

Obituaries

Janet Lassy, was an expert seamstress

Janet Evans (Dolan) Lassy, beloved wife of Richard Lassy Jr. for 58 short years, died January 6, of an acute illness while visiting in Naples, Florida. She was a long time resident of Southington, an honor student and graduate of New Britain High School.

Born on December 13, 1935 in New Britain, she was the daughter of the late Jean Caillouette and Harold Keller Dolan, twin of Genard (Francine) Dolan and sister of Harold Keller (JoAnn) Dolan Jr. and R. Timothy (Roberta) Dolan. She was the mother of



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Stephen (Ann) Lassy, Michael (Michelle) Lassy, Diane (Yoshio) Endo, Karen Mancini, and twins, Craig (Gretchen) and Brian (Anne) Lassy; and grandmother to Christopher (Kim) Lassy, Thomas Lassy, Jesse (Lisa) Endo, Kelly Endo, Michele (Darin) Lassy, Daniel (Chrystal) Lassy, Megan Lassy, Maggie Lassy, Emma Lassy, John Lassy and David Lassy; and great-grandson, Ethan Lassy.

Like many couples of

the 1950's, Janet and Dick began their married life with few material goods but a spirit of independence to work hard at sharing their talents to develop a firm financial foundation for their family.

Lassy loved her role as homemaker and mother to six energetic youngsters while Dick developed what would become the family business, Mastercraft.

At holiday times, they opened their home to the family reunions of chaotic chatter, kids' games and wonderful food whose happy memories keep future generations of clan together.

She was an expert seamstress and a member of the Apple Valley Quilters Guild.

She particularly enjoyed creating commemorative quilts for the family. She liked to garden and grandkid sit, and in Dick's retirement, travel cross-country in their RV, spending winters in Florida, and visiting family in Japan and Hawaii.

Lassy was a listener. To her family and friends, she leaves a legacy of gentle patience, dignity, loyalty, love, and joyful laughter.

She will be missed terribly by those who loved her.

Kenneth Guerin, worked at Kuhn and Powers Workshop

Kenneth Thomas Guerin, 59, of Plantsville, died peacefully on Friday Jan. 13, at Sheriden Woods Health Care Center in Bristol.

Guerin was a friend to everybody and was loved by all. He attended Marion School and worked at Kuhn and Powers Workshops in Meriden. He was an active participant with SARC and loved bowling, skiing, and all outdoor activities. He will be greatly missed by all those who shared his life.

He is survived by three brothers, John Guerin of Beaver Cove Maine and wife

Nilsa, Neil Guerin of Cape Cod, Mass. and wife Alberta, and George Guerin of Atlanta, Ga. and wife Lori, three sisters, Paula Guerin of Plantsville, Patricia Heaphy and husband Art of Punta Gorda, FL and Barbara Palmieri of Wolcott and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents John V. and Theresa (Minarovich) Guerin.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Kenny's memory may be made to Sheriden Woods Health Care Center, 321 Stonecrest Dr. Bristol, CT 06010.

Frank Loffredo, worked at Brass Mills

Mr. Frank Loffredo, 93, a longtime Waterbury resident, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at his home. He was the devoted husband of Priscilla (Silva) Loffredo.

He was born on January 6, 1919 in Waterbury, son of the late Dominic and Caterina (Zaccagnino) Loffredo. He graduated valedictorian from Leavenworth High School and gave up his dream of college to take care of his family.

A hardworking, blue collar man, Loffredo worked, as a Lathe Operator, 72 hours a week at the brass mills in



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Waterbury; Scovill Manufacturing and later Century Brass for 45 years. After a long day of working in the mills, he would work part-time at Sacred Heart High School in the maintenance department for many of those years.

He was a wonderful father who hated to punish his kids. A teacher and great mentor to his family, he never missed a family function.

He was a charmer with the ladies while always staying totally devoted to

his wife for over 60 years, his later years dedicated to taking care of her.

He was an avid reader, loved a good conspiracy and was fascinated by the events surrounding the JFK assassination.

Loffredo was a lifelong fan of the NY Yankees and a fan of the UConn women's basketball. He loved animals especially his dogs, Sally and Cleo and was a great dancer.

