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***The Rutgers College Class of 1962
DEPARTED CLASSMATES PULISHED OBITUARIES***

The following obituaries are gleaned from online sources and documents submitted by friends and family members of the individuals mentioned.

They are listed alphabetically,

James F. Ahlback Jr., 70, passed away at home on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011, after a two-year battle with lung cancer. His wife, children, and grandchildren were with him in his final hours. Born and raised in Trenton, he graduated from Trenton High School in 1958 and then earned a B.A. in Psychology from Rutgers University in 1962, the same year in which he began his career in the General Motors Corporation. In 1963, however, he began a three-year stint in the United States Navy. He eventually earned the rank of captain and held reserve duty status until 1985. He spent most of his 28 years with GM in the Inland Fisher Guide Division in Trenton, serving in senior executive positions during the last 14 years of his career, including personnel director, production manager, and materials management manager. He was the divisional director of industrial relations for Fisher Guide in Warren, MI, from 1985 to 1986. After retiring from GM in 1993, Mr. Ahlback began a successful second career with Weidel Realtors in Pennington, and he continued working in that capacity until a few months before his death. He was a member of St. James Church in Pennington, NJ, for 30 years, where he served as an usher and collection counter. He was also a member of the Hopewell and Ewing chapters of Kiwanis International. An avid sportsman, Mr. Ahlback held several positions over the years in the Ernest Schwiebert chapter of Trout Unlimited, and he was the president and "CEO" of the Big Flatbrook Fly Fishing Club for many years. Known, loved, and remembered for his unique wit and straight expression of his opinions, Mr. Ahlback was a devoted husband, father, and "Poppy" above all other titles he held. He also leaves behind many treasured friends and co-workers. Predeceased by his parents, Dr. James F. Sr., and Bertha (Neeff) Ahlback, he is survived by his beloved wife of 47 years, Kathleen (Schrader) Ahlback; three daughters, Lauren Connolly (William) of Sewell, Jacqueline Espenhorst (Karl) of Hamilton, and Ellen Vivino (Raymond) of Wayne; six grandchildren, Megan Connolly, Benjamin Espenhorst, Will Connolly, Kelsey Espenhorst, Elizabeth Vivino, and Christian Vivino; a sister, Carole Trafford of Ewing, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

John X. Ascione, 69, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009, at Care One at Morris in Parsippany. John was born in Paterson and lived in the Totowa section of Paterson. He then lived in Wayne before moving to Whippany in 1985. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War from May 13, 1963 until being honorably discharged as a first lieutenant on June 11, 1965. He was a dedicated employee of BAE Systems as an engineer for 45 years before retiring in October 2009. John enjoyed golfing and loved to travel.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Eileen D. (nee-Bonn); dear son, John R., at home; loving daughters, Marilyn Roberts and her husband Bob of Massachusetts, and Diana Alletto and her husband Eugene of Long Island, N.Y.; and his three cherished grandchildren, Taylor, Alec, and Jack.

Jose Alberto Bacardi. It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Jose Alberto Bacardi on June 4, 2016 at home in Toronto. When faced with a battle that he could not win, he met it with strength, dignity, and faith. He passed away surrounded by Maria Hortensia Bacardi, his wife of 51 years, and their 8 children; Victoria (Robert Macdonald), Cristina (Stuart Kirscht), Juan, Pablo, Craziella (Daniel Christoffel), Pedro, Mariana, and Alejandro (Lyndsey Cattan). He leaves behind 18 grandchildren, of whom he was extremely proud.

Alberto was born in Santiago de Cuba in 1938 to Joaquin and Caridad Bacardi. He was predeceased by his brother Joaquin and leaves behind his brother Jorge (Leslie), his sister Carmen, and sister-in-law Joyce. Alberto's family was exiled in 1960 by the Castro regime. He would never see his native country again. His family was forced to leave everything behind including the family business of Bacardi Rum. The early years of exile were spent in efforts to rebuild the family business in different parts of the world.

Alberto moved to Toronto in 1969 in order to build the FBM Distillery in Brampton and would later become its president. This distillery would eventually become Bacardi Canada. He later became a director of Bacardi International and would passionately serve on this board until his retirement. Our father was a man of dignity, pride, and faith. He was a Knight in the Sovereign Order of Malta and was a steadfast supporter of their works both nationally and internationally. He used his time, energy, and means to support a number of different educational, health, and Catholic institutions.

Alberto was an avid hunter, fisherman, and boater and he enjoyed sharing his many pursuits with all his family. He was the most generous of fathers and was extremely proud of all of our achievements. He will be sorely missed by our large extended family all over the world.

The family is grateful to Fr. Charles Nahm of the Prelature of Opus Dei for his many hours of spiritual and sacramental care. We also thank Fr. Ed Murphy and Fr. Joseph

Moncada of Blessed Trinity Parish for their spiritual support.

”Our heartfelt thanks to all his caregivers from various sites including Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto General Hospital, St. Elizabeth Health Care (CCAC), Bayshore Home Health, and The Freeman Centre for Palliative Care Outreach Team (NYCH). Alberto was blessed to have passed comfortably at home with the care provided from the extraordinary nurses and doctors who administered to him at the end of his life.”

Ronald Bainton (Tribute from the Rutgers University Alumni Association)

The Rutgers community mourns the loss of Ron Bainton, who passed away in December 2020 at the age of 80. After majoring in business administration at Rutgers College, Bainton RC’62 served for 30 years in the U.S. Air Force and went on to a successful career in financial consulting. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, a former commander in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps.

A native of Ridgewood, New Jersey, Bainton retired from the Air Force as a colonel in 1992, then moved into private financial consulting work. Bainton flourished at Rutgers, he believes, because of the influence of three professors: the history department’s Richard McCormick and Warren Sussman, and then university president Mason Gross, who taught philosophy.

“They opened my horizons beyond what I thought possible,” Bainton said in 2006.

Ron and Pat Bainton have been steadfast supporters of the Scarlet Knights for many years, twice providing generous funding for Bainton Field, the home of Rutgers’ baseball program. “Ron was enormously passionate about Rutgers Athletics, especially baseball. Ron loved Scarlet Knight baseball,” said Pat Hobbs, director of intercollegiate athletics. “He was a kind, generous man with a great humility about him. He was warm, caring, and always saw the best in people. We send our deepest condolences to his wife, Pat, and loved ones.”

“Ron has been a very important part of Rutgers baseball for many years,” said Steve Owens, head baseball coach. “He has been a wonderful supporter, an incredible fan, and a close friend to all who have played and coached baseball here. I will miss our frequent conversations about the team, which Ron really enjoyed. His enthusiasm for our success was unmatched. We are extremely grateful for all that he has done and very proud that we can continue to play baseball on a field that bears his name. We would also like to send our deepest sympathy to his wife, Pat, during this very difficult time.”

“Over the years, Rutgers has been a darn good team,” Bainton said in 2006 after contributing \$1.25 million to install a FieldTurf baseball playing field for the 2007 season. “What Pat and I are trying to do with this gift is give them the opportunity to get to the highest level of Division I baseball.”

At the time, the gift was the largest one-time cash gift by a living donor to Rutgers Athletics. The FieldTurf surface lets the team play and practice on the field year-round without the worries of field maintenance, permitting games in less-than-ideal weather and imposing fewer adjustments on student-athletes’ schedules.

In 2019, the Baintons came through again with funding for new FieldTurf, outfield fences and padding, and dugout upgrades. The donation also allowed the softball program to lay down FieldTurf.

The Baintons’ contributions were also an integral part of the fundraising efforts for the Fred Hill Training Complex for baseball and softball. The indoor 22,500-square-foot facility, which opened in 2017, is equipped with state-of-the-art pitching machines, six batting cages, bullpen mounds, and a full turf infield.

The Baintons belong to the Scarlet Society, an elite group of donors who have shown unparalleled commitment to Rutgers Athletics. The couple have long sponsored scholarships for Rutgers students, and were honored in 2015 with the prestigious 1869 Legacy Award, a recognition of their lifetime impact on Rutgers Athletics. At the 2020 Leadoff Banquet, the Baintons were similarly honored with the Game Changer Award for their unflinching generosity and support.

