years addressing Stonington education.

"The community has lost a real leader and a good friend to many people," Rines said.

Retired Stonington Recreation Director Woodrow Douville said this morning, "I've lost a very close friend."

Douville and Mr. Turek worked on recreation projects in the town for 35 years.

"The man never knew how to say no," Douville recalled.
Memorial service on Friday for State Rep. Frank Turek

Memorial services will be held Friday at 3 p.m. in the United Church, Main Street, Stonington, for State Rep. Frank Turek, 76, of Lambert Lane, Stonington, who died Friday, May 3, 1991, in Beth Israel Hospital in Boston.

Visiting hours will be Thursday from 6 to 10 p.m. in the The Dhino Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic.

Mr. Turek was a Republican State Member representing the 43rd District of Connecticut and was serving in his fifth-consecutive two-year term in Hartford.

A native of New York City, he was born Aug. 5, 1914, a son of the late Frank M. and Helen Simac Turek, and grew up on New York's Lower East Side. He received his early education in New York City. In 1942 he graduated from Springfield College, Springfield, Mass. with a degree in physical education. He was a member of the Springfield Alumni Council.

Following his graduation, Mr. Turek enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and rose to the rank of Lt. Colonel. He served in World War II with the Adjutant General's office in Washington, D.C. and Greenland. He was a member of the New London Unit of the Air Force reserves until 1971.

He married Virginia McMinn in Spartansburg, S.C., on Nov. 12, 1942. She survives.

Mr. Turek and his wife "Ginny" moved to Stonington in 1946 when he accepted the position as executive director of the Stonington Community Center, a post he held for more than 38 years, retiring 1984.

He served on the Stonington Board of Selectmen from 1971-1972, was elected to the Board of Education in 1977 and served for 12 years. He was first elected to the legislature in 1982. He entered the race only 11 days before the election when he was asked to run after the Republican candidate, David M. Johnstone, a former Stonington first selectman and state senator, died during the campaign.

Rep. Turek was the ranking member of the House Internship Committee and was a member of the Education, Human Services and Public Health committees of the House. He also served on the State Task Force on Camping.

A long-time member of the Stonington Recreation Commission, he was active in the Stonington Athletic Boosters Club and the Stonington Little League.

Mr. Turek was a member of the Pawcatuck Lions Club and served as president from 1985 to 1986. He was a member of the Stonington Tricentennial Scholarship Fund Committee, a member of the Stonington Borough Fire Department and the Harley P. Chase Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars in Pawcatuck.

He was a founder of the Stonington Junior Basketball League and an honorary member of the Pawcatuck Little League. The Stonington High School Class of 1968 dedicated their yearbook to Mr. Turek and he was named "Citizen of the Year" by the Class of 1984. He was a member of the United Church of Stonington and the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church of New York.

In addition to his wife he is survived by a son, Roger Philip Turek of Stonington.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Frank Turek Memorial Fund, c/o Atty. Chaplain B. Barnes, P.O. Box 531, Westerly, R.I. 02891.
Deborah Turnbull

Mystic — Deborah Louise
(Harris) Turnbull, 56, passed
away March 23, 2010, after
a 21-year struggle against
breast cancer.

Deborah taught in the New
London school system for 15
years at Jennings and Nathan
Hale elementary schools. She
received her bachelor's from
Connecticut College and her
master’s in education from
Southern Connecticut State
College.

She attended St. Patrick
Church in Mystic, where in
years past she participated in
summer Bible school.

Deborah volunteered her
time with the former Mary
Elizabeth Nursing Home in
Mystic and the Food Bank in
New London.

She is survived by her hus-
band of 35 years, Frederick
C. Turnbull, and their two
children, Jennifer Turnbull
and Douglas Turnbull. Debro-
rah will be sadly missed by
her mother, Roberta Harris
of North Carolina; her sisters,
Jane Madison (Laren) and
Judy Coleman (Greg) both
of North Carolina; and her
brother, William T. Harris
(Yolenny) of Costa Rica. She
leaves many dear and loving
friends to mourn her passing.
In addition, Una and Jim Sul-
villan of Madison, Conn., Mary
Ellen Turnbull of Branford,
Conn., and Douglas and Anne
Turnbull of Monastboice,
County Louth, Ireland, will
hold her memory in their
hearts.

