



Obituary: Mary Veal



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Mary Veal, formerly of Montclair, died on Wednesday, April 29. She was 88.

Mary was born on Jan. 22, 1932, in Paterson, the daughter of Walter and Emily Curvy.

She was raised in Paterson, where she attended the local schools, including Eastside High School. On Jan. 6, 1951, she married Benjamin Veal, who was a neighborhood friend.

After marrying, Ben and Mary moved to California with their infant son, Benjamin Jr. While in California, a daughter, Karen, was born.

Mary started her career working for California Bell Telephone Co. After living in California for seven years, the family returned to New Jersey. They lived in Montclair and Summit, and eventually settled in Verona. A second daughter, Kathy, was born in 1962, during the time they lived in Summit.

While raising her three children, Mary worked at New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. in Newark, Madison, and East Orange. She held various positions during her time at N.J. Bell. She ended her career as a supervisor in the data processing department.

Mary retired from Bell Atlantic in 1987 and spent time with the Pioneers, a volunteer organization made up of retirees from Bell Atlantic who collected and made helpful items for people in need. She also enjoyed ushering, participating in arts and crafts classes, and worshiping and traveling with her friends at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Montclair. Mary volunteered at the Verona Service League for several years.

Completing the crossword puzzle in several papers daily was a daily exercise for her memory. Mary enjoyed walking in Verona Park with her husband, and spending time with her family. She especially had a great time attending her grandsons' football and basketball games. She was always very supportive of her grandsons, and encouraged them to do their best. She enjoyed traveling with her entire family. Mary leaves many fond memories.

She was predeceased by her husband Benjamin, daughter Kathy, sisters Alma, Dorothy, Helen, and Betty, and brothers Donald and George.

Those left to cherish her love of family are son Benjamin Veal, Jr., daughter-in-law Debra, daughter Karen, son-in-law David, grandsons Justin and Dac, sisters Joan Rembert and Shirley Speights, brother George Curvy, and a host of other family members and friends.



COVID-19 takes beloved MSU staffer and her husband



Lunisol Guzman
COURTESY GUZMAN FAMILY

By ERIN ROLL

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A Montclair State University staffer and her husband have died from COVID-19, leaving behind five children, including two preschoolers.

Lunisol Guzman, 50, died on May 7, following her husband, Ismael Lugo Jr., who passed away on April 11.

Guzman, a resident of Newark, had been hospitalized since March 27, according to her daughter Katherine Guzman.

“There is so much we can say but in short, she was the undisputed best cook ever, she had a contagious laugh and the most giving heart,” Katherine Guzman said. “She was loved by everyone who knew her and was at her happiest when hosting family gatherings. There are voids that my siblings and I will never be able to fill.”

Guzman was a shuttle bus driver at the university. She is the first staff member at the university to die from

COVID-19.

Guzman leaves behind, in addition to Katherine, two other adult children, Jennifer and Andy, and two preschool-age children: Zavion, 4, and Jazzmyn, 2, both of whom were recently adopted by family members.

The family has established [a GoFundMe page](#) to pay for Guzman's funeral expenses, as well as legal fees and other necessary expenses. As of Saturday evening, the page had raised \$32,320.

"Saying these circumstances are challenging is an understatement. Our family could use all the support. My siblings and I became parents overnight, we have funeral expenses and legal fees, amongst other things," Katherine Guzman said.

A GoFundMe page had also been established after Lugo's passing to help with his funeral expenses as well.

Shawn Connolly, the vice president for university facilities, shared the news of Guzman's passing in emails sent to students, faculty and staff on Friday and Saturday.

"Many of you immediately responded asking me how you could help. The Guzman family is asking for help with funeral expenses and child care costs," Connolly said. "Lunisol was a valued member of our staff, and I am sure that any amount you can contribute will be very much appreciated by her family."

Students posted tributes to Guzman on the page and on social media, as well as well-wishing messages addressed to Katherine Guzman and the rest of the family:

"I rode on your mom's shuttle many times as a student at MSU and she was such a beautiful person."

"She was someone we could rely on to help get us to where we needed to be."

"I was a student for my undergrad and grad at MSU. I lived there, so Lunisol often picked me up and dropped me off all the time. She was a great person and we spoke all the time. Hardworking, dedicated, and treated all with love and respect."

Lugo worked for the Essex County Prosecutor's Office for 25 years, and also served in the Civil Air Patrol, holding the rank of lieutenant colonel at the time of his death.