Andrew Bakos passed away on Thursday April 12, 2018 at Ocean Medical Center in Brick. He was 78 years old.

Mr. Bakos was born in New Brunswick and graduated from New Brunswick High School. He furthered his education at Rutgers University where he obtained a Bachelor's of Arts and completed the ROTC program.

Mr. Bakos entered the United States Air Force in 1962 and served overseas during the Viet Nam War as a Navigator. During his military career he served at the Dover Air Force Base in Delaware, Homestead Air Force Base in Florida, Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio and in Teterboro, NJ . He retired as a decorated Lieutenant Colonel in 1983 after twenty one years of faithful service to our country. He continued to work as a consultant for various firms but most notably for Robbins Gioia where he retired as a Programs Manager in 2000.

Mr. Bakos was an avid outdoorsman. He was a member of the Deer Meadow Farm Hunt Club and would frequently travel to hunt and fish to places like Alaska and the Amazon in Brazil. He was also fortunate enough to travel to locations like Africa, Canada, Australia and Hawaii.

He is survived by his wife Mary Ann Bakos of Brick and his children Scott Bakos and his wife Cheryl of Hollywood, FL and Beth McMahon and her husband Chris of Midlothian, Virginia, a sister Elsie Campbell of Alabama, Step Children John Schultz and James Schultz and his wife Rosie all of Milltown NJ, and grandchildren Katherine and Shannon McMahon, Riley and Cooper Bakos and Hunter and Dylan Schultz.

Hubert U. Barbour, Jr. died in July of 2006. He was born on January 5, 1941, the first son of Hubert U. Barbour Sr. and Lucille Barbour of Atlantic City. From his earliest days, Hugh enjoyed such outdoor activities as swimming, camping, and especially fishing, a life long hobby. Hugh was an active participant in the Boy Scouts and rose to the rank of Eagle Scout. In addition to his interests in the outdoors, Hugh was also a talented musician, playing the trombone for Atlantic City High School (graduated, 1958) and later the Rutgers University Marching Band. Hugh graduated from Rutgers in 1962 with a degree in Psychology. While at Rutgers, Hugh was enrolled in the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) and accepted an assignment as a second lieutenant at Fort Hood, TX immediately after graduation. After two years on active duty, Hugh returned to civilian life, but continued his association with the U.S. Army through the

Army Reserves, first in the Signal Corps and later in the Corps of Engineers in which he attained the rank of Major.

Upon leaving active service, Hugh returned to NJ and took up residence in Elizabeth where he served as Executive Director of the City Commission on Human Relations. In this capacity, he contributed to the resolution of the Newark riots. These experiences prompted an interest in the law and Hugh enrolled in Rutgers University School of Law in 1969 and graduated in 1973. In his legal career, Hugh was both a private practice attorney and also held high visibility position, at the city (Assistant City Solicitor, City of Atlantic City) and national (Project Counsel to the U.S. Army Communications and Electronics Material Readiness Command) levels. During his tenure in the Solicitors Office, Hugh became involved in community outreach activities through the Bungalow Park Civic Association. Among his accomplishments in this capacity was securing a guarantee of minimal noise from the damming operations in the bay behind his community. After his service in the Solicitor's office,

Hugh returned to the private practice of law, both as a solo practitioner and in the Valore law firm. Hugh retired from law practice in the early 1990's and had a second career in education, teaching math at the elementary and college levels. In addition to his professional career, Hugh had an active, happy private life. While at Rutgers, he met and married Diane Holmes with whom he had two children, Suzanne and Carleton. In 1990, he married Linda Nettles. As a cancer survivor, Hugh became actively involved in the Atlantic County chapter of the American Cancer Society and served on its Board of Directors. He was a member of the Jethro Memorial Presbyterian Church of Atlantic City. A life-long athlete, Hugh embraced the sports of tennis and skiing in middle age and became proficient at both. He was an expert marksman and enjoyed target shooting with rifles and revolvers.

Hugh enjoyed socializing with a wide sphere of friends, especially his "running buddies" in Monmouth County, Willingboro, and at the Flying Cloud Cafe. He loved dogs (particularly his beloved "Squanto"), but recently had his heart stolen by a Maine Coon cat named "Teegar". However, his favorite moments were spent on the jetties and at the sea wall where he could be found at high tide, rain or shine, with a fishing pole in hand and a bucket of stripers at his feet. Hugh was predeceased by his parents, Lucille C. and Hubert U. Barbour, Sr. He leaves to cherish his memory a brother, James C. Barbour (Marlene) of Atlantic City; two children, Suzanne E. Barbour of Richmond, VA and Carleton J. Barbour (Sharon) of Phillipsburg; cousins, John C. Carter (Beverly) of Baltimore, MD, Conwell (Binx) Carter (Evelyn) of Venice, CA, Adrienne Riaz-Kahn of Washington, DC, Joseph Hunter (Maryanne) of Delran, and Gwendolyn Langford of Philadelphia, PA; a god sister, Phyllis Smiley of Mays Landing; and a host of friends and extended family.

Richard John Bauer joined the heavenly church on June 27, 2015. He was born August 11, 1940 in Jersey City, NJ. Richard lived in New Jersey for 22 years, he graduated from Rutgers University in 1962, than served as an officer in the US Air Force for 6 years in

several locations. Richard married Sarah (nee Epps) on May 28, 1966. He worked 22 years for Control Data Corporation in the Twin Cities Minnesota Area and also worked for 16 years at Electronic Data Systems in the Detroit Area. He then retired June 1, 2006. He served in various ministries in four Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregations and two districts over the years.

Richard is survived by his wife Sarah; two sons, Michael (Boise, Idaho) and Marc (Eau Claire, Wisconsin); Daughter, Carol Flood (Grafton, Wisconsin); brother, Robert (La Verne, California); grandchildren, Mya Bauer, Riley Bauer, and Ducan Bauer (all of Eau Claire).

Memorial donations may be made in Rich's name to the Alzheimer's Disease Research, 22512 Gateway Center Drive, Clarksburg, MD 20871 – 800-437-2423 – www.ahaf.org.

Richard T. Blake, a member of the Point Pleasant Borough Board of Education, died on July 21, 2008. He was 68. A lifelong educator, Blake was a teacher in the school district for 11 years and an administrator for 22 years before joining the board. He retired as principal of Point Pleasant Borough High School in 1999. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Mary Lou Fennelly Blake; his daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Mike Byington; his son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Candy Blake; and five grandchildren.

Eugene Robert Boselli, age 76 of Bridgeport, died the morning of Saturday, September 20, 2014 in St. Vincent Medical Center, from complications of a fall. Born on May 3, 1938, in Jersey City, NJ., he was raised in Union City. Eugene was educated at Blair Academy and Rutgers University, and furthered his education at Housatonic Community College. He worked about eight years for E. J. Korvette's, then 40 years for the City of Bridgeport, in the Comptroller's and Tax Collector's office. A longtime member of Calvary St. George's Episcopal Church, formerly St. George's Episcopal Church, he was the Parish treasurer for two extended terms. Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Carolyn (Clapp) Boselli, his sister-in-law, Mary (Penny) Clapp, his brother, Bruce Boselli, M.D., and wife Shirlee, and five nieces and two nephews. Donations may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 1463 Highland Ave., Cheshire, CT 06410, in memory of Eugene.

Craig Bradley, of Hopatcong, passed away Saturday, October 5, 2011 at home. He was 70. Born in Paterson, he lived in Paterson and Mountain Lakes before moving to Hopatcong in 1962. He was a realtor with Realty Executives in Sparta. Prior to this he was the owner of Van Genderen Auto Parts with stores in the Hopatcong area. A graduate of Rutgers University in New Brunswick, Craig served in the National Guard. He was a member and trustee of the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club, a member of the Antique and Classic Boat Club, a member and board member of the Lake Hopatcong Historical Society and a member of the Hopatcong Board of Health. He was active in both the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs, enjoyed sailing at the lake for over 50 years and riding around

the lake in his beloved "Redwing." He was predeceased by his parents and his brother.

