



## Obituary: John Sherwood

John (Jack) Sherwood, a longtime resident of Montclair, passed away on Thursday, April 2, 2020.



He is survived by nephews Doug Howe, Jay McDermott and Jeff McDermott; his niece Kathleen Stewart; and grand-nieces and nephews.

There will be a family-only viewing on Wednesday, April 8, at the Hugh M. Moriarty Funeral Home. There will be an interment and memorial service at a future date. For online condolences please visit [www.moriartyfh.com](http://www.moriartyfh.com).

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## Obituary: Gerald E. “Jerry” Rubacky

Gerald E. Rubacky, M.D., of Montclair and Bonita Springs, Fla., passed away on April 3 of complications from COVID-19. Known as “Jerry,” he was born in 1927, one of five children of Ellen and Joseph Rubacky of Passaic.



He graduated from Yale University in 1948 and Georgetown University Medical School in 1953. He served as a captain in the Air Force during the Korean War and afterward, from 1953 to 1956. He did his medical residency in orthopedic surgery at Johns Hopkins Medical Center from 1956 to 1960.

Dr. Rubacky is best-known professionally for performing the first anterior cervical discectomy and fusion in the state, in 1960, and the first total hip surgery in New Jersey, in 1981. He was an associate clinical professor of orthopedic surgery at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

Dr. Rubacky was well-known for his bold candor, sense of humor, easy conversation, and love of golf, and as a

father who spent summers with his family in Orleans, Mass. He was devoted to the advancement of the specialty of orthopedics, the training of residents, and oversight of patient care.

He was especially proud of his work promoting the importance of objective medical peer review. Dr. Rubacky moved his young family from Baltimore to Montclair in 1960. He became a founding partner of The Montclair Orthopedic Group, affiliated with Mountainside hospital. He practiced orthopedic surgery for 36 years.

Dr. Rubacky lived a purposeful life with a very large extended family, rewarding career, and extensive travel to many locales, including China (soon after Nixon reopened relations), Russia, Alaska, Western and Eastern Europe, and two exciting safaris on the Serengeti of Africa. As a child, he spent summers at Lake Mohawk. A neck fracture playing football played a hand in his choosing of orthopedics as a specialty. He was an avid golfer (and tennis player in his younger years) and long-time member of Montclair Golf Club. He fostered a deep love of sports in his children.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie McLaughlin Rubacky; eight children, Maryanne Rubacky, Gerald Rubacky Jr., Frank (and Kim) Rubacky, Maggie (and Ron) Chess, Katie (and Bob) Severance, Nora (and Tim) Keefe, Maeve (and Kevin) Walsh, and Michael (and Annie) Rubacky; 13 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; his sister, Ellen Tobin; and 39 nieces and nephews.

Dr. Rubacky's siblings are Ellen Tobin of Bay Head, the late Eugene Rubacky of Washington, D.C., the late Joseph Rubacky of Franklin Lakes, and the late Kay Willis of Rutherford.

A memorial service will be planned at a future date. For online condolences and updates please visit [www.moriartyfh.com](http://www.moriartyfh.com).



# Obituary: Barbara Allen



*Barbara Allen.*

Barbara Allen, of Falmouth, Maine, formerly of Montclair, passed away late in the evening of March 24, surrounded by wonderful memories and so much love from her family near and far. She was born in Salem, Mass., on Dec. 24, 1920, and grew up within sight of the ocean.

She was a self-proclaimed tomboy from her earliest days, enjoying sailing, swimming, skiing, tennis, and playing baseball with the boys if they would let her. Barbara lived a spirited life filled with family, fun, a variety of dogs, and many adventures. As a child, she traveled to Sweden, France, and Bermuda with her mother. As a teenager during the Great Depression, she helped at home with the garden and learned to can fruits and vegetables.

Barbara graduated from Abbott Academy and then Wheaton College (Mass.) in 1942, where she double-majored in art history and English. After college, she attended a year-long course at Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School in Boston. While working as a secretary in the purchasing department at Harvard, she met her future husband, Marine Lt. Richard Allen, on a blind date in August 1943. By mid-December, they were married. In spite of being told that a wartime marriage would never last, they remained together for nearly 75 years, until Richard's death in 2018.

They first lived on the Marine Corps base at Camp Lejeune (N.C.) and later at Camp Pendleton (Calif.), until Richard received his orders and shipped out to the Pacific. Barbara made her way east by trading her train ticket to Chicago for a seat on a private airplane to New York City. She figured it would be safe since three Army chaplains were also onboard.