In March, a Montclair State administrator, a 64-year-old woman, became the first university staff member, as well as the first Montclair resident, to test positive for COVID-19.

A total of 9,116 people in New Jersey have died from COVID-19. The death toll is more than the total number of New Jersey residents lost in World War I, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, 9/11, the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, and Hurricane Sandy combined, Gov. Phil Murphy said.



Obituary: Laretta Freeman, Montclair
Cooperative Director



By ROBIN WOODS

For Montclair Local

The Montclair educational community is mourning the passing of Lauretta Freeman, who was involved in the education of young children, creating curriculum guides and training teachers for generations before her death on March 24. She was 97.

Freeman was born on Dec. 24, 1922. She founded the Montclair Cooperative School, a place for progressive education from nursery through eighth grade, in 1963. She was a teacher and director there for 23 years.

On [the school's webpage](#), former students and colleagues shared tributes to her: "I probably first met Lauretta when I was three at an early childhood conference in California. My mom fondly reminded me of how much we liked one another from the start. I'm comforted by the fact that she was aware of how much she was and is appreciated," writes Andrea Lee.

"I have known Lauretta probably from the very beginning, and I always looked up to her for her tireless involvement with our organization and bettering the lives of young children," said Helen Muscato, executive director of the New Jersey Association for the Education of Young Children (NJNAEYC).

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"Lauretta held many board positions in the state organization, and was particularly active in the local Essex-Hudson chapter, and was active until the day she passed. I even had a meeting with Lauretta within the last six months, even though her health was failing, to see how we could get more involvement in Essex and Hudson counties.

"She was also very active in getting-out-the-vote campaigns, maintained our lending library for countless years, and was a wonderful presence at our conferences. The early childhood education community has lost a leader in New Jersey, but her legacy will never be forgotten."

Muscato and Essex-Hudson chapter representative Simone Taylor are discussing how they can best honor Freeman's legacy. They are in the process of creating a scholarship fund in her name.

Sylvia Pfeffer met Freeman in 1974 after she graduated from Hunter College, also Freeman's alma mater. Pfeffer worked at Montclair Cooperative School from 1974 until 1981, and was a business partner with Freeman.

“I spoke to her on the day that she died, and she was one of the most determined people I’ve ever met,” Pfeiffer said. “I took her to all of her doctor’s appointments. She met all my negatives as a teacher and helped me to be more natural and less structured. Even though her health was failing, she wanted to attend NJNAEYC conferences and folk dance performances in Montclair and Clifton. She worked very hard and made a difference in the lives of teachers and children.”

Sharon Sandusky, former chairperson of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC), worked with Freeman, who was a member of the group. SCAC created a survey directed at seniors in 2013 that asked them how the township could assist them in staying in Montclair, now known as aging in place.

Freeman worked with SCAC until she was 91 and helped to create the annual Seniorama Program with other members of the committee.

“She was always out there, and co-produced TV34 Montclair’s ‘News and Views’ weekly show for four years,” Sandusky said. “We taped more than 100 shows, and Laretta also helped with directing the shows and doing anything we needed. ‘News and Views’ featured guests who talked about issues that are important to seniors, from health to cooking and politics. She was also involved in activities at the Unitarian Church of Montclair.” Although the show is no longer in production, it is archived on the TV34 web page.

A memorial service, tribute and celebration of Laretta Freeman’s long and meaningful life will take place at a later date for extended family, friends, and colleagues.

The Coop asks that messages of condolence and appreciation be shared on its Facebook page, [Facebook.com/montclaircoop](https://www.facebook.com/montclaircoop).

— *additional reporting by Gwen Orel*



Obituary: Allyn Hubert Hobeck



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Maj. Allyn Hubert Hobeck, retired U.S. Army Reserve, of Montclair, died on April 25, 2020.

Born Aug. 18, 1937, Maj. Hobeck was in the Army for 24 years. Some eight to 10 of those years were spent as an enlisted/NCO soldier; he worked his way up to the rank of major.

He was a man of conviction, strength, and vast knowledge. He was very proud of being third-generation military, and even prouder that his son followed suit. His father went off to World War II and he was left as a child to take care of his mother. He took this obligation very seriously.

