OBITUARIES

Carlo Attanasio
Carlo J. Attanasio, 42, of Kenilworth died May 27 in Overlook Medical Center, Summit.

Surviving are his mother, Judy Attanasio; a son, Anthony, and two brothers, Joseph and Rick. The Mastapeta Funeral Home, Roselle Park, handled the arrangements.

Mary Cisnaji
Mary Cisnaji, 77, a lifelong resident of Linden, died May 31 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway.

Mrs. Cisnaji was employed by the Union County Plate Glass Co., Elizabeth, as an office manager for 10 years and retired in 2003. Previously, she was employed by the city of Linden as a bookkeeper in the Treasurer’s Office for 10 years, and prior to that, was the office manager for Towne Motors, Linden.

Surviving is a brother, Joseph G. Cisnaji.

The Leonard-Lee Funeral Home, Linden, handled the arrangements.

Deirdre Dreyer
Deirdre R. Dreyer, 41, of Cranford died May 30 on a family trip in San Diego, Calif.

Born in Wantagh, N.Y., Mrs. Dreyer lived in Beverly, she resided in Cranford. She was a graduate of Holy Cross High School, Delran, where she was inducted into the National Honor Society. Mrs. Dreyer majored in education at St. Joseph’s University, Philadelphia, Pa., after being awarded a New Jersey Governor’s Teaching Scholarship upon graduation from Holy Cross High School. She received a master's degree with honors from Kean University, Union.

Mrs. Dreyer’s abilities as a fifth grade teacher at the Roberts School were recognized with a Union County Teacher Recognition Award in 1998. She managed to join fifth graders and their families at the Peggy Coloney’s House at Hope Village, Scotch Plains.

Surviving are her husband, Henry A. III; a daughter, Shea Elizabeth; her father, Martin O’Connor; her stepmother, Vicky O’Connor; and two brothers, Martin II and Edward. The Gray Funeral Home, Cranford, handled the arrangements.

Emily Drozdziuk
Emily M. Drozdziuk, 88, of Linden died June 1 in the New Jersey Veterans Home, Menlo Park. She was born in Newark.

Mrs. Drozdziuk lived in Irvington for 28 years before moving to Linden in 1982. She was employed by General Electric Co., Newark, for many years until 1956. Mrs. Drozdziuk was a parishioner of St. Theresa Church, Linden, and was a former parishioner of St. Casimir’s Church, Newark.

She was a member of various bowling leagues at Lyons Lanes in Irvington and Jersey Lanes in Linden. Mrs. Drozdziuk was a member of the Polish Women’s Alliance of America. She attended W.I.S.E. Adult Daycare Center of the YMCA of Eastern Union County, Union.

Surviving are a daughter, Kathy Bowman; two sisters, Stephanie Izek and Stephanie Barret; a brother, Matthew Lysczek, and two grandchildren.

The Werson Funeral Home, Linden, handled the arrangements.

David Eldrich
David J. Eldrich, 63, of Brick, formerly of Rahway, died June 3 at home.

Born in Trenton, Mr. Eldrich lived in Rahway before moving to Brick in 1997. He was a firefighter with the Rahway Fire Department for 35 years and retired as deputy chief in 2007. Mr. Eldrich was a life member and past president of the Rahway Exempt Firefighters Association and served as treasurer for 25 years. He was a member of the New Jersey Firemen’s Benevolent Association Locals 33 and 233 and the Rahway Softball League. Mr. Eldrich also was an avid golfer.

Surviving are his wife of 32 years, Andrea; a son, David; two daughters, Amanda and Elise, and a brother, James.

The Colonial Funeral Home, Brick, handled the arrangements.

Frank Filippon Sr.
Frank Filippon Sr., 88 of Springfield died May 28 in the Peggy Coloney’s House at Hope Village, Scotch Plains.

Born in Bayonne, Mr. Filippon lived in Madison for many years before moving to Springfield 10 years ago. He was employed by Public Service Electric & Gas Co., Summit, for more than 30 years before retiring 30 years ago. Mr. Filippon was an Army veteran of World War II. He served from February 1943 to December 1945. Mr. Filippon was involved in the June 6, 1944 D-Day Invasion of Normandy and received five Battle stars for his service. He was a member of the American Legion, Millburn, and the Springfield Senior Citizens, where he was a member of the choir.

Surviving are his daughter, Susan Peiper; two sons, Frank Jr. and Robert; a sister, Tena Drexheimer; a brother, Sal; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The Paul Ippolito Memorial, Summit, handled the arrangements.

Kathleen Esposito
Kathleen C. Esposito, 77, of Roselle Park died June 4 at home.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Esposito moved to Roselle and Roselle Park 15 years ago. She was a bookkeeper for Empire Polimer, Woodbridge, for 25 years and retired 12 years ago.

Surviving are her husband of 60 years, Anthony M.; a son, Paul R.; three daughters, Kathy McNamara, Susan Mozuckal and Lisa Esposito; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The Mastapeta Funeral Home, Roselle Park, handled the arrangements.

