



Obituary: Frederick Oliver Brown



Frederick Oliver Brown

Frederick Oliver Brown, 84, of Montclair died on Feb. 20, 2018.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, Feb. 24 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in East Orange. Interment was at Rosedale Cemetery in Montclair. Arrangements were made by Woody Home For Services.

Mr. Brown was employed by EMI in Boonton for over 25 years, Washington Equipment in Paterson and Marlo Manufacturing in Boonton. He also was a U.S. Army veteran. He was an active resident of Montclair, serving on

the PTA, the YMCA Indian Guides, the South End Gardens Senior Housing and First Montclair Housing Corp. He served in many capacities in at Holy Trinity, including church council, treasurer, property chair and finance committee.

Mr. Brown is survived by his wife Carol of 61 years, three sons Mark (Candace), Treg (Pamela), and Christopher (Tess); four grandchildren, Alexandra, Zachary, Morgen and Charlotte; a sister Marcia Evans (Herman); two brothers Arnold (Gwyn) and Christopher and a host of nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in memory of Frederick Oliver Brown to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center Office of Development at P.O. Box 27106, New York, NY 10087. Donations may be made out to "Memorial Sloan Kettering" or mskcc.convio.net/goto/frederickoliverbrown.



Obituary: Alice Boggs



Alice Boggs

Alice Boggs, 97, of Montclair, died Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018.

Viewing will be held on Friday, Feb. 23, from 11 a.m. to noon at St. Paul's Baptist Church, 119 Elm St, Montclair. A funeral service will begin at noon followed by interment at Rosedale Cemetery, Montclair.

Born in Statham, Georgia, on Nov. 8, 1920, to Mattie and Emory Stephens, she moved to Montclair in 1939 and married the late Willie Nathaniel Boggs, on Sept. 26, 1940.

Mrs. Boggs is survived by her son, Otis (Glenna); two daughters, Linda and Gail; a niece/daughter, Louella Walker (Melvin); four grandchildren, Lisa Boggs-Layton (Stewart), Jason (Sharda), Willie and Mattie Larson; two great-grandchildren, Torry and Kyndall; two sisters-in-law, Mary Boggs and Betty Stephens; a brother-in-law, Booker T. Boggs; and multiple cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

She was predeceased by a daughter, Patricia; two sisters, Ivy and Lucille; and two brothers, Lucious and Donald.



Obituary: Daphne Althea Swaggerty



Daphne Althea Swaggerty

Daphne Althea Swaggerty, 96, of Montclair, known as “Hun,” died on Feb. 11, 2018.

Graveside Service is Friday, Feb. 16, at 1 p.m. at Rosedale Cemetery in Montclair.

Ms. Swaggerty was born March 6, 1921 in Easton, Maryland, daughter of the late Walter and Carrie Rasin.

Ms. Swaggerty was raised by her grandparents due to an early death of both parents. She received her early

education at the Easton Public Schools in in Talbot County, Maryland. Later she attended Bowie Normal School in Bowie, Maryland. She graduated with honors receiving a bachelors of science degree in elementary education. Later she attended New York University where she received a masters degree in education.

Ms. Swaggerty was employed by the Newark Board of Education in 1950, becoming the first African American to work at an all white school, Hawthorne Avenue School in Newark, where she worked for 38 years. She retired in 1988. After her retirement she worked as a supervisor of student teachers at Kean University in Union for 11 years.

Ms. Swaggerty was a member of the New Jersey Education Association, the National Teacher's Association, the Essex County Retired Teacher's Association, the NAACP, and the American Legion Auxiliary. She also served on the Parish Council of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church for many years.

Ms. Swaggerty is survived by a son, Kellice Jr., nephews Bruce Moaney of Mitchelville, Maryland and Eric Moaney of San Diego, California; niece Daphne Matthews; and a host of family and friends.

Arrangements are by Caggiano Memorial.



Obituary: William James Johnson



File Photo

William James Johnson, “Bill”, of Montclair, died Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018 at the age of 85 while at his winter home in Juno Beach, Florida.

A mass of Christian burial will be offered on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 10 a.m. at Saint Cassian Church, 187 Bellevue Ave., Montclair. Visiting hours will be Monday, Feb. 12 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Hugh M. Moriarty Funeral Home, 76 Park St., Montclair.