Maj. Hobeck was born in Cleveland, and his family moved to Boise, Idaho. He worked from a very young age, tending chickens and selling eggs door to door, working at Albertson's in Idaho from age 13 to help support his family. At 14, he opened a charge account with Sears so he could buy a winter coat. Imagine how persuasive he must have been to accomplish that feat.

He could trace his paternal line back to the 1200s and had a family tree to prove it. He loved to read about history and never lacked for conversation about anything. When he was with engineers they thought he was one of them. He could converse intelligently with anyone.

He propelled himself forward from Idaho to New York working on a guidance system for NASA while working for Grumman. When visiting the Kennedy Space Center, he pointed out the rocket that that system was used in with pride.

Maj. Hobeck taught himself IT and went after any and all training he could obtain from the military and from

civilian quarters. He was a consultant for many years at Datronics, Inc. in Manhattan, and president of Delphi Synergistic Systems, Inc., his own IT consulting firm. When he retired from IT he assisted his wife in her law practice as an office manager.

If he saw a homeless person near a restaurant he would take them in and pay for a meal and leave the person with a little extra and the knowledge that someone cared. He did this more times than one can count.

He was always so proud of his children and grandchildren and loved them dearly. He often boasted about his daughter Jennifer and her spirit, intelligence and skill in the medical field, her expertise in creating simulation labs for paramedics, and the worldwide recognition she attained.

He was proud of his son for his many accomplishments in the private sector and in the military. He was proud of his son-in-law, who is the director of emergency services at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Rahway. He was very proud to have served his country.

At age 82, he went after and succeeded in obtaining a job as a census taker. He was a strong man who had a never-give-up attitude. He fought a warrior's battle for a month trying to beat COVID-19, but his body would not cooperate with his mind.

He leaves behind a legacy of love, courage, honor, strength and determination. He will be greatly missed by everyone whose life he touched. He was known around Montclair, where he resided for the last 35 years, for always wearing his Crocodile Dundee hat. May he rest in peace with his beloved family who went before him.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Rosalind; son Brian and daughter Jennifer; grandchildren Catherine, Hannah, TJ, and Daniel, and son-in-law Terrence McCarthy.

Thank you to the Lehrer-Gibilisco Funeral Home of Rahway for its compassionate services in connection with burial arrangements. Maj. Hobeck was interred at Brigadier Gen. William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery on May 1 and will be accorded a ceremony with full military honors as soon as possible.

His causes included St. Jude Hospital, Shriner's Hospitals, and the Make-a-Wish Foundation.