Beloved husband of Marge. Devoted step-father of Cory Deermount and his wife Sherry and Kathy Muzyl. Dear step-grandfather of 5 step-grandchildren. Memorial donations in his memory may be made to the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club Historical Foundation, PO Box 133, Landing NJ 07850, The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 14 Commerce Drive, Cranford NJ 07016 or to the Alzheimer's Association, PO Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011. Since his passing, his family has received condolences describing him as "a gentleman who cared about doing the right thing for people and going out of his way to help others." His college brothers have described him as "one of the coolest low-keyed guys."

Lee W. Curley passed away on Friday, April 3, 2015. "Big Daddy," so called by his grandchildren because he was larger than life, was born to Thomas and Edna Curley in Bridgeton, NJ on October 9, 1940. His father Thomas was one of nine boys - from an Irish family that comprised their own baseball team that is recognized in the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

While his family was committed to bottle making at the Owens Illinois glass factory, Lee enjoyed playing sports and going to school. He was no stranger to hard work - with early jobs on a snow-filled newspaper route and setting up pins at the bowling alley. Lee was a star athlete in high school and joined ROTC to become the first person in his family to obtain a college degree. While obtaining a degree in business at Rutgers University, Lee played both baseball and football. He was on the first undefeated football team and had the then record for the longest run after pass in Rutgers history and was drafted by the Washington Redskins.

After college, Lee was a flight instructor at Craig Air Force base in Selma, AL. There he trained pilots on the T-33 and the T-38, the world's first supersonic trainer. Lee went on to fly extensively in Latin America as a pilot with Pan American Airlines. In 1970, he began working as a financial advisor with Merrill Lynch. He later became branch manager for Robinson-Humphrey and built a 40 year career with expertise in investments and financial planning. Up until his illness, he continued to trade stocks for long-term clients at his own firm Kathwood Advisors.

Lee had a long history of civic engagement and philanthropy. He served as District Governor for the Rotary Club of Augusta, President of the Clinton Anderson Hospital Foundation, Chairman of Leadership Augusta, and board member for the Rabun Gap Nacoochee School. He was a loyal supporter of his Alma Mater and the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. He loved reading, researching stocks, cigars, and traveling the world. He had a special place in his heart for Fripp Island and coastal Maine. But, what he loved most of all was his family.

Lee leaves two children, Debbie and David, with a sense of sass and adventure, a hard work ethic, appreciation for the finer things in life and respect for those less fortunate. He

will be missed by his daughter-in-law Lisa Curley and three grandchildren - Brayden, Brooks and Kate who will remember him as "nice, hilarious and the real Santa Claus". He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Tommy. He also leaves his sister-in-law Regina Curley and two nieces Diane and Carole Curley in New Jersey.

Specials thanks to the nurses and doctors in 4 South at Georgia Regents University Hospital who provided loving care and attention to Big Daddy. Donations can be made in honor of Lee Curley to the GHSF Kidney and Pancreas Transplant Patient Assistance Fund and mailed to Kelly Schulte, GRU, 1120 15th Street; Augusta, GA 30912 (706.721.9394).

Robert (Bob) Anthony Dembinski, 76, passed away in his Tenants Harbor Maine home on December 20, 2016. He is pre-deceased by his parents Julian B. and Helen F. (Bugay) Dembinski. Bob was born in Trenton, NJ and then relocated to Hamilton Township. He attended the Hamilton Square Grammar School, graduated with the Hamilton High School Class of 1958 and earned BA in Mathematics from Rutgers University New Brunswick.

Bob is survived by his son Robert C. Dembinski of Massachusetts; and a longtime companion Donna Jones of Norfolk, Massachusetts.

Bob initially worked for DeLaval R&D Department writing engineering computer applications in FORTRAN. For several decades he was proudly employed by Honeywell Information Systems (later renamed Honeywell Bull) in Massachusetts, mainly doing computer language compiler development and support. His final title was Senior Staff Analyst. He also worked for nearly 3 years at Stream International Incorporated providing Customer Support for Microsoft Word and Excel products. During his working years, he lived in Medway and Norfolk, Massachusetts.

He volunteered as a camera operator with Norfolk Community Television. Here he created several cooking videos, was the treasurer, and was elected Volunteer of the Year several times. After full retirement, he relocated to Tenants Harbor, where he spent his time enjoying life, 'the way life should be.'

He was a kind, fair, and decent gentle man. Bob was proud of his Polish ancestry and was the 1958 recipient of The Polish Arts Club of Trenton scholarship. He was a Star Trek enthusiast and met Leonard Nimoy, the actor who portrayed Mr. Spock. He kept in touch with his Hamilton High School classmates, attended reunions every 5 years, and created a website for the Class of 1958.

He had a gift of using technology, and enjoyed cooking, baking from scratch, woodworking, being a handyman, reading mystery novels, visits from the American Woodcock also known as the timberdoodle bird in the Spring, nighttime sky events, and chatting with neighbors.

At Bob's request, there was no viewing, no wake, no funeral service, and no specific location for burying his ashes.

Dennis E. Deuschl (Age 75) Passed away at his home in Annandale, VA., June 27, 2016, surrounded by loving family members. He was predeceased by his daughter Lisa Christine Deuschl, and his sister Priscilla Deuschl. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Vivian; daughter Piper Jill Arra, Dallas, TX; son-in-law Philip Arra, Jr.; cherished grandchildren, Dominic Anthony Arra and Gianna Claire Arra; sister Pamela Deuschl Geisler, Long Island, NY; sister-in-law Sandra Benko, York, PA.; and numerous nieces and nephews. Deuschl, Lt. Col., (Ret.) joined the U.S. Air Force in March 1963 and was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in ceremonies at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, TX. Deuschl served eight years on active duty, and 19 years as an Air Force Reserve Officer stationed at McGuire AFB, NJ and later at the Pentagon. He received the Air Force Commendation Medal for outstanding service. As a public affairs officer for the Air Force, Deuschl was assigned at bases in Laredo, TX; Taipei, Taiwan, and San Bernardino, CA. He was awarded a Commendation of Excellence in appreciation of his working relationship with the Taiwan Ministry of Military Defense. Deuschl's final active duty assignment was at Norton AFB, San Bernardino, CA, Director of Information for Headquarters Aero space Audio Visual Service. Following his Air Force active duty career, Deuschl was a public relations executive with Prudential Insurance in PA, and Assistant Corporate Vice President, Public Relations, with First Virginia Banks, Inc. (now BB&T), Falls Church, VA. He joined the federal government in 1976, serving for 25 years as Director of Public Affairs at The St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, an agency of The U.S. Department of Transportation.

He retired in 2001, to pursue a career as an Adjunct Professor of Public Relations at American University and the University of Virginia, Northern Virginia campus, Falls Church, VA. In 2005, Deuschl authored one of the first college textbooks devoted to the study of travel and tourism public relations. The book continues to be used as a valuable resource in colleges and universities around the world where majors in hospitality management are part of the curriculum. Deuschl, who earned a Bachelor's Degree from Rutgers University, attended evening classes at American University, earning his Master's Degree in public relations. His thesis on "U.S. Port Public Relations" was the first of its kind, establishing Deuschl as a frequently consulted authority on all aspects of maritime communications. It served as a model for seaports around the world on best practices including disaster-related crisis communications, to planning for new routes opening on the St. Lawrence Seaway in Messina, NY. Deuschl was included in "Who's Who in America" and "Who's Who in Public Relations." He was an accredited member of The Public Relations Society of America (PRSA).

Digby Diehl, a journalist, critic and prolific author who helped celebrities such as Bob Barker and Natalie Cole tell their stories, has died at age 76. Diehl had Alzheimer's disease, his wife, Kay, said. He died Sept. 26 in Los Angeles.

Known as a collaborator as much as an editor, Diehl was the first editor of the Los

Angeles Times Sunday Book Review, a position he held until he was named editor-in-chief at Harry N. Abrams Inc., the New York publishing house. Diehl returned to Los Angeles as the book editor for the Los Angeles Herald Examiner and then became a movie critic and entertainment editor for KCBS-TV Channel 2, remembered — among other things — for his trademark bow tie.

