

OBITUARIES

Robert W. Ashbock Sr.

WEST WINDSOR — Robert W. Ashbock Sr., 69, of here, died Monday at The Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Trenton, Mr. Ashbock had been a resident of West Windsor for 44 years.

He retired as a roving foreman from Public Service Electric & Gas Company in 1980 after 35 years of service. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, and a member of Princeton Lodge No. 38, F&AM.

He was also a member of Princeton American Legion Post 76, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3525 of Hamilton Township. He was a former leader of Boy Scout Troop No. 66, West Windsor, and had been active in the West Windsor Little League.

Surviving are his wife, Norma Thatcher Ashbock; a daughter, Mrs. Diane Darlington of Mechanicsburg, Pa.; a son, Robert W. Ashbock Jr. of Hamilton Square; four grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Helen Roberts of Yardville and Mrs. Gladys Lane of Hamilton Township and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Kimble Funeral Home, 1 Hamilton Ave., Princeton, with the Rev. Dave Powles, pastor of the Princeton Baptist Church of Penns Neck, officiating.

Burial will be in Princeton Memorial Park, Robbinsville. Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. American Legion services will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and Masonic services at 8 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Twin W First Aid and Rescue Squad, Everett Drive, Princeton Junction, N.J. 08550.

Lillian Blanche Toll

TRENTON — Lillian Blanche Toll, 68, died Sunday in the Mercer Medical Center, Trenton.

Born in the Bronx, N.Y., she was a resident of the Trenton area for the past 21 years. She graduated from Hunter College with a bachelor of science degree and from the University of Pennsylvania with a master's degree in social work.

She was a family therapist and social worker for the Veterans' Administration Mental Health Clinic in Philadelphia for 20 years. She was a member of the National Association of Social Workers and was on the board of directors for the League of Women Voters in Trenton. She was also active in environmental protection causes.

Surviving are her husband, Joseph F. Toll; a son, David R. Toll of Trenton; a daughter, Carolyn Ruth Oppenheimer of Brookline, Mass.; a sister, Gloria Abrams of East Chester, N.Y.; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Orland's Ewing Memorial Chapel, 1534 Pennington Road, Ewing Township. Cantor David Wisnia will officiate. Burial will be private in Valhalla, N.Y.

Memorial contributions may be made to a favorite charity. The family will return to the residence of Joseph F. Toll, Trenton.

Michael J. Jarzyk

TRENTON — Michael J. Jarzyk, 81, of this city, died Monday in the Hamilton Hospital.

The funeral will be on Friday in the Winowicz Funeral Home, Adeline and Beatty streets, Trenton, at a time to be announced.

Harold Vandegrift Sr.

HAMILTON — Harold "Van" Vandegrift Sr., 58, of here died Sunday in the Deborah Heart and Lung Center, Browns Mills.

Born in Trenton, he was a lifelong area resident and was a carpenter employed by the state of New Jersey, Department of Transportation. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of the St. Francis Holy Name Society.

Surviving are his wife, Helen Fesko Vandegrift; a son, Harold S. Vandegrift Jr. of Allentown, Pa.; two daughters, Beth Panfili of Bordentown and Carol Miller of Florence; a sister, Barbara Bosze of Ohio; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be 8:30 a.m. Thursday in the Hartmann Funeral Home, 2830 Nottingham Way, Mercerville. A Mass of Christian Burial will be 9:30 a.m. the same day in St. Francis Church, Trenton. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Calling hours will be 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home with the Rosary recited at 7:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Deborah Heart and Lung Center, Browns Mills, N.J.

Emma O. Wilson

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP — Emma O. Schipski Wilson, 84, died Saturday in Hamilton Hospital.

Born in Trenton, she was a lifelong area resident and had been employed by the John A. Roehling's Sons Company of Trenton.

Wife of the late C.W.O. William T. Wilson, she is survived by several nieces and nephews, several great-nieces and nephews and a cousin.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday in the Saul Colonial Home, 3795 Nottingham Way, Hamilton Square. The Rev. Marvin A. Franklin, Associate Pastor of St. Mark United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in the Ewing Cemetery.

Friends may call from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home.

Eleanor C. Burd

EASTON, Md. — Eleanor C. Burd, 73, of Ridgely, Md., died Monday in Easton Memorial Hospital, Easton, Md.

Born in Easton, she had lived in Neshanic and in Toms River before moving back to Maryland early this year. She formerly owned and operated Burd's Nursing Home near Hillsborough. She retired in 1976.