Obituary: Coach Andy Giuliano leaves a deep legacy behind in Montclair

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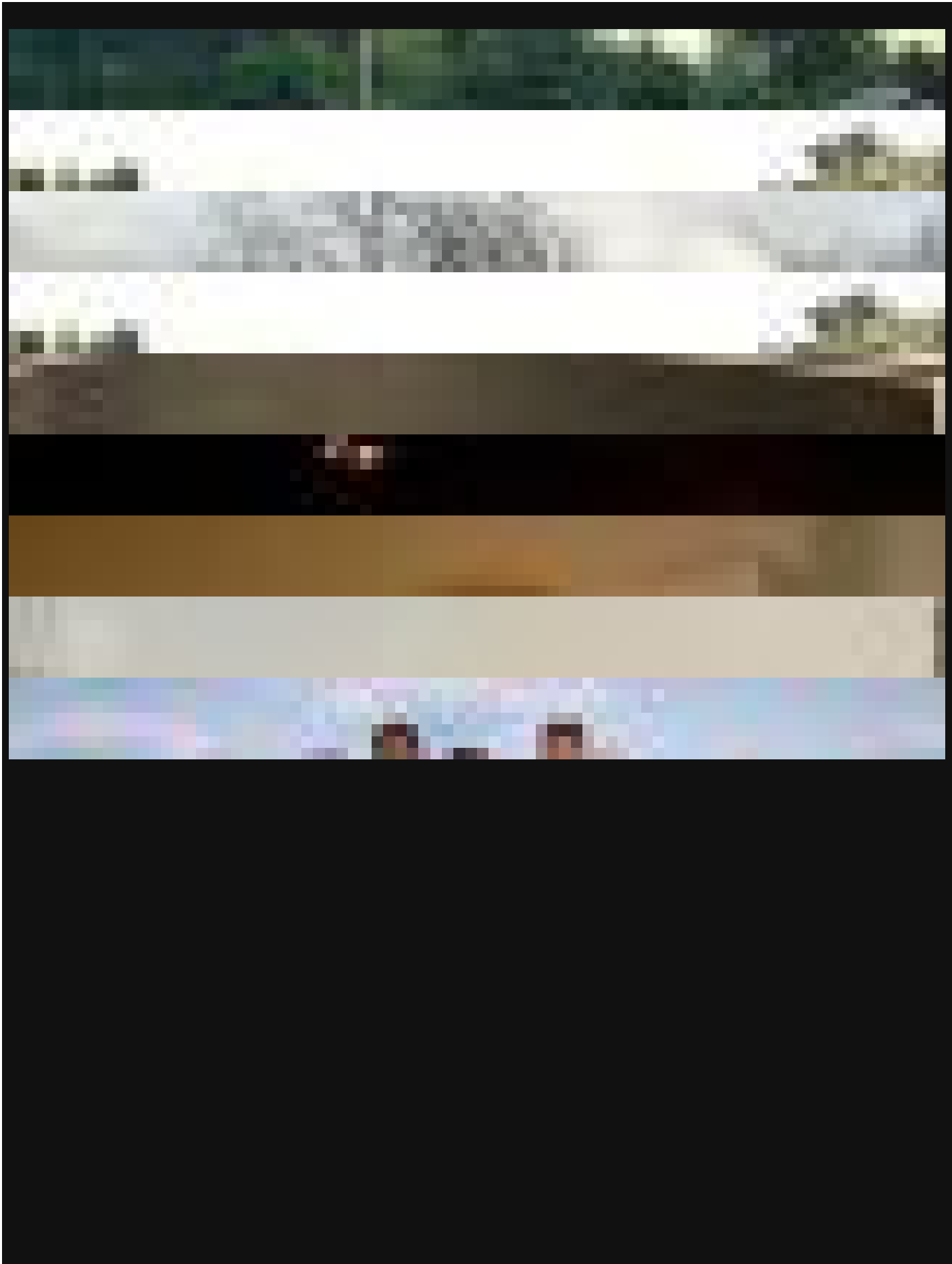
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by Andrew Garda

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The Montclair baseball community, as well as the town as a whole, recently lost a member of the community whose impact will reverberate long past his life.

Andy Giuliano, known as “Coach Andy” to many, passed away on April 27 at the age of 73. His family said he passed peacefully.

“Andy was a great guy,” Montclair High School head baseball coach Ron Gavazzi said. “He was very fond of baseball. I met him around ’07 or ’08. I always found him to be genuine and truly appreciated his support of the high school baseball program.”

Giuliano was a well-known fixture in Montclair, if you knew where to look.

“You’ve probably seen him in town and didn’t know, he spoke to you if you spoke to him,” said Garland Thornton, activities coordinator in the Recreation and Cultural Affairs office in Montclair. “Not an outspoken guy, stayed within his boundaries, but he did a lot within his boundaries, you know?”

Those boundaries encompassed both the rec leagues and travel baseball, along with a tenure as the president of the Montclair Baseball and Softball Club. Thornton said he believed Giuliano coached around 1,000 kids.

Giuliano always made time for you, Thornton said.

“[He] was always willing to help others, never said no,” said Thornton, who coached with Giuliano for 20 years.

“He loved Montclair, and he was always asking about the kids in different sports.”

One of those kids was Montclair High School graduate Keith Harrison, who played ball with the coach and credits him for his love of baseball.

“Andy was my coach for travel ball from, I believe, 9 years old,” he said. “But it’s kind of hard for me to remember exactly how old I was when he stopped being like officially my coach because he always kind of seemed like he was our coach. He was always around, even in high school, even when we were playing college ball. He came to a few of our college games.”

Harrison was one of three teammates who went on to play collegiately at Franklin & Marshall College, along with Sam Ackerman and Chris Vincent.

“He just immediately kind of gravitated to a core group of guys that we had on a team and knew he saw something,” Vincent said. “[He] knew that we all kind of had a passion, and there was a great group of

parents, and I mean he just took off with it and ran.”

According to Vincent, Giuliano always challenged his kids, entering them into tournaments and scheduling games against tough teams.

“Because he knew that would make us better as athletes, make us better as people,” Vincent said. “You saw us struggle at first, but as we started to come together as this core group of guys on the team throughout the years, we just took off.”