He also became a regular collaborator and co-writer for the famous and influential. He teamed up with Bob Barker to help write the game show host's memoir, "Priceless Memories." He helped singer Natalie Cole write her autobiography, "Angel on My Shoulder." And he worked with Teddy Getty Gaston, the last wife of oil tycoon J. Paul Getty, to write "Alone, Together." Diehl also helped pull together "A Spy for All Seasons," the memoirs of former FBI Deputy Director Duane R. Clarridge, a key figure in the Iran-Contra affair.

Born Nov. 14, 1940, in New Jersey, Diehl graduated from Rutgers University.

Later in life, Diehl became a literary correspondent for "Good Morning America" and a book columnist for Playboy and AARP magazines. Over the decades, he wrote for the Los Angeles Times, the New York Times, Esquire, People magazine and Cosmopolitan.

He is survived by his wife and a daughter, Dylan Diehl.

Jesse Lee Dogan, 68, of Henryville, died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2011 at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville. He was the beloved husband and best friend of Susan Weiss Dogan, with whom he had celebrated 45 years of marriage last summer. They would have celebrated the 50th anniversary of their meeting at college on March 11. They had an extraordinary partnership personally and professionally, and together founded Dogan Well Drilling Inc. in 1973, which they owned and operated for more than 35 years.

Jesse was born in New York City, the only child of the late Max Dogan and Rose Hoffman Dogan. He grew up in Cliffside Park, N.J., and spent his childhood summers with his extended family in Henryville at the farm that his father bought when Jesse was 5 years old.

Jesse had the mind of an engineer. He was self-taught in many of his skills, following in the footsteps of his late uncle, Abe Drabkin, husband of the late Rebecca Dogan Drabkin. Abe was like a second father to Jesse when his own father died when Jesse was 9 years old. Abe took Jesse under his wing, encouraging his innate genius in many areas that he later applied in the successful operation of his business. Jesse graduated from Cliffside Park High School and Rutgers University. He was an officer in the U.S. Coast Guard for four years, stationed in the Florida Keys and in Virginia. Jesse and Susan moved to Henryville in 1966 just before the birth of their daughter, Naomi.

Jesse was a large "Paul Bunyan" of a man whose intelligence and esoteric sense of humor could make him formidable or intimidating to some. However, those who knew him well

knew that he had a generous heart and enjoyed rescuing others in need, whether it was a water well customer with no water or a boater in trouble on a lake. He could often be found with his family and friends on Sunday nights at the Snydersville Diner. Jesse was well known and respected by many people across the Pocono Mountains. He was an ethical, responsible and fair businessman who was a mentor and friend to men and women alike.

Throughout his life, Jesse loved everything that involved water. He enjoyed boating with his family and dogs on Lake George, swimming, snowmobiling and riding his four-wheeler.

In his younger years, Jesse loved to fly small private airplanes and go square dancing on weekends. He was an avid reader, enjoyed classical music and loved the many animals that he cared for throughout his life. He had a keen eye for craftsmanship and was not afraid to speak his mind or shed a tear when moved. Jesse marched to his own drummer and saw himself as a "lone wolf." However, he shared a huge and wonderful social community with his wife, Susan. There are many wolves crying in the woods today.

In addition to his loving wife, Susan, Jesse is survived by their daughter, Naomi Dogan-West, son-in-law James West, and young granddaughters Gitalia and Carinna Dogan-West, all of Bedford, Mass. He is also survived by two brothers-in-law and their families, David and Joanne Weiss of Henryville and their children, Adam and Dana Weiss, and Steven and Susan Weiss of New Mexico and their children, Andrew and Deborah Weiss and their families; the family of his late and beloved first cousin Gerry Hoffman, including his wife, Judy, of Brooklyn, N.Y., and their children, Rebecca, David and Eric Hoffman and their families; and by several other cousins, all of whom greatly miss his presence in their lives. Jesse is also enormously missed by his devoted Irish setters, Eden and Whitney.

Dennis Neil Fox, 76, passed away at his home on June 12, 2016. Dennis was born June 30, 1939, in Lewistown, Pa., and grew up in New Jersey in Wildwood, Elm, and Hammonton. He was a Hammonton High School graduate. Dennis received his bachelor's degree in history and economics education at his beloved Rutgers University. He also did post-graduate work at Brown University and Oxford. Dennis spent his long teaching career at Jonathan Dayton High School, Springfield Township, N.J. In his retirement he enjoyed his passion for writing. Research for his book, "Totally Bananas," provided a reason for his other passion, exploration. His involvement in research programs provided him travel to Australia and Italy. He will be remembered as a wonderful brother and a wonderful friend to many. He is survived by his sister, Mary Ann Tremont of New Jersey, and brother, Thomas Tremont and his spouse, Tomas Ramirez, of California. Funeral services were held privately for the family. Dennis is interred at Somerset Hills Memorial Park, Basking Ridge, N.J

Peter W. Hall, age 74 of Basking Ridge, NJ died at his home peacefully on Thursday, May 29, 2014. Born in Somerville and residing in Bound Brook until college, he was the son of the late Justice Frederick and Jane Hall. He and his family lived in Millington until 1984, and then resided in Basking Ridge for the next 30 years. He was a teacher at Ridge High School where he had also served as a coach and Athletic Director for 28 years. Peter was a two-time All-American baseball player at Rutgers University and played three years for the Yankees organization reaching AA in 1964. He was inducted into the Rutgers Olympic Hall of Fame, the NJSIAA Hall of Fame, the Bound Brook High School Hall of Fame, and the Ridge High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Peter made a difference in the lives of countless people during his life. He will be remembered and missed by all who knew and loved him.

Peter was predeceased by his wife, Ann, in 2012. He is survived by his two sons, Alan Hall and his wife, Heather of Burke VA, and Ian Hall and his wife, Carrie, of Trumbull, CT. He is also survived by his 5 grandchildren: Aidan, Padraig, Grace, Finn, and Jane. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to: Friends of the KMS Farmstead, PO Box 150 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920.

Laurence A. Hecker passed away May 18, 2017 in Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch, NJ. He was 77 years old. Larry was born and raised in Newark and moved to Toms River in his late twenties. He graduated from Rutgers Law School, where he was a Henry Rutgers scholar and president of the Law Review. He started his own law practice with offices in Keyport and Toms River. He later practiced solely in Toms River and was the township attorney for several years, before retiring in 2012. He loved traveling and spending time with his family.

He was predeceased by his parents, Aaron Hecker and Etta Schneider Hecker Sickel, and his brother Stephen Hecker. He is survived by his niece Lisa Morrison and her husband Louis Arzola, and his nephew Douglas Hecker and his wife Cathy Lightner Hecker. He is also survived by his great-nieces Kathleen and Karen Morrison. Donations in Larry's memory to Haven/Beat the Street, Inc., 231 North New Road, Absecon, NJ 08201 would be appreciated.

Richard (Dick) Hernon, 72, of Toms River died Wednesday, March 20, 2013 peacefully at home. He was born in Staten Island, NY and resided in Toms River since 1962. He graduated from Rutgers University and NJIT with a masters degree in civil engineering. He served as a company commander in the Army Corps of Engineers. Dick worked at NJ DOT until he became a County Engineer for Hudson County.

In 1980, he joined NJ Transit Rail as Chief Engineer of Structures and later became Deputy Director of Engineering for NJ Rail Operations. In 1988, he moved to the Hudson Bergen Light Rail Project as Director of Engineering. He guided the two billion dollar project to its first phase of completion. He retired from Transit and joined T & M Associates as Chief Engineer. Dick was an active member of St. Joseph's Church in

Toms River. Dick will be remembered for his strength during his long battle with prostate cancer, but most of all for his love of family, his kindness and generosity. He enjoyed his trips to Disney and being with his two grandchildren Max and Jack. He will be sadly missed but never forgotten.

Dick was predeceased by his parents, Frank and Mary Hernon and his first wife, Susan Hartnett Hernon. He is survived by his loving wife, Jane (Murphy) Hernon; his son, Robert Nagel and his wife Melissa of Point Pleasant Beach; his daughter, Elizabeth Hernon and sons, Richard Hernon Jr. and Patrick Hernon of Toms River; his two grandsons, Max and Jack Nagel; his sister, Mary Jane Hummers and her husband Joe, and many nieces and nephews who loved him.