A son of New Jersey who found the love of his life in Tennessee, Mr. Johnson was born in North Arlington to William and Anne Johnson before moving to Dover and starring on the high school football field. A scholarship led him to Alabama before a knee injury sent him to rival Tennessee and a meeting with Marilyn Fretwell, who became his wife of 64 years. They were married in April 1953, shortly before his graduation day.

The newlyweds were divided by the Korean War, where Mr. Johnson served as a U.S. Army First Lieutenant served before returning to New Jersey, settling in Upper Montclair and raising seven children, Billy, Margie, Stacey, Chris, David, Ames and Jimmy. Decades later he became the devoted grandfather of 10 who knew him as “Pap,” an honorific passed on from his father-in-law Bill Fretwell.

Mr. Johnson became an avid fan of the Montclair High School Mounties, and remained a follower of his alma mater Tennessee’s fortunes – including a 1998 national football championship. He was a longtime Giants season ticketholder and fan of Big Blue from the Yankee Stadium days of Y.A. Tittle and Frank Gifford, through the Super Bowl success of Eli Manning and David Tyree. And he stood on many sidelines and inside lots of gyms watching his kids and grandkids play an assortment of sports across the decades: Football, lacrosse, track, field hockey, wrestling, baseball.

He liked to share thoughtful advice and laugh at good (and bad) jokes, or spin a vintage tale from a life lived well: Seeing a young Bruce Springsteen in a seaside bar, watching the fights in the old Madison Square

Garden, catching Frank Sinatra with Marilyn, taking a grandkid to see Louie the Yak, hosting the whole family at the Jersey shore.

Mr. Johnson was a member of St. Cassian's Church, where he was a daily Communicant, served as a lector and saw daughters Margie and Ames get married. He was an inductee of the New Jersey Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1999, and the original coach of the Montclair Cobras youth football program.

The founder of the Gaffney Food Co. and president of DeSaCo Foods in East Rutherford, he was christened the "Salad King of America" in a New York Times article before his retirement.

He was a longtime supporter of the York Street Project in Jersey City, helping homeless and needy women and children. His ceaseless generosity of heart and soul to family, friends and those less fortunate remains as Bill's legacy for those fortunate enough to know him.

In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations to the York Street Project, 89 York St., Jersey City, NJ 07302.



Obituary: Robert Henry Hudson



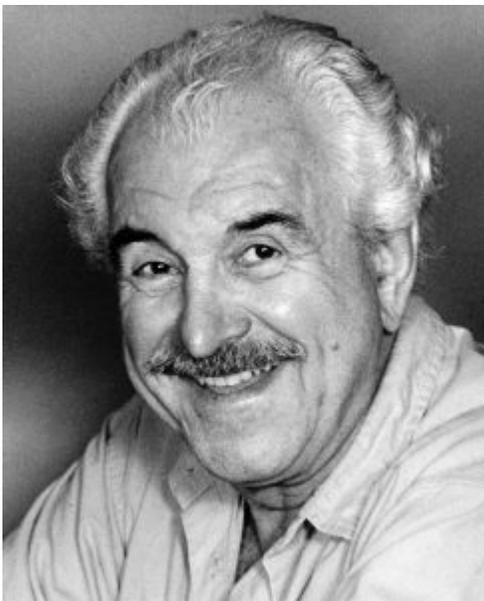
Robert Henry Hudson

Robert Henry Hudson, 88, of Raleigh, North Carolina, formerly of Montclair, died on Jan. 24, 2018.

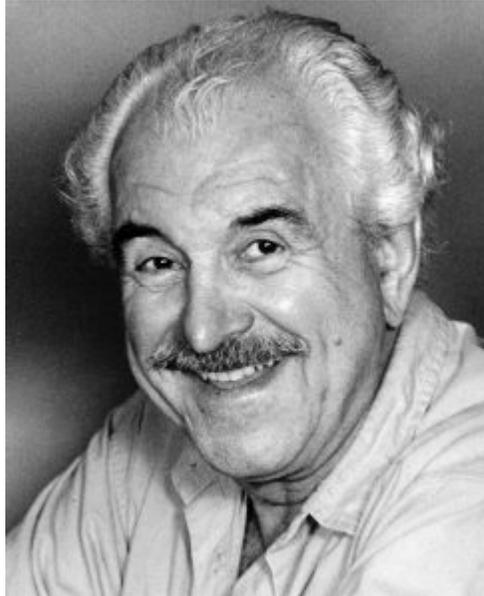
Visitation was Wednesday, Feb. 7, at Martin's Home for Service, 48 Elm St., Montclair, with interment at Heavenly Rest Memorial Park, East Hanover, on Thursday, Feb. 8, at 11 a.m.