After the war, she and Richard eventually settled in Upper Montclair. There she became the quintessential

“Greatest Generation” corporate executive wife. She unfailingly supported her husband, attending business dinners and entertaining when called upon to do so in addition to raising their three children. She served as a Cub Scout den mother and Girl Scout leader.

She volunteered in a variety of town programs, participated in several bridge groups, and was active at First Congregational Church in Montclair as a Sunday School teacher, missions committee member, and in other capacities. She was a cheerleader for her children in all of their varied activities and supported them always with a hug and a listening ear.

Barbara loved playing tennis: singles, doubles, and mixed doubles with her husband. She won several local tournaments and traveled with Richard to play in master’s tournaments in St. Croix and Baden Baden, Germany. They annually attended a week-long session at the John Gardner Tennis Ranch in Arizona for several years. There they met, were coached by, and played with several of the day’s top tennis pros.

Following Richard’s retirement, Barbara’s love for travel was re-energized. Together they visited wineries and went hot-air ballooning in France. They traveled to England and Japan as well as to lesser-known Caribbean islands and rode motor scooters in Bermuda. Supporting her husband’s love for film and movie posters, she accompanied him on numerous marathon movie weekends in Tarrytown, N.Y.

Each year she and Richard traveled to Canada to the family cottage in Algonquin Provincial Park in Ontario. Barbara loved the family time and becoming better acquainted with her grandchildren. She particularly enjoyed quiet evening canoe rides with her husband, children, grandchildren, and faithful beagle, BJ, up the Madawaska River to search for beaver, ducks, and the very occasional moose.

She and Richard moved to Lynden, Wash., in the early 1990s, where they lived for a number of their later years before coming back east to reside in Maine. Barbara was an avid reader and quick-witted. She particularly loved spy novels, Shakespearean plays, and anything written by author Alexander McCall Smith. She was a wonderful cook, taught her children how to make excellent pie crusts, and made the best apple pie ever. Over the years, she embroidered, did needlepoint, and knitted. She made crib blankets for her grandchildren as well as sweaters when they were little.

In her later life, Barbara was slowed down by rheumatoid arthritis and osteoporosis, which led to several broken bones, restricted mobility, and limited use of her hands. However, she never lost her optimism, love of life, or her beautiful smile. She will be remembered for her kindness, generosity, sense of gratitude, and spirit of adventure.

Barbara is survived by her three children, Robert (and spouse Dianne Frank) of Oxford, England; Nancy (and spouse, Joe Foran) of Naples, Maine, and Susan (and spouse Tim Murphy) of Tucson, Ariz. She also leaves wonderful memories to her grandchildren, Heather Foran of Portland, Maine; Padraic Foran (and spouse Megan Schleck) of Boston; Tim Foran (and spouse Viveka Ranjitsinh) of San Francisco, and Matthew Allen of Oxford, England. She also leaves one great-granddaughter in utero, expected in early May.

Much gratitude and thanks go to the floor staff who tenderly cared for Barbara and never lost their sense of humor at Falmouth-by-the-Sea (You know who you are!), to Sissy, her companion from Aging Excellence, and

most especially to the team from Hospice of Southern Maine, who helped immeasurably to make her final months worth living.

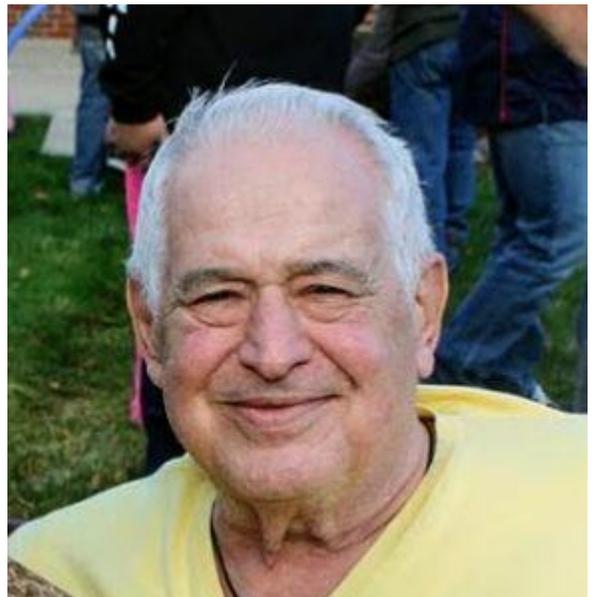
Services of remembrance will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Hospice of Southern Maine, 180 U.S. Route 1, Scarborough, ME 04074, [www.hospiceofsouthernmaine.org](http://www.hospiceofsouthernmaine.org).