William A. Huss, 75, of Medford, NJ, passed away peacefully on Monday, August 10, 2015, at home. Born in Lakewood, NJ, the son of Henry and Martha Huss, Bill resided in Willingboro, Voorhees and Blackwood, NJ, before moving to Medford two years ago. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served honorably in the Dental Corps from 1966 to 1968. Bill received his undergraduate degree from Rutgers University and his Doctorate in Dentistry from the University of Pennsylvania. Subsequently he owned and operated his own practices in Camden, Cherry Hill, and Voorhees. After selling his offices he continued to practice his passion at the office of Dr. Joseph Yabolnick, in Voorhees. Bill enjoyed skiing and was a member of the South Jersey Ski Club. He was an avid golfer, and was a member of the Medford Lakes Country Club.

He is survived by his devoted friend and companion, Helen Ferrara; two sons and daughters-in-law, William H.S. Huss and Cindy of Elk Grove, CA, and Noel and Beth Conway of York, PA; his daughter and son-in-law, Jami and Richard Thoms of Manasquan, NJ; his brother and sister-in-law, Henry and Henrietta Huss; seven grandchildren, William, Carly, Thomas, Sydney, Megan, Cooper and Makenna; and two nieces, Nancy and Gayle.

Clement David "Clem" Izzi, 76, resident of Nashua died peacefully Friday, February 10, 2017 at Southern New Hampshire Medical Center. He was the beloved husband of his high school sweetheart, Elizabeth (Kelemen) Izzi, who was at his side at his passing.

He was born in New Brunswick, NJ on August 7, 1940, and was a son of the late Peter A. and Antoinette (Iovino) Izzi. He graduated from St. Peter's High School in New Brunswick in 1958 and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Organic Chemistry from Rutgers University in 1962.

Clement retired from a long career as a business manager in 1998 to spend more time with his family. He began his career as a Chemist at Johns-Manville Corporation, Manville, NJ and worked his way up to Product Manager before the division was acquired by Nashua Corporation in 1970. He moved his family to Nashua, NH in 1972 and became the General Sales Manager and later Marketing Manager for the Industrial

Tape Division at Nashua Corporation. In 1975 he returned to NJ for 2 ½ years to work as General Sales Manager for GENtech Industries, Inc. Clem became President and General Manager of Ideal Tape Company in Lowell, MA in 1978. During this time he also spent several years as Chairman of the Greater Lowell Private Industry Council. After 11 plus years at Ideal Tape Co., he became President of Comet Products Inc., a supplier of food service items, located in Chelmsford, MA. When Comet Products was acquired by The Waddington Group, he became President of Waddingtons North America (WNA). Before retiring he spent several years advising companies across the country as a business consultant.

Clem was a lover of literature and all genres of music. He traveled the world and he enjoyed golf, swimming in the Pacific Ocean off of the Big Island of Hawaii, snow skiing, and team sports. He played football on the undefeated St. Peter's High School team of 1956 and enjoyed that game until he suffered a career ending knee injury. He was a faithful Red Sox baseball fan, and he especially enjoyed attending high school and college basketball games around the Northeast with his friends. He and his wife are the honorees on the Boston College Head Basketball Coach endowment named in 2015.

Clem never lost his sense of humor even in the face of enormous physical challenges in his later years. He exemplified strength and courage and could light up a room with his presence. He was just as great a listener as a story teller. His wisdom guided and influenced everyone with whom he came in contact. He employed and mentored many First Church youth to help him when he lost his ability to walk and to see. He sat on the New Hampshire National Spinal Cord Injury Association Advisory Committee for 4 years and was active directing its board members. He also sat on the NH Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Advisory Council for 3 years. His attitude was to never, ever give up and to not feel sorry for yourself. He motivated many with this life lesson. He was a selfless, generous soul who was the first to help a friend or family member in need.

Clement was an exceptional man loved by many but especially by his family. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his two daughters, Karen Ann Bristing and her husband Steven of La Canada Flintridge, CA, and Susan Marie Gentile and her husband Sabatino of Marlton, NJ; four grandchildren, Andrew Gross, Matthew Bristing, Jonathan and Heather Gentile; a brother Stephen J. Izzi and his wife Kim of Florida; and many nieces, nephews, colleagues and close friends.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, you consider a donation to charities most important to Clement: the NHNSCIA program of Granite State Independent Living, 21 Chenell Drive, Concord, NH 03301 <https://www.gsil.org/how-to-help/donate-now/> or to the Salvation Army of Lowell, 150 Appleton Street, Lowell, MA 01853 <http://massachusetts.salvationarmy.org/MA/Lowell>

Joseph (Jay) Paul Kowalski, 81, of Sparta, NJ, went to be with the Lord on May 19, 2021 surrounded by his family. Jay was born in Johnsonburg, PA to Stanley and Josephine Kowalski on March 30th 1940. He was the third of five children.

He graduated from Johnsonburg High School in 1958 and Rutgers University in 1962. While at Rutgers University during his senior year, Jay was the starting linebacker for Rutgers' first undefeated football season in 1961. He received national recognition as the recipient of the Swede Nelson award for Sportsmanship.

Upon graduation Jay was commissioned into the United States Air Force where he rose to the rank of Captain. He flew the F-100 and served two tours in Vietnam where he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star for meritorious service and nine Air Force Air Medals.

He left the Air Force and moved his family to Sparta in 1968. He traveled the world during his 32 year career with American Airlines. Jay had the unique opportunity to fly his final trip from Madrid to Miami with 2 of his sons as his co-pilots.

He enjoyed skiing, golfing, reading, sailing, cooking and time with his grandchildren. He was active with coaching his sons sports, and as a ski instructor at Vernon Valley / Great Gorge.

He was a member of the American Legion, VFW, The Lake Mohawk Golf Club, and the Sparta Presbyterian church.

He is survived by his loving wife, Cynthia (Fleming) of 58 years and three sons: Eric and his wife Julie, of Sparta NJ; Gary and his wife Amy, of Jupiter FL; Kevin and his wife Chitra, of Sparta NJ; proud grandfather of Lauren, Kimberly, Amanda, Andrew, Emily, Colin, Uma, and Finn; Brother Stan Kowalski from Indiana; and sister Patsy from Colorado. He was pre-deceased by brothers Edward and Michael.

Visitation will be held on Friday May 21st 2-4pm, and 7- 9 pm, at Goble Funeral Home, 22 Main Street, Sparta, NJ 07871.

A funeral service will be held at Sparta Presbyterian Church on Saturday May 22nd, 10:00am, at 32 Main Street, Sparta NJ 07871. Interment will follow at Sparta Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the American Heart Association, <http://Heart.org/donate> ; and The Wounded Warrior Project. (<http://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate>)

Dr. F. Thomas Ledig passed away on May 20, 2015 at 76 from metastatic melanoma. He was a world renowned research scientist in the fields of forest genetics and conservation biology. He could not have been loved more by his family and a host of wonderful

friends from all over the world.

Tom was born in Dover, New Jersey. After earning his B.S. from Rutgers University and his M.S. and Ph.D. from North Carolina State University, he went on to become a Full Professor and member of the Board of Permanent Officers of Yale University. In 1979 Tom joined the U.S. Forest Service's Pacific Southwest Research Station as Director of the Institute of Forest Genetics, located in Berkeley and Placerville, California.

Tom traveled the world as a highly sought after expert on forest genetics and conservation, consulting with government and scientific institutions. His research took him to Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Hungary, India, Italy, Kenya, Korea, Luxembourg, Mexico, Morocco, Portugal, Scotland, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Vietnam, and throughout the United States. He was familiar through travel with forest conditions in many other countries.

Major recognition of his life's work includes the Society of American Foresters Barrington Moore Memorial Award for outstanding achievement in biological research; Fellowship in the American Association for the Advancement of Science; a special award from the Universidad Autonoma Agraria Antonio Narro, Saltillo, Mexico; and two North American Forest Commission awards. His service as secretary of the UN/FAO/North American Forest Commission's Forest Genetic Resources Working Group was one of the most rewarding experiences of his career. Yet, his most treasured honor was a 1997 letter, signed by former colleagues at Yale University that reads, in part, "We miss the joie de vivre that left when you left."