She was predeceased by
her sister, Anna Harris, and
her father, William T. Harris.

Her family will greet relatives
and friends from 1 to 3
p.m. on Sunday, March 28,
at The Dinoto Funeral Home,
17 Pearl St., historic down-
town Mystic. A Funeral Mass
will be celebrated at noon
on Monday, March 29, at St.
Patrick Church, East Main
Street, Mystic. Burial will fol-
low at St. Patrick Cemetery,
Old Mystic.

In lieu of flowers, dona-
tions can be made to the
Smilow Cancer Center at Yale
New Haven, 20 York St., New
Haven, CT 06510.

For information, direc-
tions, or to share a note of re-
membrane/condolence with
her family, please visit www.
dinotofuneral.com.
Stonington — Alice M. (White) Turner, 69, of Stonington died unexpectedly on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2015, at her home.

She was born on April 7, 1945, in Westerly, the daughter of Stanley Prentice and Alice M. (Clark) White.

Alice worked for many years as a CNA at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital, retiring in 2010. She was a member of the North Stonington Senior Center and member of the former North Stonington Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

She is survived by her daughter, Lisa Turner of Gales Ferry; as well as three siblings, Marshall White of Westbrook, Merrill White of Stafford Springs, and Barbara Banker of Pawcatuck. She is also survived by three grandchildren, Ashley Meardy, Lowell Turner III and Jacob Turner; and one great-granddaughter, Iris Johnson.

Alice is preceded by her son, Lowell "Buddy" E. Turner Jr., who died in 2008; and by her sister, Beverly Gordon.

A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 23, in Jordan Cemetery, Boston Post Road, Waterford. There are no visiting hours.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Old Mystic Fire Department, 295 Cow Hill Road, Mystic, CT 06355.

The DiNoto Funeral Home, 17 Pearl St., Mystic, is assisting the family.
Cheryl Turner

Stonington — Cheryl M. Turner, 54, of Moss Street, Pawcatuck, passed away at Connecticut Hospice in Branford on Saturday, March 8, 2014.

Born in Groton, she was the daughter of Mary (Lidestri) Turner of Pawcatuck and the late John W. Turner Sr.

Cheryl previously worked for Pfizer. She was a graduate of both St. Michael School and St. Bernard High School. She faithfully followed the rock group Yes and was an avid fan of the UConn Huskies and the New York Yankees.

Cheryl leaves a daughter, Annie Cappiello, and husband, Rod, and their son, Ben, of Colchester; a brother, John W. Turner Jr. and wife, Stephanie, of Pawcatuck; a niece, Jillian Hoadley and husband, Jason, and their children, Rocco and Ally; as well as a nephew, Jack Turner.

Visiting hours will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday in Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday in St. Mary’s Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. There is no procession from the funeral home to the church. Burial will follow at St. Michael Cemetery, Pawcatuck.

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

For online condolences, please visit www.gaffney-dolanfuneralhome.com.
New York — Colin S. Turner, 19, of Pawcatuck passed away unexpectedly July 25, 2019, in Lymbrook, N.Y., while on business travel. He was born March 4, 2000, in New London and was the son of James and Lynn (Smith) Turner.

He attended Stonington Public Schools and was a 2018 graduate of Stonington High School where he played football, crew and golf. He attended the University of Montana where he studied in the heavy equipment engineering program and took advantage of exploring the many national parks in the northwest part of the country.