That group went on to win the Greater Newark Tournament as juniors in 2012, and both Harrison and Vincent credit the foundation Giuliano laid for them as young players.

Gavazzi said, “Andy played a very important role in a young player’s experience. He wanted kids to have fun and enjoy the game as they developed. I admired his commitment to the kids in town. I am grateful to him for making youth baseball better.”

Giuliano wasn’t just about the core group of kids, though. One similar story was repeated by every person who talked with Montclair Local.

The team would be practicing at Glenfield, or, more frequently Edgemont Park, when suddenly Giuliano would spy a kid coming off the playground, stop practice, and invite him over.

“He went over to the kid and said, ‘Hey, want to come play with us?’ A random kid [who] didn’t pay [the league fees],” Vincent said. “[He’s] never seen the kid in his life before, but we had extra gloves, we had extra bats, extra pairs of cleats. And he brought over the kid to come and practice with us.”

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Joel Dnistrian, president of the Montclair Baseball and Softball Club, said it didn’t end there.

“Andy was the type of guy that, like, you know, the kid might not have the means to pay for travel baseball or uniforms or be able to get to games,” Dnistrian said. “And Andy would go to pick him up and drop him off to every single game and practice.”

“That story in a nutshell just speaks to who the guy was,” Vincent said. “He just wanted everyone to be involved, and to have fun. His number one requirement in all aspects of life on the field, off the field, when you’re at dinner, when it’s been a tough week, whatever it was, was you had to have fun. I mean if you weren’t having fun, then [he felt] he was doing something wrong. He took it to heart. It was an incredible quality.”

As with so many people, Dnistrian said Giuliano became a permanent fixture in his life — in his case, when they met at Dnistrian’s son’s T-ball game 15 years ago.

"I was very fortunate to meet him, I really was," he said.

Thornton said, "You could always find him every weekend up at Edgemont Park with 200 kids in the park. Just an all-around great guy."

Gavazzi said the high school program had been planning to celebrate Giuliano this spring as their coach of honor at Youth Day, but the event — as well as the rest of the Montclair High baseball season — has been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We will certainly be honoring him and celebrating his life at next year's Youth Day," Gavazzi said. "He is going to be dearly missed by our entire baseball community."

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Montclair Recreation Department, 205 Claremont Ave., Montclair, NJ 07042, attention Michele Cammarata.



Obituary: Linda Dobransky



Linda Dobransky.

Linda Dobransky, a long-time resident of Montclair, passed away on April 20. She was 72.

Ms. Dobransky was born May 30, 1947, to Russell and Helen Dobransky in Passaic. She attended Passaic High School and Montclair State University. She began her working life at Thermo Electric in Saddle Brook, but later decided to pursue her passion for the graphic arts.

She served as a commercial art instructor at Union County Vocational-Technical School in Scotch Plains, and had various other teaching roles in art and photography.

Ms. Dobransky was an avid photographer and won several awards for her work. She also loved nature and devoted herself to environmental causes throughout her life. She served as the head of the local chapter of the Sierra Club.

She was an active member of the First Congregational Church of Montclair for many years. Her faith was an important part of her life, and she developed many close friends through her involvement with the church.

Ms. Dobransky had a curious mind and a great openness to the rich diversity of the world. She traveled widely, including destinations ranging from Denali, Alaska, to Kabul, Afghanistan, where she studied the educational system with a group of teachers.

In her spare time, she liked to read, hike and visit with friends. She was also an accomplished accordion player.

Ms. Dobransky had a kind heart and showed a concern for all living things. She loved all animals, especially her cats. She contributed her time and resources to various charitable organizations. In the later years of her life, she contended with the increasingly debilitating effects of multiple sclerosis, which restricted her

movements.

Despite not being able to travel or pursue the activities she loved, she did not let this dampen her curiosity and varied interests, and she used the tools available to her online to continue to explore and feed her mind.

Ms. Dobransky is survived by her brother, Russell J. Dobransky, and her nephew, Russell J. Dobransky Jr. She will be missed by all who knew her, and she will remain forever in their hearts. For online condolences please visit www.moriartyfh.com.



Obituary: Barbara Ann Dempsey Daly

Barbara Ann Dempsey Daly (aka Barb, Babs, BAD, and Big B), of Montclair peacefully passed from this life to the next on Saturday, April 11. She was 89.