William Geoghegan
William Geoghegan, 89, of Springfield died May 27 in Sunrise Assisted Living, Westfield.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Geoghegan lived in Springfield since 1952. He was a veteran of World War II and served in the Army Air Force. Mr. Geoghegan received a Purple Heart after being wounded in France. Prior to the war, he played semi-professional football. Following the war, Mr. Geoghegan attended Newark College of Engineering.

He spent the better part of his 50-year career in construction with Morse Diesel International Inc. He also was, reportedly, at one time the nation's foremost authority on the construction of correctional facilities. Mr. Geoghegan's criminal justice projects included correctional treatment facilities in Washington, D.C., West Palm Beach, Fla., and Bradford, Pa.

Surviving are his wife of 69 years, Liselotte Rendi; two sons, William Thomas and Michael Vincent; a daughter, Margaret Geoghegan-Daly; five sisters, Ann Shore, Mary Byrne, Margaret Maciezewski, Jane Burke and Honore Moncrief; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The Leonard-lee Funeral Home, Linden, handled the arrangements.

William Gerweck
William Gerweck, 79, of Union died June 1 in the Genesis Health Care, Westfield.

Mr. Gerweck was employed in the vending industry for 45 years. He retired from Canteen Corp. as a vice president in 2005. Mr. Gerweck served in the Army during the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife, Linda; three daughters, Linda Piskowski, Ellen Amon and Karen Frino; a stepdaughter, Tiffany Jones; a stepson, Jason Clark; a brother, Clifford; a sister, Jeanne Cornell, and seven grandchildren.

Prior to that, Mr. Gerweck worked for International Nickel, Bayonne, for 10 years. He was a World War II veteran T-4.

Mr. Gray was in Gen. George Patton’s 3rd Army, serving in the Battle of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe and until he received the European African-Middle Eastern Ribbon and the American Theater Ribbon.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Myrtle; three daughters, Janice Riel, Karen Cassidy and Daren MacDonald; a son, Gary; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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ABRANTES — Maria Amelia, of Hillside; May 27.
ARBO — Josephine, of Roselle Park; June 2.
ATTANOSO — Carlo J., of Kenilworth; May 27.
BRADFORD — Margaret Mary, of Cranford; May 26.
BRAZINSKI — Ruth M., formerly of Roselle Park; June 2.
CALIENDO — Mary, formerly of Cranford; June 3.
CARLSON — Edith B., of Cranford; May 31.
CASCIANO — Helen E., formerly of Cranford; May 27.
CIRMINIELLO — Josephine, formerly of Union; June 4.
CISNAI — Mary, of Linden; May 31.
CLOWLEY — Betty Jean, of Hillside; May 28.
DECANTO — Paul L., formerly of Rahway; May 28.
DIETMEIER — Marion, of Linden; June 3.
DREYER — Deirdre R., of Cranford; May 30.
DROZDZIUK — Emily M., of Linden; June 1.
EDWARDS — Doris Helen, formerly of Summit; May 22.
ELDRACHER — David J., formerly of Rahway; June 3.
ESPOSITO — Kathleen C., of Roselle Park; June 4.
FERNANDEZ — Victor A., formerly of Roselle; May 26.
FILIPPONE — Frank S., of Springfield; May 28.
FORKE — Grace, of Union; June 3.
FRITZ — Joan H., of Union; May 30.
GERWECK — William F., of Union; June 1.
GOHGENAN — William James, of Cranford; May 26.
GRAY — William Edgar, of Roselle Park; June 2.
HADAM — Felix F., of Clark; May 27.
HEGEDUS — Amile A., formerly of Linden; May 27.
HUDSON — Harriet “Fran,” formerly of Linden; May 31.
IMPERIAL — Constance M., formerly of Hillside; May 26.
KONICKI — Theodore John Jr., of Union; May 28.
LAURO — Joseph J., of Linden; June 1.
LINDORFER — Madelaine Weiler, formerly of Union; June 2.
MARCZAK — Nancy, of Linden; June 2.
MAZZA — Joseph F., of Roselle; May 27.
MITCHELL — Mark “Max,” formerly of Cranford.
MONTO — Edward S., of Union; May 31.
MOORE — Kenneth R., of Roselle; May 30.
ORLANDO — Josephine T., of Linden; May 25.
PALADINO — Mary L., of Roselle Park; June 3.
PANKO — Sophia Rose, of Springfield; May 19.
PENNELL — Lucille, of Cranford; May 25.
PETZINGER — Grace Benninger, of Mountainside; May 31.
PYE — Robert H., of Cranford; May 25.
REYES — Cesar Augusto, of Rahway; May 27.
RITZ — Charles W., of Hillside; June 2.
ROBERTSON — Donald McLean Sr., of Mountainside; June 4.
ROSENBERG — Ruth D., of Roselle; May 27.
ROSKY — Grace Goldstein, formerly of Linden; June 2.
ROSSI — Thomas A., of Kenilworth; May 31.
UHL — Antoine O. Sr., of Rahway; May 26.
VANCE — George R. Jr., of Summit; May 25.
WALTERS — Dorothy Rose, of Linden; June 1.
WINBREY — Helen E. Kingsbury, of Summit; May 30.
WNK — Kazimierz, of Linden; June 4.

Editor’s Note: Not all of the names included in this listing will appear as full-length obituaries.