With a strong work ethic, Colin began working during the summers of his youth and was given the opportunity with Riverbend Builders to learn how to operate heavy equipment, where he developed skills and a passion for this field. During the winter months of his high school years he would intently watch the weather for the next snow storm to see if there would be school the next day, and if not, he would be off to operate a loader for Allied, moving snow at various malls and shopping plazas in southern New England. Most recently, he began working as a contracted installer for Mahaffey where he was able to use his skills to erect large scale temporary and permanent fabric structures in various locations across the United States.

In addition to his work, Colin was a volunteer firefighter with the Mystic Hook & Ladder Company of the Mystic Fire Department and a certified emergency medical responder. Colin enjoyed saltwater fishing, boating, dirt bike and quad riding and, as we have been able to learn through social media posts, being a person who would go out of his way to help anyone within his extended circle of friends.

In addition to his parents, Colin is survived by his sister, Hannah and brother, Ryan. He also leaves his paternal grandfather, Alvin Turner of Watertown; his aunts, uncles and cousins, and a large group of friends who have been incredibly supportive during this difficult time. He was predeceased by his maternal grandfather, George Smith, and paternal grandmother, Simone Turner.

Calling hours will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, at the Mystic Funeral Home located on Route 1 in Mystic. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 2, at St. Mary Church, 95 Main St., Stonington. Everyone is asked to go directly to church Friday morning.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider donations in Colin’s name to the Stonington Education Fund, PO Box 1922, Pawcatuck, CT 06379.

Please visit www.mysticfuneralhome.com for an online expression of sympathy.
Doris Ann Turner


She was born in Newark, N.J., on March 17, 1921, the daughter of Frank and Ida Mentz Koch.


Doris spent her last years at Stoneridge, participating in many social activities and making many wonderful friends. She especially enjoyed playing bridge and was an avid golfer.

Her fondest memories were of summers spent in Spring Lake on the Jersey Shore and of traveling with her husband during their retirement. She was a former member of the Old Saybrook Women's Club and was a volunteer for the American Red Cross.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Lou (Turner) Mangano, and son-in-law, Michael of Westerly. She was the beloved grandmother of Jeff and Katie Mangano.

She is also survived by a niece, Meg Jamieson, of Florida and New Jersey, and nephew, Frank Koch of Georgia.

In addition to her husband, Doris was predeceased by her siblings, Ida Mary O'Neil and Frank Koch.

The funeral will assemble at 3:30 p.m. Monday, April 2, 2007, at Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, proceeding to a Funeral Mass at St. Patrick Church, Mystic, at 4 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend and may also call at the funeral home from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like to suggest memorial contributions may be made to Home and Hospice Care of RI, South Office, 143 Main St., Wakefield RI 02879, who provided Doris and her family with the utmost of care and compassion.

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George Turner, 58
Owned Harbor View,
other area restaurants

Stonington — George B. "Jerry" Turner, 58, of 32 Collins Road, died Tuesday at Pendleton Health Care in Mystic, after a long illness.

He was born on Jan. 8, 1944, in New London, the son of the late Howard M. and Helen Bartholomew Turner.


Mr. Turner was a graduate of Pine Point School, Winchendon School in Winchendon, N.H., and received his degree from Burdett College in Boston.

He and his wife purchased the Harbor View Restaurant in Stonington Borough in 1968, and turned it into one of the premier restaurants in Connecticut. They later opened Skipper’s Dock Restaurant in 1984, and sold the Harbor View in 1989. In 1997, they opened the Quiambaug House Restaurant in Mystic, which is now closed. Returning to the Borough in 1999, the couple reopened Skipper’s Dock, which he was currently operating.

Mr. Turner was a member of the Ram Island Yacht Club, the Off Soundings Club and the Connecticut Restaurant Association.

He was an avid Red Sox fan.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son, Alex Turner of Stonington; one daughter, Brie Tanner of Longmont, Colo.; one brother, Mark Turner of Noank; and one sister, Sarah T. Minikes of Bethesda, Md.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 1, at Mystic Congregational Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mystic Congregational Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Stonington Free Library, P.O. Box 232, Stonington CT 06378.

Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.
as restaurateurs. A fire at the Harbor View in 1980 forced front page coverage, and the paper remained vigilant as the Turners rebuilt. Their sale of the Harbor View in the late '80s brought foreboding if not calamity. Their next venture, trying to revive the defunct Sailor Ed's, off Route 1, and its gargantuan, ungainly space into the Quiambau House, worked for a while, but never won them the satisfaction or success they'd known in their younger years. Their patrons, it was ruefully apparent, were aging with them.

The Turners, in the last decade, returned to the borough, back to the trade. In 1996, they took on Skipper's Dock, which had established a nice following under John Howes, and, after renovations and a tentative start, they'd found their touch again.

For Jerry Turner, whose given name was George, the legacy will be mostly indubitably the Harbor View. Paul Fidrych, owner of Paul's Pasta in Groton, grew up outside the borough and went to work at the Harbor View in 1978, the day he turned 16, first as a dishwasher. By the time he matriculated, both from the View and from culinary school, Fidrych knew the kitchen as well as he did the Turners and the hot stove stresses of the business. As Fidrych matured, the Turners, too, were moving from the kitchen to the front of the house.

"The timing was right for the area," said Fidrych, about what the Turners created after buying the restaurant on Water Street in 1958. "The New Yorkers were starting to infiltrate into the town. There was plenty of old cash in the borough. Jerry and Ainslie had a way of putting their finger on the pulse."

When our children were very young, in the years we first lived in town, dinner at the Harbor View was a somewhat intimidating prospect. All that finery, that starched white, those waitresses in black (and the one with the French accent), that princely menu, that glazéd duck, that crowd, and my son, kicking in his chair, demanding, for all who didn't care to listen, hotdogs. Better was a Sunday afternoon stroll in the village, in winter chill, and slidding into the barroom, against a window or near the stove, a Bloody Mary or two, and onion soup, and all the time in the world.

The View, as we all shared a proprietary fondness for it, is gone, done in unfailingly by fire, and also the investment wisdom that a small and smart hotel was a more productive fit. But how many times, in the old days, did cars stop us and countless others outside the borough, asking, unfailingly, only one thing: directions to the Harbor View? That, alone, must have brought infinite pride to Jerry and Ainslie Turner.

*This is the opinion of columnist Steven Slosberg. His e-mail is: sslosberg@TheDay.com*

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The Turners, who lived in Stonington and in the flourishing days had a fleeting pinkish, fair-haired coquetry, lost considerable weight during his illness. Still, he would be seen driving his pickup through town, and on the premises greeting diners and friends. He was there for the reunion, too. Ainslie Turner, always the guiding hand, no doubt made that night happen.

The Turners, principally because of what the Harbor View afforded this region for so long in its elegant dining rooms and French cuisine, and, with absolutely parallel distinction, one of the snuggest and most convivial barrooms people remember, made news...
Michael R. Turner


Born in New London, Oct. 27, 1956, he was a son of the late Robert F. and Loretta (Chalifoux) Turner. Mr. Turner had been employed as a security guard at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, was a grinder at General Dynamics, Electric Boat Division, Groton, for 21 years. He was a member of the Mystic Rod & Gun Club.

In addition to his wife, he was the loving father of Melissa Turner and Michael R. Turner Jr., both of Pawcatuck; and the brother of William Turner of New Bedford, Ind., and Carolyn Enos of New London. He is also survived by a brother-in-law, Timothy Mellow of New London, and an aunt, Katherine Smith of Mesa, Ariz. He was predeceased by a sister, Beatrice Mellow.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 156 Main St., Westerly. Calling hours are Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Burial will be in Smith Lake Cemetery, Groton.
Benjamin L. Turrisi

Benjamin L. Turrisi, 89, husband of Cora (Rhodes) Turrisi, and formerly of Stillman Avenue, Pawcatuck, died Nov. 21, 2005, in the Westerly Nursing Home, Westerly.

Mr. Turrisi, was born in Pawcatuck son of the late Anthony and Rose (Bonomo) Turrisi.

