

IN MEMORIAM

Karen Lee Bovenzi



Karen Lee Bovenzi, 54, formerly of Rumson, died Thursday, June 26, at Newark Beth Israel Hospital. Karen was born in Long Branch. She was a longtime resident of Rumson and just recently moved to Toms River. Karen was a travel clerk at Fort Monmouth. She loved her family, bowling, cooking, gardening and her puppies, Buddy and Hollie-Noel.

Karen was predeceased by her parents, Larry and Edie Harrington.

She is survived by her husband of 22 years, Thomas, and her sons, Mike Layton of Atlantic Highlands, Zach Bovenzi and Keith Bovenzi of Toms River. Karen is also survived by her brother, Larry and his wife Wendy of Rumson; her mother-in-law, Doris Bovenzi of Toms River; her cousin, Julie Ballard; and many other cousins, nieces and nephews.

Visitation and a prayer service were held Monday, June 30, at the Thompson Memorial Home, Red Bank. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made in her name to the Founders Affiliate of American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005 or online at www.heart.org.

Mary T. Calabretta



Mary T. Calabretta, 93, died Sunday, June 29, in Shrewsbury. Mary was a lifelong resident of Rumson and belonged to the Rumson Seniors. She was seamstress at Eisner's in Red Bank and retired after many years of service.

Mary was predeceased by her husband Joseph; her son, Paul; and several siblings.

She is survived by her brother, James Scalzo of Rumson; her sisters, Barbara

Boccellato and her husband William of Red Bank, and Concetta Orecchio of Shrewsbury Township; and a granddaughter, Anna of Oklahoma.

Visitation was held Wednesday, July 2, at the Thompson Memorial Home, Red Bank. A prayer service was held Thursday, July 3, at the Thompson Memorial Home, Red Bank. Interment followed at Fair View Cemetery, Middletown.

Hillary Cole



On Wednesday, June 25, Hillary Cole left us for the "best garage sale ever." Hillary was born and lived in New Jersey her entire life. Early on she developed an affinity for talking to people and learning their stories. This love of people started her early career in nursing. Although her varied interests led her down many different professional paths, regardless of the direction, her job always involved caring for others.

Before it was even trendy, she spent much of her free time advocating for the less fortunate. She volunteered her time for a wide variety of charities including, Lunch Break, local homeless shelters and ARC of Monmouth. Her volunteer work at ARC led to her final career where she spent 15 years as manager of a group home in Freehold. As a single mother, she instilled in her children her capacity for caring, and the need to "give back."

Hillary developed her love of garage sales as a way to provide for her family and continue to meet and talk to a wide variety of people. Every weekend she would come home with something for the family and a new story of a person she met in her travels. As her family grew to include grandchildren, they all knew that as long as "Mimi" had the classified and a list of garage sales, they would have the special toy they wanted.

Left to continue her advocacy are her son, Vernon and his wife Raegan; daughter, Wendy and husband Ed; and their children, Ian and Ali Nugent and Jacob, Maddox and Trevor Cole.

Friends and family were invited to join in remembering Hillary on Tuesday July 1, at Evergreen Memorial Home, Middletown. They were asked to bring and share a story about Hillary: How they met, how she made them laugh or found the perfect item for them at a local sale.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to ARC of Monmouth, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the American Celiac Disease Alliance.

George W. Evans



George W. Evans, 90, of Middletown died peacefully on Thursday, June 26, with his family by his side. George always wanted to put a smile on your face or a song in your heart. His love for the community and people was why he enjoyed his many years as a bus driver for the borough.

George was a decorated veteran of the Army's 29th Division, Co. 115th and the recipient of the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

George is the beloved husband of his wife Kathleen. He is also the loving father of Patricia and her husband Joseph, Catherine

and her husband Dave, Nancy and her husband William, and George and his wife Tracy. He was survived by five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, as well as his nieces, Cheryl and her husband Robert, and Donna and her husband Brian.

George was reposing at the Evergreen Memorial Funeral Home, Middletown, Saturday, June 28. Interment with full military honors took place right after at Fairview Cemetery in Middletown.

Marie C. Ferrono



Marie C. Ferrono, 86, died Saturday, June 28, in Holmdel. Marie was a native New Yorker; it's where she met her husband Dominic. They eventually moved to the Madison Park section of Old Bridge where they raised their family. Marie and Dominic resided in Old Bridge for more than 40 years before moving to Whiting approximately 17 years ago.