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## Obituary: Carmine Paul Pizzano



Carmine Paul Pizzano, 83, of Montclair, passed away peacefully on March 30, 2020.

Carmine was born on Feb. 10, 1937 in Old Forge, Pa., and his family eventually settled on Pine Street in Montclair. He met his wife Connie, the love of his life, when he was 14 years old — Carmine was the football star, an “All Metro” offensive guard and nose tackle, and Connie was the twirler.

They were married following HS graduation; and, shortly thereafter, he entered the U.S. Marine Corps, serving from 1956 to 1958. During his time in the Marines, he had the honor of driving CNO Admiral Burke.

Carmine served proudly in the Montclair Police Department for 26 years, reaching the rank of lieutenant prior to retirement, and also served as Local 53 PBA President. In addition, he worked in the produce department of the A&P for 33 years.

Carmine enjoyed his time in the casino, along with some of the finer things in life, including cigars, hot dogs and Coca-Cola.

Carmine was predeceased by his wife Connie, parents Paul and Josephine Pizzano, and brothers Dominick, Paul and Raymond.

He is survived by his loving daughters, Theresa DeAngelis (Dr. Tom) of Warren Township and Cheryl McCabe (Sean) of Cedar Grove; his younger brother, Joseph; five grandchildren, Tommaso and Marcello DeAngelis, and Casey (TJ), Meaghan and Sean Paul McCabe; and many nieces, nephews, sister-in-laws, and friends who became family.

Arrangements are being made by Carmine’s dear friends at Caggiano Memorial Home.

A private burial will be held today, Thursday April 2, at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in East Hanover. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to America Diabetes Association at [askada@diabetes.org](mailto:askada@diabetes.org).

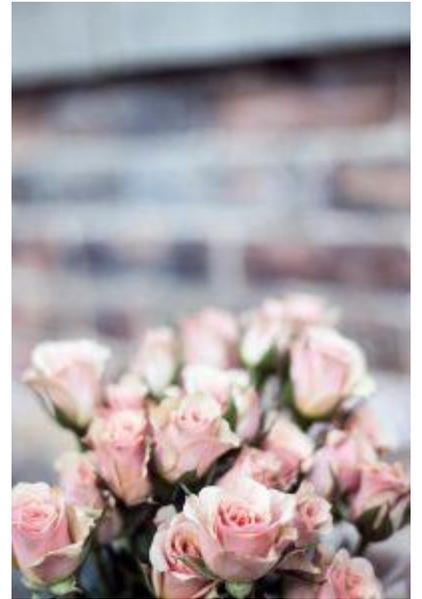
A Mass of celebration of his life will be held at a future date to be determined.

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## Obituary: Carol Sweeny

Carol Sweeny of West Orange, formerly of Montclair, died peacefully on March 19, 2020.



She was born in Indianapolis on March 9, 1927, to Cora and Carl Knarzer.

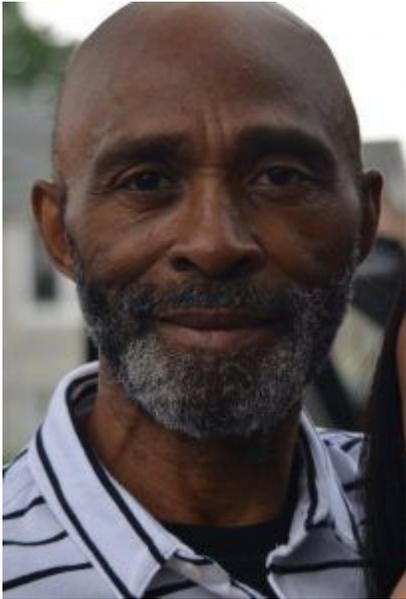
She is predeceased by her husband Frank and her sister Barbara McNeilly, and is survived by her sister Virginia Jones. Carol will be lovingly remembered by her children Mark (Andrea), Matthew (Carol), and Eileen (Jay), her grandchildren Jessica (Mark), Lauren (Hogan), Matthew, Katie, and Lucy, her great grandchildren Zoey and Bodhi and many nieces and nephews.