Tom retired in 2008 as Senior Scientist in the Pacific Southwest Research Station and continued as an adjunct professor at the University of California-Davis. He remained active in research. His most recent work involved genetic diversity in conifers, evaluating experiments he established in 1973-1974 on the effects of climate change on pitch pine; and working on a National Geographic Society grant to study Coulter pine in Baja California. His career is represented in part by over 135 publications in genetics and physiology. To the end, he maintained his long-time interests in hiking the mountains and the Southwest desert, photography, SCUBA diving, and collecting fine and folk art.

Tom is survived by his wife, Linda Marie Lux; three children from a former marriage: Colleen Stanton Cassidy, Sean Cormac Ledig, and Brendan Owen Ledig; his grandson, Nicholaus Vitaly Ledig; brother Alan Lloyd Ledig; and father-in-law Raymond Clyde Lux.

Irving Wayne Lippincott of Southampton, N.J. went home to be with his Lord on Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2015. He was 77. Born in Mount Holly, N.J., he was the son of the late Irving and Grace Lippincott.

Wayne was a partner of Lippincott & Jacobs Consulting Engineers in Riverside, N.J.,

which he founded in 1969. He was a member of the Riverside Business Association, the Riverside-Delran-Delanco Rotary Club, the B.C. Chamber of Commerce, the American Society of Civil Engineers, a Trustee for the B.C.C. Foundation and the United Way, and an Elder and member of the Shawnee Baptist Church.

He was the beloved husband of Anne (Hagerthey) Lippincott and the loving father of Todd W. Lippincott (Tracey), Jennifer A. Teisen (Steve), Tim W. Blackstone (Dina), the late Kim J. Juliana, Stephen Blackstone and Heather Malave (Anthony). He is also survived by his sister, Joy L. Vanaman of New Jersey; his son-in-law, Jim Juliana; his 16 grandchildren; and his dear friend, Ron Henry.

Relatives and friends may greet the family from 3 to 6 p.m., Sunday, at the Shawnee Baptist Church, 303 Oak Shade Road, Shamong, N.J., where a celebration of his life will be held at 11 a.m., Monday. Interment will be held privately at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, the family requests memorial donations to either The King's Christian School, 5 Carnegie Plaza, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 or to the Shawnee Baptist Church, 303 Oak Shade Rd., Shamong, NJ 08088.

William A. MacNeil, April 6, 1940 – July 6, 2017 -- A man who loved words, William A. MacNeil, 77, was a newspaper editor, playwright, director, actor, and producer. He died July 6, 2017 at his home in Santa Fe after a long illness. Bill was born to William R. and Helen (Tobin) MacNeil in Brooklyn, N.Y. on April 6, 1940, and grew up in Palisades Park, N.J. A graduate of Leonia High School, he earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy at Rutgers University and a master's in English literature at Northwestern University.

His newspaper career began at The Record in Hackensack, N.J., where he started the Sunday edition, mentored many young reporters, and met his wife Jane 50 years ago this June. Other editorial posts included the Reuters North American desk in London, the Associated Press in Boston, the Easton Express in Pennsylvania, and Great Falls Tribune in Montana. Bill stepped back from journalism to start a video production company, M-Y Media Productions, Inc. (later MacNeil, Murphy, Rector) and pursue his passion for theater. He served as artistic director of the Williams Carlos Williams Center for the Performing Arts in Rutherford, N.J. where he co-founded the Rivoli Stage Company with Steven Bloom. After moving to Santa Fe in 1994, Bill worked at the Albuquerque Journal North and co-founded Sirius Entertainment with John Nicksic. Both theater companies presented works of "serious fun."

As a young man, Bill participated in the struggles for civil rights and against the Vietnam War. He said many times that he expected bigotry would be a thing of the past by now. Deeply disappointed, he never lost his capacity for outrage. Bill lived with heartbreak over the early deaths of two sons, Douglas T. MacNeil and Robert Moses MacNeil. His first marriage to Janie (Jill) James ended in divorce. He is survived by wife Jane (Salodof) MacNeil, son Daniel J. MacNeil, daughters-in-law Laura (Meisenhelter)

MacNeil and Carmen (Romero) MacNeil, and grandchildren Dominique Romero, Jonathan (Dominic) Romero, and Angel Sandoval. His family expresses deep appreciation for the care provided by PMS Home Health Care and Hospice Center and the Olivias Sisters in his final days.

Bill will be interred at Santa Fe Memorial Gardens. He did not want a funeral or memorial service, but asked that friends raise a glass in his name, preferably with fine spirits and a good story to tell. In lieu of flowers please hear Bill calling, loudly to the end, for the world to fight back against racism, greed, and all those who would trample other people.

Thomas Matro, 81, of Warren, NJ, died peacefully at home on June 6, 2021. He was born and raised in Hammonton, NJ, and graduated from St. Joseph's High School and Rutgers University. He received his PhD in English Literature from Rutgers University. Tom began teaching at Rutgers New Brunswick in 1971. In 1972-73, he served on several planning committees for the then new Cook College. In 1973, he became Chair of the new Department of Humanities and Communication at Cook. He served in that capacity until 1981 when he became Director of the Cook College General Honors Program, wherein he developed and team-taught the interdisciplinary Honors seminars. In the transition of Cook College to the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, he remained as Director of the Honors Program and member of the English Department. He was also an active member of the Humanities and Technology Association, serving on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors as Vice President and as President from 1997-2000. He was an avid tennis player and enjoyed traveling with and cooking for his family and friends. Tom was predeceased by his parents, Anthony and Madeline and his sisters: Carmela Matro, Rae Plick and Virginia Butterhof. He is survived by his beloved wife, Deborah; his sons, Michael (Kelly) of New Hope, PA, and Daniel (Katharina) of Bethesda, MD; his daughters, Rebecca and Jennifer, both of San Diego, CA; and his four grandchildren: Jack, Willa, Marie, and Anna.

Richard N. McCoy of East Syracuse, died peacefully on Thursday, May 17 of complications of emphysema. He was born in Hackensack, NJ on January 2, 1941. At the early age of 13 he attained the rank of Eagle Scout while living in Oradell, NJ. Rick graduated from Newton High School, NJ and in 1962 graduated from Rutgers University, NJ, with a degree in Animal Science. While at Rutgers, he met his wife, Leonora, who was a student at Douglass College, NJ. They were married in 1963 by Lee's father, a pastor in Millstone, NJ. Both Richard and Lee taught in the Newton, NJ school system for two years.

Rick began a new career in the Sears Roebuck Manager Training program, which required them to move often. His most recent place of employment with Sears was in Fayetteville, NY, where he helped open the Sears store in the Fayetteville Mall. He was assistant manager there until 1984. Following his employment with Sears, he held positions with Morris Distributing in Syracuse and Solvay Glass Co. For many years, Rick coached softball in the F-M Little League program. He was a member of the Oran Community Church.

Rick is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Leonora Smith McCoy; three wonderful daughters, Laurel McCoy of Syracuse, twin daughters, Melissa Phillips of Indian Harbour Beach, FL and Holly Macko (Scott Macko) of Palm Bay, FL; granddaughter, Brittany Phillips, currently attending Grad School in New Hampshire; grandson, Daniel Phillips, II of Melbourne, FL; several nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

Edgar John Potter, 75, of Sarasota, died peacefully after an extended illness on December 14, 2014. He is survived by his wife Janet, son John, daughter-in-law Stephanie and three grandchildren. After graduating from Rutgers University, John served in the U.S. Navy.

Memorial donations may be made to the Circus Museum at The Ringling, the State Art Museum of Florida at www.ringling.org.

James Clay Richardson, 65, died Friday, March 24, 2006 at Somerset Medical Center. Mr. Richardson was born in Plainfield, raised in North Plainfield, and had resided in Watchung since 1970.

He received his bachelor's degree and law degree from Rutgers University. While at Rutgers he was president of his fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon and also editor of the yearbook. Mr. Richardson served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Richardson practiced law in his own firm, located in Watchung, since 1970. He was a municipal prosecutor for Watchung and was appointed municipal court judge in Watchung and Warren Township. He was a member of the NJ State Bar Association, and past trustee and president of the Somerset County Bar Association. He served on the Moot Court, was a communicant of St. Mary's Stony Hill Roman Catholic Church in Watchung and was a Watchung Borough volunteer fireman. He is predeceased by his father, Willis Clay Richardson.