He had been employed in the Dept. of Labor for the State of Connecticut, and was owner and operator of the former Ben's Spirit Shop in Pawcatuck. He was a volunteer at The Westerly Hospital and was a former member of the Winnapaug Country Club, where he was a member of the Hole in One Club. He was also a member of the Westerly Lodge of Elks, B.P.O.E. #678, and a communicant of St. Michael the Archangel Church in Pawcatuck.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Benjamin Turrisi Jr. of Westerly, and Daniel W. and Gloria Turrisi of Pawcatuck; one sister, Nancy Emilio of Pawcatuck; and his grandson, Daniel W. Turrisi Jr., also of Pawcatuck.

Calling hours are omitted. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated Friday at 9:30 a.m. in St. Michael the Archangel Church, 60 Liberty St., Pawcatuck. Interment will be in St. Michael Cemetery.
Joseph Twichell

Pawcatuck — Joseph Hooker Twichell, 68, died at his home in Pawcatuck on Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2017, with his wife and daughters at his side. Diagnosed with ALS in 2012, Joe faced the disease with courage and dignity.

He is survived by his wife, Anne (Goodrich) Twichell; and his daughters, Laura Twichell (husband, Christopher Grillo) of Waltham, Mass, and Julia Twichell of Newport, R.I. He is also survived by his mother, Ethel R. Twichell of Bedford, Mass.; his grandson, Xavier Grillo; his brother, David C. Twichell Jr. of Falmouth, Mass.; his sisters, Elizabeth T. Goodwin of Altoona, Wis., Anne T. Kimball of Lexington, Mass., and Phoebe T. Peterson of Clifton, Va.; his first wife, Angela Loh; and his many nieces and nephews.

Born in New Haven, Joe was educated at Pomfret School and Claremont McKenna College and received a master's degree in land use planning from the University of Massachusetts. Seeking skills as an artisan, he attended North Bennet Street School in Boston, ultimately becoming a master furniture maker and conservator. His work was meticulous and reflected a tremendous creativity, resourcefulness and craftsmanship, regardless of the scale of the project. Following several years at the former SPNEA, where he restored museum pieces including the Resolute desk now in the Oval Office of the White House, he started working for himself designing, building and restoring fine furniture. He had an extraordinary appreciation for the qualities of wood and its use in decorative arts.

Throughout his life, Joe and his family spent time each year both in Keene Valley, N.Y., and at Cuttyhunk Island, Mass. Joe was a gifted athlete; he taught his daughters, nieces, and nephews to hike, ski, ice skate and sail, and passed to his daughters a love of the sea. He also coached youth soccer, first in Stow, Mass., and then in Bolton, Mass., where he raised his family. He was appointed trustee of both the Cuttyhunk (MA) Yacht Club and Cuttyhunk Historical Society, and more recently, deacon of the United Church of Stonington.

The diagnosis of ALS was a cruel blow for Joe, who engaged passionately with life. He set high standards in all efforts, including work, self-sufficiency, commitment to community, support for neighbors and friends, and most of all, love of family. He was an avid reader and history buff, and for many will best be remembered as an unforgettable conversationalist and storyteller.

The family would like to thank the many kind and generous caregivers who helped Joe through the challenges of ALS over the last three years.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Dec. 12, at United Church in Stonington, 67 Main St., Stonington Borough. A second service will be held at Cuttyhunk in July.

Contributions in Joe’s memory may be made to Compassionate Care ALS (CCALS), P.O. Box 1052, West Falmouth, MA 02574 or to ALS Association, Connecticut Chapter, 4 Oxford Road, Unit E4, Milford, CT 06460.

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

For online condolences please visit www.gaffney-dolanfuneralhome.com.
Harold Tyler

Mystic — Harold H. Tyler, 87, of School Street, Mystic, died Tuesday morning, April 15 at the Mary Elizabeth Nursing Center where he had been a patient for the past four weeks.

He was born in Stowe, Vt., July 15, 1915, son of the late Willard and Ruth Glover Tyler.