Surviving are her husband, William R. Burd; three sons, Ben Morris and John Morris, both of Ridgely, Md., and Harry Burd Jr. of Ringoes; four daughters, Elma Hunt of South Carolina, Lois Slack of Ringoes, Mary Rake of Flemington and Patricia Burd of Belvidere; 24 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday in the Holcombe-Fisher Funeral Home, 147 Main St., Flemington. Burial will be in the Harbortown Cemetery. Friends may call 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Roslyn Ja'nice Clark

TRENTON — Roslyn Ja'nice Clark, 34, of Edgewood Avenue died Friday in the Deborah Heart and Lung Center in Browns Mills.

She was a lifelong resident of Trenton.

She is survived by her daughter, Josephine Clark of Trenton; four sisters, Norvis Jones, Betty Trippert, Gail Clark and Arlene Porter, all of Trenton; three brothers, Tony, David and Randy Clark, all of Trenton; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Anderson Funeral Home, 300 N. Willow St. The Rev. Barbara Brewer, pastor of the Interfaith Tabernacle Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Ewing Cemetery.

Friends may call from 11 a.m. Wednesday until time of services in the funeral home.

Bertha E. Crossley

HAMILTON — Bertha E. Przybyslawski Crossley of here died Saturday in the Doylestown Hospital in Doylestown, Pa.

Born in Trenton, she lived in the area all of her life. She was formerly employed as a beautician at the S.P. Dunham and Co. store in Trenton. She was a member of the Rosary Society of the Holy Cross Church, the Mt. Carmel Guild and the Ruling Hose Sunshiners.

She was the widow Edward Przybyslawski and William Crossley, she is survived by a son, John A. Przybyslawski of Doylestown, Pa.; and several nieces and nephews.

A family funeral will be Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Winowicz Funeral Home, Adeline and Beatty streets, Trenton. A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Holy Cross Church. Burial will be in St. Hedwig's Cemetery, Ewing Township.

Calling hours will be 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

John F. Cichon

LAWRENCEVILLE — John F. Cichon, 80, of here, died Monday in the Hamilton Hospital.

He was the former greengrocer at the Trenton Country Club, where he had been a member. He was a member of the Mt. Carmel Guild and the Propagation of the Faith Society. He was a member of the U.S.G.A. Greengrocers' Association.

Son of the late Michael and Anna Pietras Cichon, he is survived a sister, Mary Cichon of Lawrenceville, and several cousins.

A funeral will be Friday morning in the Lisiecki Funeral Home, 1026 N. Olden Ave., Trenton. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Friday in St. Hedwig Church, Trenton. Burial will be in the parish cemetery. Hamilton Township. Friends may call 8:30 a.m. until time of service.

Marie D. Boan

EWING TOWNSHIP — Marie D. Boan, 65, of here died Monday in the Robert Wood Johnson Memorial Hospital, New Brunswick.

Arrangements are being completed by the Parkside Memorial Home, 1584 Parkside Avenue, Ewing Township

George L. Noyes

HIGHTSTOWN — George L. Noyes, 79, of here died Monday in the Franklin Convalescent Center and Nursing Home, Franklin Park.

Born in Richmond, R.I., he was a resident of the Hightstown area for the last 11 years. He was a retired lace weaver for the Richmond Lace Works in Alton, R.I.

Husband of the late Martha Corr Noyes, he is survived by three brothers, Wilfred Noyes of Providence, R.I., Robert Noyes of Wood River Junction, R.I., and Earl Noyes of Alton; a sister, Marjorie Baton of Alton; a sister-in-law, Margaret M. Vigue of Hightstown; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the White Brook Cemetery, Carolina, R.I., with the Rev. Heaney of St. Mary's Parish officiating. Burial will follow. Arrangements are under the direction of the Glackin/Saul Funeral Home, 136 Morrison Ave., Hightstown.

There will be no local calling hours.

Walter C. Slack Sr.

NEW HOPE, Pa. — Walter C. Slack Sr., 86, of here died Sunday in the Buckingham Valley Nursing Home, Pineville, Pa.

He was a lifelong resident of New Hope. He was a carpenter for many years for area contractors.

Son of the late William and Anna Schaefer Slack and widower of Emma C. Kerr Slack, he is survived by two sons, W. Clifford Slack Jr. of New Hope, Pa., and Dothard M. Slack of Chalfont; a daughter, Verna S. Dillon, of New Hope, Pa.; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Van Horn Funeral Home, 21 York Street, Lambertville, with the Rev. Raymond Force, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Lambertville, officiating. Burial will be in Rosemont Cemetery, Rosemont.