He is survived by his former wife, Judy Snoden; his mother, Ann Theresa McNulty; two sons, James Richardson and his wife, Lauren, of White Township and Edward Richardson and his wife, Michelle, of Watchung; his brother, John Richardson; his sister, Carol Carrick; and two grandchildren, Elizabeth Anne Richardson and Lucas James Richardson.

Louis J. Rieger, age 71, passed away on Wednesday, the 25th of April 2012, in Austin, Texas.

Lou was born in Camden, New Jersey, grew up in Princeton, New Jersey, and graduated from Rutgers University in 1962. He was commissioned into the Air Force in 1962 as an officer, serving for three years. Lou graduated from Harvard Business School in 1969 as a Baker Scholar. After graduating from Harvard Business School he worked at McKinsey and Company before finding his passion in executive search. Lou had a twenty-year career with Spencer Stuart holding the positions of vice chairman and managing director. Lou started the Houston office of Spencer Stuart. Tom Simmons, the current managing director, reports, "he put me in the best job in the world."

Lou estimated that, in his 20 years in executive recruitment, he completed over 500 executive and board of director searches. The one he may have been most proud of was his two-year pro bono search on behalf of Mayor Kathy Whitmire for Chief of Police Lee Brown, who later became mayor of Houston. But the full list of his completed searches would read like a Who's Who of the Houston business community.

Lou brought a special charm to his work. As one executive later said, "Lou recruited me in a very subtle way. He's no high-pressure guy. He's more of a finesse guy." Everyone who knew Lou enjoyed his generosity, his empathy, his sense of humor and his genuineness. He was a man who, although he worked day in and day out with the top ranks of the business world, treated everyone he met with the same graciousness. He will be greatly missed.

In addition to his lifework, Lou served as President of the Harvard Business School Alumni Club.

Lou was preceded in death by his parents, the late Dorothy and Louis J. Rieger, Sr. He is survived by his wife of thirty-one years Nancy of Austin; Alison Rieger Brayton and her husband, Pete of Houston; Jamie Rieger and his wife, Bobbi of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Gerry Sarver and his wife, Patty, and their children, Will and Caroline of Plano, and Brett Sarver and his wife, Tracy, and their children, Audrey and Sarah of Houston.

The family would also like to acknowledge the loving care of the staff at the Isle at Cedar Ridge in Cedar Park, Texas.

In lieu of customary remembrances, memorial contributions in Lou's name may be directed to The Parkinson's Disease Center at Baylor College of Medicine, 6550 Fannin St., Suite 1801, Houston, TX, 77030; the National Parkinson Foundation, Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 5018, Hagerstown, MD, 21741-5018; or to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Attn: Tribute Gifts, Church Street Station, P.O. Box 780, New York, NY, 10008-0780.

Herbert M. Rubel, beloved husband of 51 years to Connie Jo Rubel, and devoted father of Steven J. Rubel died in his sleep at home, in Princeton, on August 18, 2016. His passing was unexpected because he exuded his usual brand of vitality until the end.

Born in New York City but raised in Lakewood, N.J., he spent his summers working as a lifeguard and was responsible for saving at least two lives. He went on to major in economics and graduated with a degree from Rutgers University in 1962. Economics drove him — a passion that led him to an equal love for mathematics. And while he loved to learn, he truly thrived at teaching others. Herbert was the consummate teacher (in all aspects) and some even called him “the professor.” He often tutored students free of charge and led them through the hazards and pitfalls of calculus.

Fresh out of college, Herbert began a 25-year career for IBM which started in economics but quickly led to the faster pace division of sales. He went on to break records as a top salesman for the company. In 1990 at the age of 50, Herbert retired and devoted his new-found free time to coach soccer for his son and other kids in Princeton. His time and investment in the team, the Flash, was rewarded with many championships, tournament play-offs, trophies, and priceless memories.

He was a regular around town and could often be found at the library or Dunkin Donuts drinking a tall cup of coffee, deep in debate with someone concerning current political affairs. His deeply held convictions led him to write an editorial which was recently published in the April 24th edition of the Hoboken Reporter. In his leisure time he liked to unwind by playing golf, a sport he discovered during his years as a salesman at IBM. But he also loved to bike and swim. Herbert loved the outdoors, was tenacious, and endlessly optimistic. However, the quality that outshone all others was the boundless, unconditional love he showered on his son and wife. He was not a perfect man, nonetheless, one could not have wished for a more giving, loving, and devoted father. He will be deeply missed but will always be in our hearts.

William “Bill” J. Speranza, 79, of Bonita Springs, FL and Lakewood, NJ, passed away peacefully on March 8, 2020 with his family by his side, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was loved by many and his positive spirit will always be remembered.

Born October 26, 1940 to immigrant parents William and Angelina Speranza in Philipsburg, Pennsylvania, Bill was the youngest of 7 children. He is predeceased by his parents as well as his brothers and sisters: Josephine, Anne, Constance, Michael, Angeline and Joseph.

After graduating from Philipsburg Osceola High School in 1958, Bill was recruited by Rutgers University, where he became a two sport letter winner, playing football and baseball. He was very proud to play on the 1961 undefeated football team and cherished the lifelong friends and teammates he met while at Rutgers.

Upon his college graduation in 1962, Bill accepted a high school teaching position in Bethlehem, PA. In 1964, he returned to Rutgers to coach football for over 20 years. 1976 led to another proud career moment—the second Rutgers undefeated football season—this time, he had the privilege to coach vs. play! Beginning in 1984, Bill enjoyed working as a Business Manager at Speranza Brickwork, Inc., where he was employed until his retirement.

In 1968, Bill met the love of his life, Linda (Walsak) Speranza, and they wed in 1969. Linda and Bill enjoyed over 51 amazing years together and their relationship illustrated the definition of true love. Together, Bill and Linda raised two daughters and enjoyed four grandchildren.

Bill’s proudest accomplishment was always his family – he took great pleasure in making family memories a priority—whether it was an annual family vacation, the Speranza March Madness competition, or playing bocce in the backyard! Besides his friends and family, Bill loved anything sports-related, golfing, reading, and the warm Florida sunshine.

In work and in life, Bill was always a “coach”— he was honest, supportive and always brought out the best in people. He was a voice of reason for many because of his huge heart, his ability to listen and his calm, trusting demeanor. Bill brightened up each and every room he entered with his infectious smile and laugh and will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.

Bill is survived by his wife Linda, his daughters Susan (Sean) Kelly of Lebanon Township, NJ, and Karin (Erik) Weikert of Stewartsville, NJ and his four grandchildren Evan, Emma, Madison and Grace. He also leaves behind nieces, nephews and many very special close friends.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 10:00am at Saint Dominic Roman Catholic Church, 250 Old Squan Road, Brick Township, NJ.

Bill and his family have always been incredibly thankful for the doctors and nurses that cared for him and the medical treatments he received over the years, all of which helped prolong his life.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be directed to the John Theurer Cancer Center in his honor: <https://www.hackensackumc.org> Please indicate that the gift is in memory of William Speranza.

A. Fred Stewart, 77, of Hoschton, Ga., passed away Friday, Feb. 17, 2017. Born May 2, 1939, to Marion and William Stadtmauer in Passaic, N.J., he graduated from Rutgers University in 1962 and enjoyed a successful career in the insurance industry as a business owner. Fred moved to Georgia, after his retirement in 2010. A lifelong NY Mets and Giants fan, he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

Fred is survived by his daughter, Deborah Abel (Eric); son, Dr. Kenneth Stewart (Patricia); and grandchildren, Jacob, Eliana, and Cole Abel, and Harrison, Noah, and Myles Stewart.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The American Diabetes Association, www.diabetes.org; or The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, www.aspca.org.