Mr. Hudson was an Air Force veteran and Temple University graduate, the regional manager of training and development at Pfizer and the owner of Hudson Place restaurant in Montclair.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Rosa. He is survived three sons, Wendell Sr., Lance, and Michael; five grandchildren, Wendell II, Jason, Erika, Sierra and Bradley; and a host of other relatives and friends.



Louis Zorich, actor and Montclair resident, dies at 93



Louis Zorich

Louis Zorich, a veteran actor and longtime Montclair resident best-known for his role as Paul Reiser's father on the TV series "Mad About You," died Tuesday at 93.

Mr. Zorich's death was [announced on Facebook Wednesday morning, Jan 31](#), by his son, Peter, also a Montclair resident.

Mr. Zorich was born Feb. 12, 1924, one of six children of immigrants from Croatia. He grew up in the Great Depression on Chicago's South Side. His burgeoning interest in art, music and theater found early inspiration in the Dick Tracy and Joe Palooka comic strips, Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers movies and Verdi operas. Mr. Zorich served in a platoon of engineering firefighters attached to Gen. George Patton's 5th Army in World War II, taking him through England, France and Germany.

Upon return, he attended Roosevelt College on the G.I. Bill. An inside tip and fateful bet on a horse named Cherokee Pilot paid his way at the Goodman School of Drama. When he left drama school, Mr. Zorich never had to take on a non-acting job, one of several facts of his life that led him to describe his path as "beating the odds." His six-decades-long acting career took him to stage and screen. Some of his most memorable performances include "Death of a Salesman," "She Loves Me," "The Odd Couple," "Henry IV" (Parts I and II), "City of Hope," "Fiddler on the Roof," "Coogan's Bluff," "Muppets Take Manhattan," "Brooklyn Bridge" and "Mad About You," among hundreds of theatrical and television appearances.

Mr. Zorich and his wife, Olympia Dukakis, were founding members of the Whole Theatre in Montclair, an

award-winning company that thrived for nearly 20 years. Together, they helped build a community of artists and families that remained an integral part of their lives. In their house at 222 Upper Mountain Ave., they raised their children, Christina, Peter, and Stefan. When Mr. Zorich wasn't working, he could normally be found holding court at the kitchen table with whichever random visitor happened to wander in, as they often did.

No matter the iconic characters Louis played, from Uncle Ben to Falstaff to King Lear, he was also a larger-than-life character offstage. His thunderous voice could shake the room with his laughter and frequent use of colorful language. His penchant for storytelling led him to author two books, "What Have You Done?", an anthology of audition stories collected from many of his colleagues, and his memoir, "Beating the Odds." His desk and dining table held piles of writing projects and crossword puzzles. Mr. Zorich described his artistic process as more intuitive than intellectual. Although he acted with great technical skill and preparation, he discovered how the subconscious plays into acting, how he drew deeply from life experiences. Perhaps because he valued such stories, he knew how to be present with others, offering his undivided attention and curiosity to any individual, no matter their stature. For his family and friends, Mr. Zorich's life story is one of great learning, love and empowering laughter. His life was truly a portrait of an artist, humbled and heartened by the human condition. What he offered in the theater of life was an awe-inspiring level of humanity, dedication, incredible humility, kindness and generosity of spirit.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Olympia; his sister, Helen; his children, Christina, Peter, and Stefan; and his grandchildren, Isabella, Sofia, Luka and Erlinda.



Obituary: Dorothy W. Hallmon



File photo

Mrs. Dorothy W. Hallmon, formerly of Montclair, died on Jan. 20, 2018. Funeral services were held on Jan. 27 at Al Young Funeral Home in Atlanta, Georgia.

She was a resident of Montclair from 1956 to 1995.

Mrs. Hallmon was born on June 3, 1931. For many years, Mrs. Hallmon worked at Honeywell in Teterboro. In 1995, she retired and relocated to Atlanta, Georgia with her family. She loved to make people laugh with a joke or two, to dance, to sing and to shop. She was giving and caring, and always wanted to find a way to help others.

