



Obituary: Maureen E. Lamb



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Maureen E. Lamb, 72, of Clifton and formerly a longtime Montclair resident, died suddenly, Monday, March 26, at HackensackUMC Mountainside Hospital.

Ms. Lamb was the daughter of the late Edward T. Lamb and the late Jane (Meehan) Lamb. She was predeceased by her brother Edward F., and her sisters Virginia (Lamb) Clark and Janie and her brother-in-law Peter Fess. She is survived by her brother Bobby and his wife Kathy of Lake Como and her sister Maryanne Fess of Fairfield. She was the aunt of Dennis (Marie), the late Kevin, Colleen (Scot), Kathleen, Kelly, Sean

(Amy), Bevin (Ralph), Meghan (Duke) and Tracey. She also is survived by 13 grand-nieces and nephews.

Ms. Lamb attended both grammar and high school at Immaculate Conception in Montclair and remained lifelong friends with her classmates. She worked her entire career at New Jersey Bell Telephone Company and continued those friendships after her retirement. She loved her Irish heritage, the Jersey Shore, going on cruises all while being with family and friends.

Viewing services will be held at the Hugh M. Moriarty Funeral Home, 76 Park St., Montclair, on Monday, April 2, from 4 to 8 p.m. The funeral mass will be at Immaculate Conception Church, Montclair on Tuesday, April 3, at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be at Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Upper Montclair.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Maureen's name to Immaculate Conception Church, 30 North Fullerton Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042.



Obituary: Agatha (Ida) Baldi



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Agatha (Ida) Baldi, 96, of Vernon, formerly of Montclair, died March 27, 2018, at the Karen Ann Quinlan Home for Hospice in Fredon.

Mrs. Baldi was the daughter of Sebastiano and Angela Petronecci.

Mrs. Baldi was employed at Westinghouse Electric Corporation in Bloomfield before retiring to be a homemaker. She was a lifelong parishioner at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel RC Church in Montclair. Mrs. Baldi was a member of the St. Sebastian Society, as were her parents before her. For most of her life, Mrs. Baldi took great pride in, and enjoyment from, her involvement in the St. Sebastian and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel feasts. Mrs. Baldi was an avid bowler and a great dancer.

She is survived by her loving children, Barbara Petronaci and her husband John and Allan Baldi and his wife MaryJane, and her grandchildren, Jamie Cuccaro and her husband Joey, Brian Petronaci, Jessica Petronaci and her fiancé Ryan Schwester, and Christopher, Alyssa and John Baldi. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband Alphonse Baldi, her sister Angela Wolgast and her brother Santo Petronecci.

Visitation will be Wednesday, March 28, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Caggiano Memorial Home, 62 Grove St., Montclair. A funeral blessing will be offered on Thursday, March 29, at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 94 Pine St., Montclair. Burial to follow at Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Montclair.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Karen Ann Quinlan Home for Hospice, 99 Sparta Ave., Newton, NJ 07860.



Obituary: Veronica (Vera) Sharkey O'Connell



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Mrs. Veronica (Vera) Sharkey O'Connell, of Bloomfield, formerly of Montclair, died on March 20, 2018.

Mrs. O'Connell was born Aug. 8, 1928 to Dominic and Delia Sharkey in Montclair. She was a graduate of Montclair High School and The Berkley School and was a 57 year parishioner of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Bloomfield.

In 1955, she married Daniel F. O'Connell Jr. and spent the early part of her married life traveling with him as he played for four Major League baseball teams. She once flew cross country with three children under the age of five to be together as a family while he played for the San Francisco Giants.

She is survived by her four children, Daniel (Leslie) O'Connell, John O'Connell, Maureen (John) Hurley and Nancy (Dan) Mellin, nine grandchildren Caroline, Brian and Millie Hurley, Daniel and Emily Mellin and Patricia, Danny, Charlie and Tommy O'Connell, and a sister Joan (Jerry) Carville. She is predeceased by her husband Daniel who died in 1969, two sisters, Madeline Sharkey and Mildred (Walter) O'Brien, and a brother Clifford Sharkey.

O'Connell credited her faith in helping her overcome the early loss of her husband and in her lifelong gratitude for her "four healthy children and nine healthy grandchildren." O'Connell lived for 57 years on the Fairway in Bloomfield and considered it an idyllic place to raise her family. She was an avid walker and was always quick to offer an encouraging word and a compliment to everyone she met along the way. In July 2016, she left her beloved Fairway and moved to Hockessin, Delaware to be closer to her son.