Barbara was born to Andrew F. and Veronica Dempsey on Nov. 22, 1930, in East Orange, the oldest sibling of three, including Patricia Faherty (deceased) and Andrew F. Dempsey of Hilton Head, S.C. Barbara attended St. Vincent's Academy High School and graduated with a bachelor's degree from Caldwell College in 1952.

She was a first-grade teacher at St. Cassian School in Montclair when it opened in 1953. She left teaching to stay at home with her five children, born in a span of seven years. Barbara was a woman ahead of her time, with an entrepreneurial spirit that led her to turn her fascination and knowledge of antiques into a business buying, selling, and restoring antiques.

In her younger years, Barbara was a great entertainer; her home was often the hub for bridge games, holiday meals, and lively gatherings. She loved to dance and could sing pretty much every tune from her beloved musicals. She was an avid tennis and paddle tennis player and skier. A lover of nature, she was a member of the garden club, knew the name of every flowering tree, and cultivated an impressive collection of indoor plants.

Barbara had a sense of adventure and curiosity that bred a love of travel. She enjoyed meeting new people, seeing new places, experiencing life to the fullest. She traveled across the country and around the world, but one of her favorite places was Cape Cod, where the family spent many happy summers and holidays.

She was known for her quick wit and deep emotions. She was smart, sharp, and sassy. She was funny and silly, especially with her grandkids. She spoke truth unabashedly. She cried at every wedding, every parade, and every classic old movie, especially the romantic ones. Barbara Ann Dempsey Daly lived a full life. She will be missed.

Besides her brother, Barbara is survived by five children, including Seton Beckwith and her husband Brian; Elise Daly Parker and her husband Christopher; Phyllis Doerr and her husband Randy; Charles P. Daly, and Shelagh Miller and her husband Michael. Barbara was grandmother to 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and aunt to eight nieces and nephews. Affectionately known as Gammy, Barbara attended

every concert and sports event and led frequent park excursions with a gaggle of grandchildren who were her joy.

A memorial service will be planned at a future date. Online condolences can be made and updates found at www.moriartyfh.com. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, <https://alzfdn.org/>.



Obituary: Anita Kapp



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Anita D. Kapp, loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully on April 29, 2020 in Bridgewater.

Mrs. Kapp was a singular source of inspiration to all who knew her. She graduated summa cum laude and as the Gerard Scholar from Marymount Manhattan College in 1954. She then began working as a public school teacher, did a short stint for The New Yorker, and became a producer for META, a fledgling educational public television enterprise.

In 1958, she married John J. Kapp, her husband of 62 years. While raising five children, often with a little help from her aunt, Bessie O'Connor, she added to her many family activities (hockey practices, summer horseback riding lessons, teaching CCD) by graduating from the New York School of Interior Design in 1971. She progressed from several small residential projects to establish her own firm designing offices at several of New Jersey's most respected law firms. Her talent and personality earned her the contract to design public and private spaces for the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority (at the Meadowlands and Monmouth Park Racetrack), as well as corporate offices and team facilities at Madison Square Garden.

Her expertise and work ethic also led to her being retained to renovate chambers at the federal courthouse in Newark. After happy years of hard work and success, Mrs. Kapp reluctantly retired, secure in the knowledge that her legacy would live on in the beautiful and efficient designs she created over the course of a long career.

Mrs. Kapp loved the family's summer home in Miller Place, Long Island, where she enjoyed many summers. Miller Place always held a special place in her heart for gatherings with family and friends.

Mrs. Kapp was a long-time parishioner at St. Cassian R.C. Church in Upper Montclair. She is survived by husband John; their son John and his wife Linda; daughter Elizabeth Kapp; son Andrew and his wife Mary (deceased); son Joseph; son James and his wife Christina; 10 loving grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

A gathering to celebrate Mrs. Kapp's life will be scheduled in the near future. For online condolences please visit www.moriartyfh.com.



Obituary: Eleanor Dearborn, former Montclair schools art teacher



COURTESY ANN CAVALLO Eleanor Dearborn, seen here in an undated photo, taught art for 35 years in the Montclair public schools.

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Eleanor Dearborn taught generations of students in Montclair how to express themselves through art. Her work helped establish the arts magnet program in the school district.

And for theater kids at Montclair High School, Dearborn was the essential stage mom, the “angel in the wings.”

The Montclair schools now are mourning the former art teacher.

Dearborn, who taught art in the township for 35 years, died on April 13. She was 73.

She had retired from the district as of 2007.