Dr. Horton G. Taylor, Jr., 76, of Ripley, MS passed away at his daughter's home in Union County on July 5, 2016. Dr. Taylor was born June 29, 1940, in Vardaman, MS. He was the firstborn son of Horton G. Taylor, Sr. and Unita Taylor of Calhoun City, MS. He had on younger sibling, James Walter Taylor, that is now a retired Doctor of Plastics/Reconstructive Surgery in Knoxville, TN. Dr. Taylor was a graduate of Abraham Clark High School, Roselle, NJ and earned a B.S. Degree from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ where he was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. Upon earning his B.S. Degree, Dr. Taylor was accepted into Medical School at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. After he received his Doctoral Degree of Medicine, He would return to the NJ area to begin his internship at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, NY. It was during this time that Horton married his college sweetheart Jean Barnett, of Westfield, NJ on October 15, 1967. Shortly thereafter, the newlyweds would return to Atlanta, GA, where Dr. Taylor completed his general surgery/family practice residency. It was at that time, that Dr. Taylor was called to serve his country and received his orders to report to the Fort Hood Army Hospital in Killen, TX. Within months after their move, Dr. Taylor was honored to serve as a general surgeon and headed one of the many MASH hospitals over the next 15 months. upon his return from Vietnam, Horton and Jean adopted their daughter, Lorena May, at the age of 3 days old. Later that year, The Taylor's made their journey to Ripley, MS, where Dr. Taylor began his private practice, Tippah County Medical Group. It was also at this time that that he and his wife were blessed with the adoption of their second child, James Carl. Dr. Taylor practiced medicine in Ripley and treated patients for over 45 years. During many years of practicing, he was a volunteer Professor of Family Practice Medicine to young residents of The University of Mississippi. Teaching was one of Dr. Taylor's greatest passions and he continued teaching medical students until his retirement in May of 2014. Although the doors of

Tippah County Medical Group would then close, Dr. Taylor continued to practice part time alongside his fellow Family Nurse Practitioners, Anita Turner and Mindy Quinn. His final days of practicing were in November 2015. Dr. Taylor was a dedicated member of his community and church, as he served on various committees and boards, including The Rotary Club, Boy Scouts of America, FUMC councils and the Republican Party are just a few to mention. He and Jean were devoted active members of The First United Methodist Church in Ripley, MS for over 45 years. Dr. Taylor, also known as Col. Taylor, would once again be asked to serve his country at the age of 65, to assist in the Pre-Combat set up of Mobile MASH Army Hospitals during the Desert Storm operation following 911. This was one of the most treasured accomplishments. As many are aware, he was dedicated to the Armed Forces of The United States of America and considered it an honor to Serve, Protect and Heal his fellow Americans. Dr. Taylor is preceded in death by his beloved wife Jean and his loving parents H.G. and Unita Taylor. He is survived by his 2 children, James Carl Taylor of Calhoun City and Lorena "Renie" Taylor Webb of Blue Springs, 5 grandchildren and his brother James Walton Taylor.

Joseph Hill Thompson died in February 2021. He was born on Dec 11th, 1939 in Passaic, New Jersey to parents Dorothy and Robert Thompson and resided in Ridgewood, New Jersey. He would join one other Thompson son, Bobby, his older brother.

Joe was an avid three sport athlete at Ridgewood High School, playing football, baseball, and basketball. The summer prior to starting high school, Joe met Lois Voorhees at the Graydon Pool and they began dating that fall while they were both freshmen. Lois and Joe graduated from Ridgewood High School, then Joe continued his education at Rutgers while also playing baseball for the University. After graduating from Rutgers, Joe acquired his Master's Degree from Kean College. Even though Joe and Lois continued their education at different schools, their love for each other continued to grow while spending time together on weekends in Hackettstown, NJ. After completing their graduate studies, Joe and Lois were married on June 2nd, 1962 in Wayne, PA. Shortly after, they relocated to Hillsborough, NJ where they raised their three children, Susan, Joe Jr and Scott.

Joe's love for teaching and coaching lead him to his first job in the Hillsborough School District. He taught Physical Education and coached baseball as well. He then joined the administrative team and was hired as Vice Principal of Hillsborough Middle School. His experience, excellent leadership and people skills led to another promotion as principal of Woodfern Elementary School, where he remained until retirement. Because Joe was such an advocate for children, he was known as "The Kids Principal" as he positively influenced thousands of youngsters and managed hundreds of happy teachers and staff.

After being employed in the education field for 34 years, Joe and Lois retired and moved to Vero Beach, Florida and Keystone, Colorado. They enjoyed many years of golf, skiing, hiking and spending much time with their eight grandchildren. All the grandchildren called Joe "Poppie" or the "Popster" and they loved both he and Lois (Grandy) dearly.

Joe is the true definition of a "people person". He was a gregarious person who genuinely enjoyed interacting with others and had an incredible ability to connect, laugh and make people feel accepted, appreciated, and loved. He genuinely cared about everyone. Joe was an amazing husband, father, brother, and friend. We will all miss "Poppie" so much, but God works all things together for good for those who have faith in Him. All who call

on the name of The Lord will be saved. God's plan is good and so we know we will see "Poppie" again.

In remembrance of Joseph H. Thompson memorial contributions may be made in his name to Plowshare Farm, 32 Whitney Road, Greenfield, NH 03047.

Richard Victor Van Riper Jr., 72, of Phoenix, Arizona, passed away on November 12, 2012. He was an avid chess player, whom volunteered teaching the kids at Barry Goldwater High School, and was part of the Aletro Club. Richard is survived by his loving wife of 50 years Lucille M. Van Riper; his son Richard T. Van Riper, daughter Maria Trefethen, son in law William Trefethen, daughter in law Mardi Van Riper. He also leaves behind his three grandchildren; Dexter Richard Van Riper, William Jacob Trefethen, and Charlotte Marie Trefethen. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday, November 15, 2012 at Phoenix Memorial Park & Mortuary 200 W. Beardsley Rd. Phoenix, Arizona. He will be greatly missed by all who love him.

Robert L. Vecchio, 72, died Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at the Somerset Medical Center. Born in Brooklyn, NY, Mr. Vecchio lived most of his life in Hillsborough. He was a helicopter pilot in the United States Army during the Viet Nam Conflict. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12 in Somerville and the Viet Nam Vets Association in Flemington. He retired from Torcon Inc. as construction estimator.

Son of the late Joseph and Concetta Vecchio, he is survived by his wife Gayle Hamilton Vecchio, two sons Patrick and Michael, two brothers Ralph and Joseph Vecchio, one sister Terri Kennedy.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center, PO Box 5281, North Branch, NJ 08876 or The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, 34th St. & Civic Center Blvd., Philadelphia, PA. 19104.

Ezra Weisman passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on the evening of Saturday May 13, 2017 at the Monmouth Medical Center Southern Campus.

He was 77 years old and a resident of the Lake Ridge Community of Toms River, NJ. The cause of death was chronic myelomonocytic leukemia, and he was proud to have far exceeded the life expectancy for this illness.

Born April 27, 1940, in Long Branch, NJ, he was raised in Roosevelt, NJ (originally an integrated Jewish cooperative project called Jersey Homesteads). He was the son of Israel Weisman and Yona Russler Weisman, and brother of Aviva Weisman Feiffer.

He attended grade school in Roosevelt, NJ, and after graduating from Hightstown High School in 1958, he earned a bachelor's degree at Rutgers University.

He worked for New Brunswick Scientific for 38 years. Having started as a part-time employee, he became the president and CEO of the company at the age of 47. His position there gave him the chance to meet eminent scientists and to travel extensively throughout the world. Traveling, golf and creative writing were his passions, as was spending quality time with his family.

He leaves behind his wife Jacqueline Weisman Amir; his children, Jason, Sharon, Eric, Stefan, and Ryan; four grandchildren, in-laws, and many close friends.

George Michael (Zensky) Zezenski, 78, passed away after a long illness on June 25, 2018 at Hamilton Grove Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, Trenton. Born January 30, 1939 in Pottstown, Pa, and raised in Dunellen, NJ, he graduated from Dunellen High School in 1958, receiving honors in chemistry and physics.

George earned his BS from Rutgers under a full state scholarship and MS in mathematics and organic chemistry from NYU, before teaching in East Brunswick Schools and Rutgers Prep.

He is predeceased by his parents, Mary Toth and John P. Zezenski and brother, David. He is survived by his sister, Louise Lambros and her husband Ted and niece, Cassandra and a nephew Teddy.