A mass of Christian Burial will be offered at St. Cassian Church.

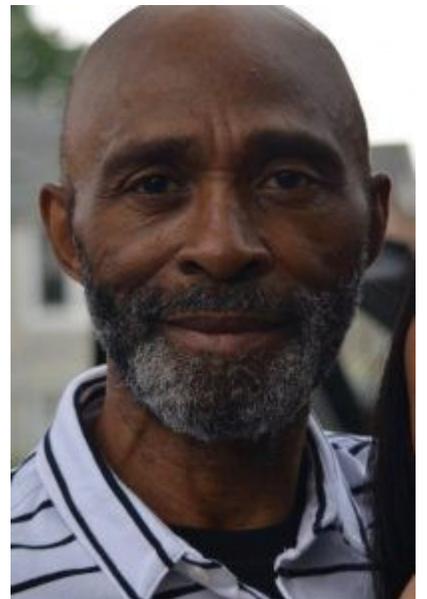
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Cliffs at Eagle Rock in West Orange or The Montclair Inn in Montclair.

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## Obituary: Frank A. Fields



*Frank A. Fields.*

Frank A. Fields, 64, of East Orange, passed away on Tuesday, March 12, 2020.

Frank worked for the Township of Cedar Grove Public Works and was a member of the Montclair Anglers.

He is survived by his wife Bettyjean, his children, Davon, Asey, Shannon and Sara-Elizabeth Fields, and by his sister Catherine Davis, and 5 grandchildren.

A funeral service and viewing was held on Friday, March 20, at St Paul's Baptist Church, Montclair. Interment was at Rosedale Cemetery, Montclair.



## Obituary: Muriel Heilshorn Kilbride, 96



*PHOTO COURTESY ANN MCCARTHY Muriel Kilbride.*

Muriel Heilshorn Kilbride, a resident of Montclair's Family of Caring nursing home, died on March 18.

Born in Brooklyn on June 26, 1923 to William H. Heilshorn Jr. and Anna Hudaff Heilshorn, Muriel was raised in Floral Park, Long Island and Norwalk, CT. She met her future husband John J. (Jack) Kilbride when they were senior classmates at Sewanhaka High School. They were married at Christ Lutheran Church in Floral Park on June 14, 1947.

As life partner to an international shipping executive who traveled continuously on business, Muriel was an accomplished home front chief executive, juggling the demands of raising five children at home in Bellerose Village, Long Island, and was an accomplished hostess, chef, needleworker, gardener, creative force, family counselor and community and church volunteer. She was a dear companion and listener to a wide circle of cherished lifelong friends. Muriel was a lifetime learner, always enrolled in some sort of coursework, ranging from literature to opera to Bible studies to flower arranging. She and Jack traveled extensively, both internationally and across the United States as they worked through their bucket list of national parks. She was Jack's navigator on his successful mission to capture a photograph in front of every U.S. state capitol building. After his death in 1989, Muriel moved to New Canaan, CT to live closer to her family. She became active immediately in the community and served as a deacon at the New Canaan Congregational Church. Muriel moved to Montclair to be near her daughter Ann McCarthy in September 2016.

But her favorite place in the world was her home on Peconic Bay on the North Fork of Long Island. Her porch luncheons and dinner barbecue spreads of local bounty served overlooking the sparkling bay for visiting family and friends were legendary. From her porch she watched her 12 grandchildren grow and revel in the freedom and beauty of the place. WiFi and TV were banned (for a while, anyway). She continued Jack's tradition of raising on the flagpole the nautical signal flags of the initials of her grandchildren and other house visitors to welcome their arrivals. She celebrated her 96th birthday last summer on the same porch and with the same style.

Muriel is survived by her five children: John, East Windsor, NJ; William (Mary), Chattanooga, TN; David (Kathleen), Cutchogue, NY; Richard (Marianna), New Canaan, CT; and Ann McCarthy (Dan), Montclair. She also is survived by her 11 granddaughters: Sara, Hannah, Addie, Laura, Johanna (Alex), Patricia, Anna, Elizabeth and Charlotte Kilbride, and Emily and Lucie McCarthy. She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, her brother John W. Heilshorn of Garden City and Litchfield, CT, and by her only grandson, Benjamin Kilbride.