Marie was predeceased by her parents, Arturo and Jessica

DiMarco, and her husband Dominic. She is survived by her sons, Steven Stallone of Toms River, Gregory Ferrono of Manalapan and Arthur Ferrono of Union Beach; her daughter, Debra Swayze of Red Bank; and her brothers, Andrew and his wife Rori DiMarco of Monticello, N.Y., Sal DiMarco and his wife Rosemarie of Long Island, N.Y., and James DiMarco of Florida. Marie is also survived by her three grandchildren, Arturo, Alyssa and Michael.

Visitation was held Tuesday, July 1, with a prayer service during the visitation at the Thompson Memorial Home, Red Bank. Interment was Wednesday, July 2, at the Brig. Gen. Wm. C. Doyle Veteran's Cemetery, Wrightstown.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations in her memory to Make A Wish NJ, 1347 Perrineville Road, Monroe Township, NJ 08831 or online at www.nj.wish.org or to St. Jude Tribute Program, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148-0142 or online at www.stjude.org.

Christopher Shawn Jackson



Christopher Shawn Jackson, 45, died June 24, surrounded by family and friends at his home in Atlantic Highlands. Born Feb. 2, 1969, in Red Bank to Karen and Richard Jackson, Shawn graduated from Middletown North in 1987 and, as his friends and family know, he loved to cruise the Jersey Shore on his beloved motorcycle and in his Trans Am. When he wasn't cruising the Jersey Shore, he was an avid wrestler

and he was very proud of his varsity letters and jackets. Shawn served his country as a lance corporal in the United States Marine Corps Reserve. Throughout his life, he loved to work with his hands and had a career as a skilled concrete cutter for Union 731.

Married to wife Roberta for 18 years, Shawn was a proud father to his daughter, Samantha Grace, 11. He loved going to Disney World with his wife and daughter and created wonderful memories with them that they will always treasure. Always a strong strapping man, Shawn was quick to help others in the community, worked tirelessly behind the scenes and he spent endless hours helping his neighbors after Hurricane Sandy.

Shawn is survived by his wife Roberta; daughter, Samantha; parents, Karen and Richard; and brother, Richard.

The family received friends on Friday, June 27, at Evergreen Memorial Funeral Home, Middletown. The funeral was held at Evergreen on Saturday, June 28.

For more information, please visit www.Evergreenmemorialfuneralhome.com.

Rhoda Kern



Rhoda Kern, 92, a longtime resident of Oakhurst and a resident of Seabrook Village, Tinton Falls since 2007, died Tuesday, June 24, after a recent illness.

She was born in Newark on March 15, 1922, to Louis and Sadie Sandler and graduated from Irvington High School in 1939. She married Norton Kern in 1943 and was a devoted wife until his death in 1995. She graduated from Newark State

Teachers College in 1943 and taught first grade at the Deal School for 31 years, retiring in 1992.

She was a busy and committed woman, known and loved for her community service and boundless energy. She volunteered for Head Start and for the Monmouth YM-YWHA's first senior citizen group. She tutored Russian immigrants and she delivered Meals on Wheels well into her 80s. She was a member of Temple Beth Miriam for more than 50 years where she was active in Sisterhood and served on its board and on many committees, receiving a Woman of Valor award in 2004. She was an active member of NJEA, Hadassah, ORT, and the JCC in W. Deal.

She was an avid bridge player and an exerciser. In summers, she loved her daily walks on the boardwalk with friends and her time at local swim clubs.

She is survived by a daughter, Karen Kern of New Orleans; a son and daughter-in-law, Lee and Susan Kern of Mebane N.C.; a niece, Sue Kaplan, of San Francisco; three grandchildren, John, Glenn and Jordan Kern; and two great-grandchildren, Etta and Roy Kern.

She was a positive life force who will be greatly missed by her family and friends and the many communities she touched.

The funeral was held Friday, June 27, at Temple Beth Miriam, Elberon, with interment following at Temple Beth Miriam Memorial Park in Neptune. Friends and family were welcomed at a celebration of her life on Saturday, June 28, in the Atrium at Seabrook Village.

Marilyn Levy



Marilyn Levy, 92, died on Thursday, June 19, at Riverview Hospital of heart failure. Marilyn was a longtime resident of Little Silver, previously residing in Red Bank. She was born in New York City, the second of two children of Rachel Levy and Moses Levy. Her brother was longtime Red Bank resident Norman Lee.