He moved to the Mystic area in 1941, working as a carpenter for the contractor who was building the homes in Pequotnook Bridge.

He became a well known builder and contractor in the area, building over 60 homes and renovating many of the historic buildings in the Mystic area.

He was a longtime member of the United Methodist Church in Mystic, and a member of the Stonington Lodge No. 100 F where he had served as Noble Grand, Treasurer, Musician, Chaplain, and a member of the Board of the Corporation. He was a member of the Encampment No. 17, The Mystic Rebekah Assembly and a lifetime incorporator of the Odd Fellows Home in Groton. He was a former longtime member of the Mystic Lions Club.

He is survived by two brothers, Paul and Donald Tyler of Barre, Vt., and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church of Mystic, 23 Willow Street, Mystic. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. A reception will follow the service in the church hall. Burial will be in Hope Cemetery in Barre, Vt., at a later date. There are no calling hours.

Contributions may be made in his memory to the United Methodist Church, 23 Willow St., Mystic, CT 06355 or to the Odd Fellows Home of Connecticut, 235 Lestertown Road, Groton, CT 06340.

The Mystic Funeral Home, Route 1, Mystic, is in charge of arrangements.
Mary Ellen Tyrseck

Stonington — Mary Ellen (Wronowski) Tyrseck, 60, of Cove Road, Stonington, died suddenly Christmas Eve Day at her home.

Mary Ellen was born on Nov. 8, 1942, the daughter of Anna (Ponatisien) Wronowski of Montville and the late John Wronowski. Raised in Montville, she attended local schools.

Mrs. Tyrseck assisted in the daily operations of the family businesses including Cross Sound Ferry Nelseco Interstate Navigation, and Thames Shipyard, all of New London.

A lover of music, she was a member of the Goodspeed Opera House. She and her husband enjoyed attending 40-50 operas and musicals each year.

She was the wife of Thomas Tyrseck. In addition to her husband and mother, she is survived by a son, Derek S. Tyrseck of New London; a brother, John Peter Wronowski of Oakdale; two sisters, Susan Linda of Montville and Carol Jean Wronowski of Montville; and her brother-in-law, Louis Tyrseck of Oakdale.

She was predeceased by her son, Kristian E. Tyrseck, who died in 1998; a sister, Patricia Hewitt; and a brother, Paul Wronowski.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. today at St. Mary's Church, Stonington. Burial will be private.

There are no visiting hours.

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

For obituary information or to send an online condolence to the Tyrseck/Wronowski family, please visit www.dinotofuneral.com.
Stonington — Thomas F. "Tom" Tyrseck, passed peacefully Monday, Nov. 11, 2019, surrounded by family. Born Jan. 20, 1939, in Montville, Mr. Tyrseck was a 1957 graduate of Norwich Free Academy and from there went on to attend Northeastern University in Boston, Mass., on a full scholarship.

Tom was a private person who enjoyed the performing arts, fine food and wine, was an avid outdoorsman, auto enthusiast, traveler and creative chef. He always enjoyed a good conversation about his favorite dishes and wine pairings.

Tom enjoyed a long and accomplished career at Thames Shipyard and Repair Co. and Cross Sound Ferry Services. For more than 40 years he served as the head of the steel fabrication department during a time of significant growth and production at the companies. He oversaw the construction of new tugboats and ferries during his time along with many vessel modifications requiring his expertise.

He began his career with the company working alongside family members on the Block Island ferry service.

He married the late Mary Ellen Wronowski Oct. 22, 1962, and they enjoyed 40 years of marriage until her passing Dec. 24, 2002.

Mr. Tyrseck is survived by his son Derek Tyrseck; and brother Louis S. Tyrseck.

He is also survived by Marie Morosky whom he married May 12, 2014, spending 16 wonderful years together.

Besides Mary Ellen, he is also predeceased by son Kristian Tyrseck.

A celebration of life will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019, at the Groton Inn and Suites.