In addition to his loving wife of 64 years, Priscilla, Loffredo is survived by his son, Brian F. Loffredo and his wife Colleen and their daughter Brianna of Southington, his daughters Kathy Dodge and

her husband Richard of Waterbury and Linda McNeil and her husband Travis of Thomaston, and his granddaughter Lori Greene and her husband Arthur and their children Gillian and Dermot of Thomaston with whom, along with Priscilla and he made his home. He also leaves four step-grandchildren and 11 step great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by several brothers and his sisters.

Memorial contributions in Frank's name may be made to the VITAS Innovative Hospice Care, 1579 Straits Tpke., Middlebury, CT 06762.

Justine Prezioso, will be missed by those who knew her

Justine M. Prezioso, 89, passed away Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Southington Care Center. She was the wife of the late Ralph E. Prezioso.

She was born July 25, 1922 in the Bronx, NY, the daughter of the late Frank and Ginevra (Stolla) Moretti.

Prezioso is survived by 2 children, Robert G. Prezioso and wife Anne of Meriden and Dr. Ralph Prezioso and wife Donna Marie of Southington, a brother James Moretti and wife Lenore of Harrison, NY, two grandchildren, Lauren



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Marie Picone and husband Aniello and Matthew John Prezioso.

She was predeceased by brothers, Michael and Frank and sisters, Eva and Josephine.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the St. Jude Children Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or Southington Care Center, 45 Meriden Ave. Southington, CT 06489.

Virginia Sargent, member of Mary Our Queen

Virginia W. (Waskowicz) Sargent, joined her husband Larry Sargent, in eternal rest on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at Midstate Medical Center in Meriden.

She was born in Meriden, daughter of the late Walter and Sophie (Sopacki) Waskowicz. Sargent retired in

1982 from CT Mutual Life Ins. Co. in Hartford where she had worked for 36 years, retiring as an assistant manager of data processing.

She was educated at St. Rose's and St. Joseph's Parochial Schools and Meriden High School. She and her husband were part of the original

founders and charter members of Mary Our Queen Church.

Sargent is survived by a brother Donald Waskowicz and his wife Ferne of Southington along with several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

She was predeceased by a brother Raymond

Waskowicz Sr. and three sisters, Marion and Adeline Waskowicz and Patricia Quinlan.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to Mary Our Queen Church, 248 Savage St. Plantsville, CT 06479 or St. Joseph's School, 159 West Main St. Meriden, CT 06451.

Walter Grudzien, served in the US Army during World War II

Walter J. Grudzien, 85, passed away on Friday, Jan. 20, at home. He was the beloved husband of the late Rosanna (Stack) Grudzien.

Born in Waterbury on April 18, 1926, he was the son of the late John and Mary (Kosmoski) Grudzien.

He was a US Army Veteran of WWII. Prior to his retirement he was a professional engineer for Ensign-Bickford Industries.

He is survived by a son David and his wife Michelle Grudzien of Lawrenceville GA a daughter Kimberly Lavoie and Efrain Madera of Branford, three grandchildren Ryan Lavoie, Madeleine



Grudzien and Sara Madera a great granddaughter Hailey Lavoie, many nieces, nephews and brothers and sisters-in-law who were very special to him.

He was predeceased by brothers, Christopher and Steven Grudzien and a sister Theodora Grudzien.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Vitas Hospice of Waterbury, 1519 Straits Turnpike, Middlebury, CT 06762.

Marian Stanhope, member of Grace United Church

Marian (Bryant) Stanhope, 73, of Hemlock Dr., passed away on Friday January 13, at Highland Healthcare in Cheshire. She was the wife of Eugene Stanhope Sr., and they were married 50 years.

She was born in Machias, ME on June 2, 1938 and was the daughter of the late Walter and Dorothy (Albee) Bryant. Stanhope loved to do arts and crafts and especially loved jewelry. She could always be seen at her booth with arts and crafts at the Apple Harvest Festival. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Southington.

Besides her husband,

she is survived by her four children Eugene Stanhope Jr. of Southington, Virginia Ouellette and her husband Lance of Pequabuck, Sandi Siedel and Michael Camp of Southington and Kimberly Steele and her husband Charles of Bristol, seven grandchildren; Joey Ouellette, Stephen Ouellette, Amie Ouellette, Cassandra D'Ambrosio, Erica Stanhope, Jake Siedel and Kaitlin Siedel, a great grandson Hunter Allan Ouellette, three sisters Jennie Stoddard, Marilyn Fritz and Karen Mason all of E. Machias, ME along with several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her son Robert E. Stanhope.

Donations may be made in her memory to the Alzheimer's Association

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