Calling hours will be 10 to 11 a.m. in the funeral home.

Myrtle L. DuBell

COLUMBUS — Myrtle L. DuBell, 75, of East Main St. died Monday at home.

Born in Burlington, she lived her entire life in the Columbus area. She was a retired clerk from the Pantry Pride Supermarket in the Independence Mall in Trenton. She was a member of the Columbus Baptist Church, the AARP Chapter 1545 of Mount Holly and the Columbus Senior Citizens.

She is survived by her husband, Charles B.; a daughter, Gail Mowrey of Columbus; a son, Jay C. DuBell of Columbus; four sisters, Beatrice Townsend, Mildred Stricker and Etta Carty of Columbus and Gladys Mantell of Hainesport; five grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday in the Huber Funeral Home, 517 Farnsworth Ave., Bordentown. The Rev. John Grove of the Columbus Baptist Church will officiate. Burial will follow in the Columbus Cemetery.

Friends may call from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Samaritan Hospice Memorial Program, P.O. Box A, Moorestown, N.J. 08057.

Ethel Allen Dean

PENNINGTON — Ethel Allen Dean, 89, died in the Princeton Nursing Home Sunday. Born in New Gretna, she lived in Pennington for more than 60 years. She was a member of the LX Club of Pennington and during the era of silent film, she had played the piano in a Tuckerton Theatre.

Wife of the late John T. Dean Sr., she is survived by her son John T. Dean Jr. of Pennington; a sister, Laura A. Fox of Shrewsbury, Pa.; and several nieces and nephews.

Burial office will be offered at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Blackwell Memorial Home, 21 N. Main St., Pennington, with the Rev. John Belmont, rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, officiating.

Burial will be in the Ewing Church Cemetery.

Friends may call 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the memorial home.

Francis R. Williams

CRANBURY — Francis R. Williams, 78, died Sunday in the Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in New York City, he was a long-time resident of Cranbury. He worked for Chamberlain and Barclay, a local farm supply company, and retired in 1974.

He is survived his former wife, Mildred Williams; a son, Edward F. Williams of Trenton; two daughters, Mae Sobon of Trenton and Jean Woodward of Trenton; two grandsons and two great-grandsons.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday in the A. S. Cole Funeral Home, 22 N. Main St., Cranbury, with the Rev. John M. Foster officiating. Burial will be in the Greenwood Cemetery, Trenton.

Calling hours will be 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Antoni Moczulski

FLEMINGTON — Antoni Moczulski, 70, formerly of Plainfield, died Monday in the Hunterdon County Convalescent Center, Flemington.

Born in Poland, he came to the United States in 1964. Before his retirement, he was a laborer for American Velour Co. of Dunellen.

He is survived by his son, John of Flemington; a daughter Halina Powers of Aberdeen; four grandchildren; and two sisters in Poland.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Thursday in the Robert L. Ford Funeral Home, Route 31, Flemington. The Rev. Edward Kearns, pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in The Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa Cemetery, Doylestown.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

Johanna van Dommelen

EWING — Johanna Fenna Melching van Dommelen, 74, died Sunday in the Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Enschede, Netherlands, she had lived in the Hopewell Township-Ewing Township area for 37 years.

Widow of Dirk van Dommelen, former superintendent of Washington's Crossing State Park, she is survived by two daughters, Annelies van Dommelen of Lambertville and Marjke van Dommelen of Lakewood; a son, Roeland van Dommelen of Plainsboro; three brothers, Jacob Melching, Bernard Melching and Egbert Melching, all of the Netherlands; and a sister, Tina Ter Meulen, also of the Netherlands.

Friends are invited to pay their respects in her home on Wednesday after 5 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Mercer County Unit, 652 Whitehead Road, Trenton.

Charles K. Asay

LAWRENCEVILLE — Charles K. Asay, 76, died Sunday in Helene Fuld Medical Center in Trenton.

Born in Jersey City, he was a Lawrenceville resident for most of his life. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was a retired bartender with the Marroe Inn in Trenton. He was a member of VFW Post No. 3022 in Lawrenceville and was a member of B.P.O.E. 2412, also of Lawrenceville.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Nevins Asay; a sister, Helen Banks of Lawrenceville; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday in Poulson & Van Hise Funeral Home, 650 Lawrence Road, Lawrenceville. The Rev. John A. Weatherly, vicar of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Princeton Memorial Park, Robbinsville.

Friends may call an hour before services Wednesday in the funeral home.