Burial was at Cemetery of the Evergreens in Brooklyn on March 21 in her family plot. A memorial service will be scheduled in the future at the Congregational Church of New Canaan.

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## Obituary: Stephen M. Schuckman



*Stephen M. Schuckman.*

Stephen M. Schuckman, 61, of Quincy, Ill., formerly of Montclair, passed away Sunday, March 8, 2020, at his home in Quincy.

Stephen was born Jan. 16, 1959, in Quincy to Jerry and Kathleen Connell Schuckman.

He is a 1977 graduate of Quincy High School and a 1981 graduate of Quincy University with bachelor's degrees in biology and chemistry. He earned a master's degree in botany from the University of Missouri in

1984. He moved to New Jersey in 1985 to serve as an adjunct instructor at Rutgers University.

Stephen managed Metropolitan Plant Exchange in West Orange from 1987-1993, and he served as the Superintendent of Parks and Shade Tree in Montclair.

Stephen sat on the Montclair municipal planning board, was a former president of the Montclair Economic Development Corps and was one of the founders of the Montclair Farmer's Market. He also wrote a gardening column for the Montclair Times.

Stephen was the horticultural manager of the Van Vleck House & Gardens from 1998 to 2005. In 2006, he started his own company, First Mountain Arboriculture, a horticultural consulting and urban forestry company. He served as the forestry consultant for several New Jersey communities, including Montclair, Bloomfield, Maplewood, Hawthorne and Glen Ridge.

Stephen was a certified arborist by the New Jersey Arborists Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture and a certified tree expert by the New Jersey Society of Certified Tree Experts. He was a continuing education instructor at Rutgers University, where he taught advanced pruning and municipal shade tree management in recent years.

An avid outdoorsman and naturalist, Stephen enjoyed beekeeping, hiking, camping, photography and reading in his free time. He climbed to the summit of Mount Rainier in 1987 and involved himself in many outdoors projects throughout the years, including exploring the Mississippi River for mussels on the endangered species list. He enjoyed watching college basketball, especially during the NCAA Tournament, and always rooted for Duke. He loved to travel, visiting Hawaii and Mexico whenever possible.

Stephen is survived by his parents, Jerry and Kathleen; five siblings, Rebecca (Guy) Spoonmore of Quincy, Gregory (Lisa) Schuckman of Quincy, Theresa (Mike) Lantz of Quincy, Julie Schuckman of Quincy, and Matthew (Michelle) Schuckman of Quincy; 10 nieces and nephews; and 12 great-nieces and great-nephews.

Private family services will be held and interment will be in Calvary Cemetery in Quincy. Memorials may be made to the Quincy Tree Commission. The Duker & Haugh Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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## Obituary: Lucile G. Mason

Lucile G. Mason, 94, passed away on Friday, March 13, 2020 at her home in Montclair.



Born in Glen Ridge, Ms. Mason was a lifelong resident of Montclair.

She was the daughter of the late Mayne S. Mason and Rachel Entorf.

A graduate of the Kimberley School, Lucile was the first director of development at MKA. She received her B.A. degree from Smith College in theater and music and an M.A. from degree from New York University in communications in education, with another master's degree in educational sociology and anthropology at NYU. She has also pursued other graduate studies at the University of Michigan, Columbia University and the National Training Laboratory's Institute of Applied Behavioral Science.

After working for the American Broadcasting Company and Compton Advertising Inc., she served as executive director for the Association of Junior Leagues of America, as director of public affairs for Girl Scouts of the USA, as well as community relations and development for the Girl Scout Council of Greater New York and as director of public relations for the YWCA of the City of New York. For 10 years, she served on the Board of Counselors of Smith College.

Lucile was very instrumental in getting leadership jobs for women; while not breaking the glass ceiling, she managed to make many cracks.

She is survived by her devoted and loving sister Janet Mason and many dear friends.

Funeral service and interment will be private. Arrangements are by the O'Boyle Funeral Home 309 Broad St. Bloomfield.

For those who wish, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Presby Memorial Iris Garden or the Smith College Scholastic Association.



## Obituary: Carmen H. Cameron

Carmen H. Cameron, 96, of Montclair, formerly of Somerville and Basking Ridge, died March 3.



Carmen retired from ExxonMobil as an administrative assistant.

She is survived by one daughter, April McDaniel (James), and a host of other relatives and friends.

A visitation was held March 10 at Martin's Home for Service, 48 Elm St.