Mrs. Hallmon is survived by her sons John (Lillian) and Kevin (Tiesha) and a daughter Monica (Tony), four grandsons, John Jr. (Shelonda), Logan, Caleb and Cai; three granddaughters, Georgia (Phillip), Tanzella and Cheyenne; seven great grandchildren, Jorjeana, Phillip Jr. (Tasha), Michael (Janelle), Brehua, Samantha, John-John and Tiara and six great-great grandchildren, Alexander, Savannah, Sydney, Nay Nay, Bryson and Emily; two sister-in-laws Willa Lee and Rena, a brother-in-law Levie (Jerlean), her sister-friend Aberdeen Williams; and many nieces and nephews; and a host of "adopted" sons and daughters.



Obituary: Gene Emerson Morokoff



Gene Emerson Morokoff

Gene Emerson Morokoff, of Montclair, formerly of Indianapolis, died on Jan. 21, 2018, at Gates Manor in Montclair at the age of 92.

A memorial service will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Montclair on Thursday, March 1, at 5 p.m. followed by interment of ashes at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 2, at the Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery in Wrightstown.

Mr. Morokoff was married for 68 years to Lorraine Frances Morokoff, who died in November 2017.

Mr. Morokoff was born in Fort Dodge, Iowa. He was a staff sergeant in the United States Army Air Force in World War II in the 97th Bombardment Group, 342nd Squadron and flew 35 combat missions in the Mediterranean theater. He was awarded six Bronze Stars and the Air Medal. In addition he received a certificate of valor in recognition of his achievements. He was an aerial gunner, flying ball turret in a B17 airplane. After the war ended, he returned home to continue his education and graduated from Beloit College in Wisconsin, where he met his wife. He went on to obtain a master's degree in English from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and his Ph.D. in English from the University of Illinois. He published in the Journal of American Folklore. He served on the faculty in departments of English at Eastern Illinois State University, Purdue University and Northwestern Louisiana State University and on the editorial staff of the Saturday Evening Post.

Mr. Morokoff was the son of Paul Morokoff, the dance producer and choreographer, and Allene Palmer of New York City. He is survived by three daughters, Patricia and her husband, Michael, of East Greenwich, Rhode Island, Dawn of Cincinnati, and Carol of Boonton; two sons, David of Las Vegas, and William and his husband, Benjamin, of Montclair. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Sarah, Christine, Aaron, and Seth.

Gene spent his last several years at Gates Manor, where he was beloved by the staff.



Obituary: John B. Knox



John B. Knox

John B. Knox 99, of Montclair died at home on Jan, 23, 2018.

Mr. Knox was born on June 16, 1918, in Dothan, Alabama, where he lived with his family until they relocated to Orange.

In 1943, after high school, Mr. Knox was drafted into the U.S. Army; he was later stationed in San Bernardino, California, after his basic training, and was always very proud of his participation in making the documentary "Sands of War." The documentary depicts life for soldiers in World War II and black troops' successful contribution to the war effort. Later he was sent to England and Scotland where he was a part of the Normandy Invasion led by Gen. George Patton of the 3rd Armored Division. Mr. Knox held the rank of sergeant 1st class.

After the war, Mr. Knox settled in New Jersey, and in 1952 he married Justine Flippen, a second marriage for both. They lived in Montclair from 1956 until 2015. Mr. Knox was employed by the Essex County Department of Corrections as a rehabilitation counselor for drug offenders. He retired in 1991. He was a member of the Crawford Crews American Legion Post 251 in Montclair, a member of the Do Drop Inn at Glenfield Park, Montclair, and a lifelong member of Union Baptist Church.

Mr. Knox is predeceased by his wife, Justine, in August 2015. He is survived by his sister, Anna Hawkins of Orange, and a host of nieces and nephews.



Obituary: Joan M. Campo



File photo

Joan M. Campo, a lifelong resident of Montclair, died at the age of 86 on Friday, Jan. 26, 2018, in a nursing home.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Jan. 30, from 2 to 3 p.m. with a memorial service to begin at 3 p.m. at Caggiano Memorial, 62 Grove St, Montclair.

Ms. Campo was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church in Montclair. She worked alongside her parents in Fred's Lucheonette on Bellevue Avenue in Upper Montclair.

She is survived by her brother, Robert Campo, and his wife, Gail; her niece, Cynthia McTigue, and her husband, John; and Arthur DeLotto and his wife, Aileen.