Gloria Gallon

Gloria Gallon, 73, of North Miami, Fla., died Friday in Miami, Fla.

She was former resident of Trenton. Wife of George J. Gallon, she is survived by her son, Stephen Gallon of Florida. Funeral services were held in North Miami Beach on Monday at Menorah Chapel. The period of mourning will be observed at the residence through tomorrow evening.

Marie 'Mom' DiBoise, at 87; owned restaurant in Hightstown

HIGHTSTOWN — Marie "Mom" DiBoise, 87, of here died Monday in the Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Naples, Italy, she was a resident of the Hightstown area for the last 58 years. She was a retired restaurant owner. In 1947, she opened the original Mom's Drive-In on Route 33 in Hightstown.

In 1963, she expanded her operation under the name of Mom's Peppermill Restaurant, which she managed until her retirement in 1984. The restaurant is now operated by her family. In 1964, she purchased and became president of the Old York Inn Corp., on Route 130 here, which she operated with her family until 1980.

She was a life member of the Hightstown YMCA. In 1974, she was named Woman of the Year by the Hightstown Elks Lodge 1955, Crippled Children's Committee, for her many years of faithful support.

She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Church, Hightstown.

Wife of the late Anthony DiBoise, she is survived by two sons, James DiBoise and Albert DiBoise of Hightstown; three daughters, Elizabeth Johnson and Mary Jensen, both of Hightstown, and Elsie D. Mongiello of Millstone Township; a sister, Mary Ferri of Yardville; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be 9 a.m. Thursday in the Glackin/Saul Funeral Home, 136 Morrison Ave., Hightstown. C Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 10 a.m. in St. Anthony of Padua Church, Hightstown. Burial will be in St. Rose of Lima Cemetery, Freehold.

Friends may call 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home. A Christian wake service will be 8 p.m. Wednesday. Contributions may be made to the Crippled Children's Committee, Hightstown Elks Lodge 1955, Hickory Corner Road, East Windsor, N.J. 08520.

Emmanuel Vitria, at 67; was longest surviving heart transplant recipient

MARSEILLE, France (AP) — The world's longest-surviving heart transplant recipient, Emmanuel Vitria, died Monday of heart and respiratory problems, 18½ years after receiving the heart of a young sailor. He was 67.

Vitria died at 5 a.m. at Salvator Hospital, surrounded by his family, said his doctor, Jean-Raoul Monties. He had entered the hospital April 27 with respiratory problems.

Monties was part of the team that performed the heart transplant on Nov. 27, 1968, giving Vitria the heart of Pierre Ponsou, a 20-year-old sailor killed in an accident. Dr. Edmond Henry, who headed the transplant team, has since died of a heart attack.

Monties said in a telephone interview that it was not yet clear what brought on the crisis, but added: "For several months, we have thought he was at the end of his voyage."

"We have lost a friend and friends are rare."

Vitria's surgery came barely a year after the world's first heart transplant, performed on Nov. 3, 1967, by Dr. Christiaan Barnard in

South Africa. That patient survived 18 days.

Vitria's transplant was the second performed in France. After he had recovered from the surgery, he received check-ups every two weeks, but led an active life.

Vitria survived several setbacks after the transplant, including a two-hour operation in 1981 to fix fractured bones injured in a fall and another operation shortly after that to treat a dental infection.

Until his death, his transplanted heart never was the source of a serious problem, his doctor said.

He stayed in shape by exercising and swimming and, as president of the Benevolent Union of Blood Donors, at one point traveled around southern France calling for blood donations. He was awarded France's Legion of Honor in 1981.

Commenting on his longevity, Vitria once said, "It is perhaps because I have a passion for life and that I have slammed the door on death."

He also attributed his longevity to skillful doctors and a heart donor with characteristics that he said were exceptionally similar to his.

Vitria is survived by his wife and three daughters.

Theodore Brandbergh


MARIETTA, Ga. — Theodore "Teddy" Brandbergh, 88, died Saturday here.

Born in Copenhagen, Denmark, he was a Trenton-area resident for 50 years before moving to Georgia 10 years ago. He was a retired chef and had worked for various restaurants and hotels in Trenton and Toms River.

He is survived by two sons, Gerald C. Brandbergh of Fairless Hills, Pa., and Robert T. Brandbergh of Trenton; a daughter, Marie Skillman Malloy of Bordentown Township; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at the Colonial Memorial Park Cemetery, Trenton. The clergy of Holy Angels Church will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of the Knott Funeral Home, Trenton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donors' choice.

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