“She was a big kid who loved to play with art. And the kids really responded to that,” says Ann Cavallo, Dearborn’s daughter, who is also an art teacher in the Montclair schools.

Dearborn met her husband while both were students at Miami University in Ohio, where both were participating in the same arts fellowship program. Dearborn agreed to marry him and move to New Jersey. She began her teaching career in the Paterson School District.

From her first day of teaching, Dearborn looked out for all of her students, Cavallo said: “They were always her babies.”

Cavallo recalled one student of Dearborn’s who had a troubled home life, and Dearborn began looking after that student and making sure he had everything he needed. Several years later, the Dearborns met up with that student again when he appeared on Broadway in “Grease.”

She started out as a painter, but moved into mixed media, with a lot of work in collages.

Besides her own work as an art teacher in the Montclair schools, Dearborn helped her husband develop the theater program at Montclair High School.

Her husband, Patrick, was involved with the School of Visual and Performing Arts as a set designer. Earlier in his career, he did sets for off-Broadway productions.

After his retirement from the district, Patrick Dearborn continued to act as a consultant for the tech program in the SVPA.

Dearborn taught at almost every Montclair school over the course of her career, and she helped develop the Creative Eye program at Hillside. The Creative Eye program helped spur several other art and music programs, including the Drums of Thunder percussion troupe.

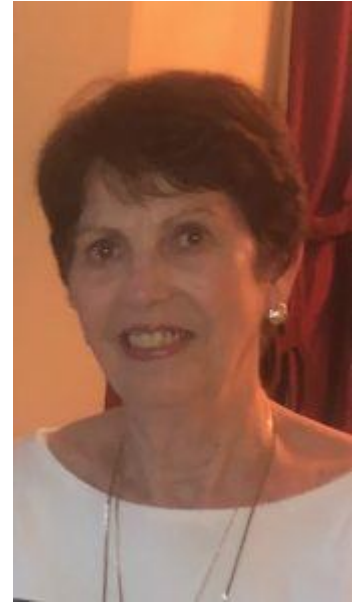
Dearborn is the second current or former educator in the Montclair schools to pass away in recent weeks. Karen Wingfield, a 40-year teacher and paraprofessional, died on April 12. She was a paraprofessional at Glenfield at the time of her death.

Cavallo followed in her parents' footsteps. She is now the art teacher at Watchung.

Cavallo set up a scholarship fund in her father's memory after he died in 2013. The scholarship is now being dedicated to both her parents' memory. Cavallo decided that would be the most appropriate thing to do, since in-person memorial services are now limited due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Details on how to contribute to the scholarship, including possible future fund-raisers, have not yet been determined, she said.



Obituary: Joyce A. Masilunas



Joyce A. Masilunas.

Joyce A. (Clark) Masilunas of Verona, formerly of Montclair, passed away suddenly on Saturday, April 18. She was 84.

Joyce was born and raised in Ironton, Ohio, one of two children of Gladys and Gray Clark. Her sibling was the late Wilma Jean (Clark) McDonald of Naples, Fla.

She graduated from Ironton High School, was very proud of being an Ironton Tiger, and never missed a high school reunion to visit with her friends.

She was an airline attendant for Eastern Airlines and was based in New York City. Soon after moving to New York, she met her husband, Edward.

She enjoyed working many years at Macy's promoting the fragrances of Giorgio Armani and Versace.

Joyce lived a purposeful life with a large extended family, gratifying career, and travel to many parts of the world with her husband. She was a member of St. Cassian R.C. Church in Upper Montclair.

She was a long-time member of the Mercier Club and enjoyed playing tennis, bowling, bocce and watching the PGA and LPGA tours. She was a trustee for 40-plus years for St. Vincent Auxiliary in Montclair and Cedar Grove. She was a member of the Woman's Club of Upper Montclair.

She was preceded by Edward, her husband for 60 years, and is survived by her four children, Cyndee (Bob) Rowan of Montclair, Dena (Todd) Gertz of Roseland, Lisa (Dave) Sabagh of Cedar Grove, and Edward Jr. (Amy) Masilunas of Mount Lebanon, Pa., as well as nine grandchildren, Robert, Emily, Justin, Jake, Jason, Katheryn, Jack, Owen, and Grace.

A memorial will be planned at a future date for family and friends to gather and share memories.

For online condolences please visit www.moriartyfh.com.

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