She attended public schools and Hunter High School and received a B.A. in

chemistry from Hunter College in 1943. After a stint as a chemist in private industry, she began work as a photographic chemist at Fort Monmouth where she remained until her retirement. During a time when there were very few women research chemists, Marilyn was a pioneer in her field, earning numerous patents in high-resolution photographic film development processes.

Throughout her life, Marilyn explored a broad range of interests, including art, travel, music, gardening and languages. She was by nature an experimentalist and took up a succession of artistic pursuits, largely by teaching herself and trying different forms and techniques. In the process, she became a skilled watercolorist, silver jewelry maker and innovative potter.

Family and friends found her an excellent travel companion. A lifelong swimmer, she was a regular at the Red Bank YMCA pool. Her ready sense of humor and cheerfully realistic outlook on life will be missed.

She is survived by her nephew, Greg Lee and his wife Tamara Lee; her nieces, Mary Lee and Nancy Lee and their husbands, Martin O'Hara and Charles Schwartz; and her grandnieces and grandnephews, Claudia, Pamela, Warren, George, Norman, and Benjamin.

A family service was held on June 22.

William J. Molok

William J. Molok, 76, of Middletown, died on Thursday, June 26, in Long Branch. He was born in Jersey City and lived in Middletown most of his life.

Surviving are his wife Barbara Molok; daughter, Theresa Lyons; son, Robert Smith; brother, Norman Molok; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Sunday, June 29, at John F. Pflieger Funeral Home, Middletown. Funeral services were held Monday, June 30, with a funeral liturgy offered at St. Catherine's Church, Middletown. Entombment followed at Holmdel Mausoleum, Holmdel.

For more information, to send condolences or for directions, please visit www.pfliegerfh.com.

Lynn Ann Schanck

Lynn Ann Schanck, 72, a 50-year Lincroft resident, died peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Tuesday, June 24. Lynn was born in Long Branch to William and Ruth (Wardell) Hunter. She was a graduate of Long Branch High School. After raising her family, she worked at Brookdale Community College for 10 years. Lynn loved sewing, gardening and spending time with her family. She also enjoyed spending time with her husband at their vacation home in Stockton, Md.

She was predeceased by her parents; her aunt, Helen Wardell; and in 2007 by her beloved son, Todd E. Schanck.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 54 years, Edward G. Schanck; son, Eric and wife Kimberly of Middletown; daughter, Lisa Donzanti and husband Michael Sr. of Beachwood; her brother, William Hunter and wife Sheila of Long Branch; brother-in-law, Ernest Schanck of Fla.; grandchildren, Lindsay Duncan and husband Keith, Danielle, Michael Jr., and Emily Donzanti, Daniel Schanck, Olivia and Hunter Schanck; great-grandchildren, Juliet and Caylee Duncan; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial gathering was held on Wednesday, July 2, at John E. Day Funeral Home, Red Bank, followed by a private family burial at Fair View Cemetery in Middletown.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Lynn's memory to SPCA, 260 Wall Street, Eatontown, NJ 07724 or Parkinson's Research Foundation, PO Box 20256, Sarasota, FL 34276.

Please visit Lynn's memorial website available at www.johnedayfuneralhome.com.

Blossom Schlindwein

Blossom Schlindwein, 91, of Lincroft, died Thursday, June 26, at home surrounded by her family. She was born in Manhattan, N.Y., and lived in Brooklyn, Staten Island, Middletown, Queens and finally residing in Lincroft since 1993.

Blossom worked as a merchandiser for Woolworth's in Manhattan. She was a voracious reader. She was able to polish off a book in just a couple days and would begin on the next. Blossom also loved Atlantic City where she would play bingo and poker.

Surviving are her son and daughter-in-law, Nick and Patti Senese; her four daughters and sons-in-law, Suzanne and Ron Poirier, Carmela and Dominick Chechile, Michelle and John McDougall, and Gina and Joe Cariffe; her 16 grandchildren; her 10 great-grandchildren; her sister, Allegra Lockett; and many nieces and nephews.

Blossom was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene Schlindwein in 1992.

Visitation was held Monday, June 30, at John F. Pflieger Funeral Home, Middletown. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 1, at the funeral home followed by a funeral liturgy at St. Catherine Labouré Church, N. Middletown.

In lieu of flowers please consider a contribution in Blossom's name to the American Heart Association or The COPD Foundation.

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