Visitation will take place at the Hugh M. Moriarty Funeral Home, 76 Park St., Montclair on Sunday, March 25, from 2 to 7 p.m. A mass of Christian burial will take place on Monday, March 26 at 10 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 60 Byrd Ave., Bloomfield. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Thomas the Apostle Church or to Saint Jude's Research Hospital at stjude.org.



Obituary: Carol L. Kearney



Carol L. Kearney

Carol L. Kearney, 69, the heart and soul of the YMCA of Montclair for over 37 years, died on March 16 at her home in Glen Ridge.

A memorial service for Kearney will be held on April 14, at 11 a.m. at the Union Congregational Church, 176 Cooper Ave., Montclair.

During her time with the Y, she served in various roles, including fitness director, leading the Active Older Adults Program, and advisor to the Women's Program Committee. Kearney's endless work on the Montclair Run for 35 years helped bring the community together and make it a celebrated and anticipated event each spring.

Her passion and dedication to health and wellness and her outstanding ability to build community helped shape the Y of Montclair into what it is today.

"The Y is like my family," said Kearney in 2011. "It's the best thing that happened to me. It's the connections that I have at the Y that are just so special. I've met so many people and I've been able to inspire people."

Both in and out of the Y, Kearney showed the meaning of caring through her love, kindness and selflessness. Her personal touch was felt by anyone who came in contact with her. Her genuine concern for other people was like no other.

Kearney was predeceased by her parents, Mildred and Charles Hunt. In addition to her daughter, Amanda, she is survived by her husband, Tony, her brother, Roger, a niece, Christy Markle, and nephew, David Hunt.

Donations in Kearney's memory can be made to the YMCA of Montclair, 25 Park St., Montclair, N.J. 07042 and the Glen Ridge Volunteer Ambulance Squad, 3 Herman St., Glen Ridge, N.J. 07028.



Obituary: Arlene Ann Fortunato



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Arlene Ann Fortunato, 90, of Upper Montclair, died on Monday, March 19, 2018.

Visitation will be Friday March 23, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Caggiano Memorial, 62 Grove St, Montclair. A funeral

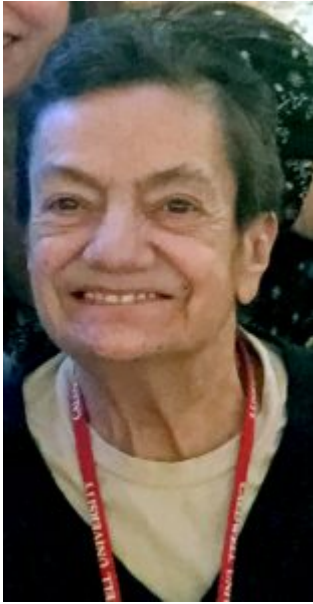
service will be held Saturday March 24 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment is at Mount Hebron Cemetery, Upper Montclair.

Mrs. Fortunato graduated from Montclair High School in 1945, and attended Traphagen School of Design in New York City, New York. She was an administrator at JP Morgan Chase in Montclair before retiring.

Mrs. Fortunato is survived by her children, Joseph A Fortunato, Esq., Robert G. Fortunato, Esq. and his wife Francesca, and her daughter Elizabeth Fortunato, her grandchildren, Bobby and Gianna Fortunato, and her nephew and niece Kenneth and Judith Recchia, and was predeceased by her husband Joseph Fortunato in 1995, her son Steven Fortunato and her sister Sylvia Recchia.



Obituary: Marguerite Innarella



Marguerite Innarella

Marguerite Innarella (nee Battista), 75, of Bloomfield, formerly of Montclair, died on Friday March 16, 2018.

A funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday March 23, at The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Montclair, interment at Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Upper Montclair. Visiting hours will be on Thursday March 22 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Caggiano Memorial, 62 Grove St, Montclair.

Mrs. Innarella is survived by her children, Mark Innarella and his wife Gina, Trina Innarella, Steven Innarella and his wife Marie and by her grandchildren, Anthony, Brianna, Jenna, Nicholas, Anthony and Domenic, and by her sister Theresa Battista.

She was predeceased by her husband Anthony F. Innarella and by her siblings, Alphonse, Carmen, Neva Battista, and Angelina Innarella.



Obituary: Alfred “Tommy” Fortunato



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Mr. Alfred “Tommy” Fortunato, 57, died on Wednesday, March 14, 2018.

Visitation will be held Sunday March 18, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Caggiano MemoriaL, 62 Grove St, Montclair, a memorial service will begin at 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Fortunato was a Fireman in Montclair for over 20 years.

Mr. Fortunato is survived by his wife Pauline, his children Gianna, Jakob, Caleigh and Casey, his step-daughter Shauna, his father Alfred, and his siblings, Sheri, Michael and Patricia.

Memorial donations can be made to The American Cancer Society.



Obituary: Bernard "Bernie" Cutner



Bernard "Bernie" Cutner

Bernard "Bernie" Cutner died on March 1, 2018.

Visitation was held March 14 at Woody "Home for Services" in Orange, followed by a memorial service at the

same location.

Mr. Cutner was born March 9, 1950 in Brooklyn, New York. He was graduated from the New York School District and later moved to Newark. Mr. Cutner met Maxie Anderson and they wed on March 9, 1969.

Mr. Cutner was a lead singer and guitarist for his group called the Adventurers. His stage name was "Captain Hook" and he loved to perform at the drop of a dime. As the years went on Mr. Cutner became a salesman for Razac Hair Care, he was a bus driver for NJ Transit and employed at Kings Supermarket in Montclair, in the seafood department for 22 years.

He also loved cooking and spending quality time with his family. He was a Green Bay Packers fanatic and loved football season.

He survived his battle with Prostate Cancer and was cancer free as of February 27, 2018.

Mr. Cutner is survived by his two brothers Paul Cutner and Joe Abernathy, his daughter Kecia Lorraine Cutner-Little and his grandchildren Kareem Mersier, Khajayah Little and Ky-Asia Little. His nephew, Tyron Cutner, his nieces Erica and Evonda Cutner and his great nephews and nieces.

He is preceded in death by his parents Maynard and Cora Cutner, his grandmother Annie Abernathy-Bell. His siblings Rhonda Cutner, Lionel Cutner, Myron Cutner, Eulita Cutner and nephew Qasim Mitchell.



Obituary: Charles Bates



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Mr. Charles Bates, 76, of Montclair, died on March 12, 2018.

Visitation will be Friday, March 16 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Caggiano Memorial, 62 Grove St., Montclair, with a funeral service to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Cremation will be private.

Mr. Bates was a biomedical engineer at Electro-Catheter Corp in Rahway before retiring.

He is survived by his children, Joseph Bates and his wife Barbara, Edward Bates, Kevin Bates and his wife Nicole, and by his grandchildren, Marion and Annie. He was predeceased by his wife Josefina in 1985.



Obituary: Arthur Autorino



Arthur Autorino

Arthur Autorino, 97, of Montclair, died peacefully at St Joseph Health Care and Rehab Center on Feb. 27, 2018.

Visitation will be Friday, March 2, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Caggiano Memorial Home, 62 Grove St., Montclair. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Saturday, March 3, at 10 a.m. at St. Theresa of Calcutta Church of the Immaculate Conception, 30 N. Fullerton Ave. Montclair, with interment to follow at Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Upper Montclair.

Mr. Autorino was born a first-generation American at home on Maple Avenue in Montclair on June 18, 1920, to Josephine and Salvatore Autorino. He graduated from Montclair High School where he was a member of the track and football teams. He was in the U.S. Navy during WWII, and became a radioman third class on a PBM patrol plane, searching for enemy submarines in the Atlantic Ocean between South America and Africa. Attached to the headquarters squadron on Fleet Air Wing 16, he had the important job of helping to keep the radio equipment of the squadron's mariners in first class condition. Crossing the equator earned him recognition as a Trusty Shellback of the Ancient Order of the Deep. As the war was coming to a close, he married Ann Mercadante Autorino, who died last year. They were married 74 years.

In 1946, he settled his family back in Montclair and joined his father as co-owner of Essex Shoe Repair, a business they ran collectively for over 70 years. In retirement, he volunteered for 15 years at the Immaculate Conception School cafeteria where his wife was manager.

Mr. Autorino is survived by sons Arthur and his wife Georgia, of Eastham, Massachusetts, and Robert and his wife Patricia of North Caldwell; grandchildren Alexandra Autorino Palek and her husband Paul, Samantha Gogerty and her husband Robert, John Autorino, Molly Autorino Krawczyk and her husband Steven, Amelia Autorino and her fiancé John Simmons, and Jamie Autorino; great grandchildren Jaden, Jaclyn, Lucas and Nicholas Krawczyk, Quinn and Bryce Palek and Rhea and Trey Gogerty and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his son Jack Autorino and brother Ralph Autorino.