



Obituary: Philip Innarella



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Philip Innarella, 57, formerly of Montclair, died on Thursday, Oct.19.

Visitation will be today, Oct. 26, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Caggiano Memorial, 62 Grove St, Montclair.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Friday, Oct. 27, at 10:30 a.m., at Immaculate Conception Church, Montclair, with interment at Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Montclair.

Mr. Innarella graduated from Montclair High School and worked for Verizon for over 20 years. He was most recently employed by Frito Lay/PepsiCo.

Mr. Innarella passionately loved his family, sports and all animals. He never met a stranger and was larger than life. His laugh filled the room and his smile was infectious.

Mr. Innarella was predeceased by his parents, Philip and Angie Innarella.

He is survived by his daughters, Nicolette Taylor and Alexa Marie; by his sisters, Debbie and Jackie Innarella; by his fiancée, Julie Baldwin; stepchildren Sean Robert Baldwin, Alyson Kae Baldwin and Trey Flanagan Baldwin and many cousins and extended family.

Memorial donations may be made to Make-A-Wish Texas Gulf Coast and Louisiana.

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Obituary: William K. Walsh



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William K. Walsh, 75, of Montclair died on Oct. 18, 2017.

Mr. Walsh was predeceased by his parents Luke and Mary (McGowan) Walsh. He is survived by his brother Michael Walsh and sister Maureen Walsh Booth (Robert).

Mr. Walsh was a systems engineer for many years for Lucent in Basking Ridge. He was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 9, the Irish American Society of the Oranges, Montclair Knights of Columbus #1277, the West Orange Elks #1590 and The Giblin Association. William served as the Deputy Grand Marshal of the West Orange Saint Patrick's Day Parade in 2007 and also served on the parade committee.

Visitation will be held Sunday, Oct. 22, from 3 to 7 p.m., at the Hugh M. Moriarty Funeral Home, 76 Park Street. Funeral services will be held Monday, Oct. 23, at 9:30 a.m. funeral home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 32 North Fullerton Ave.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Memorial Sloan Kettering or the American Heart Association. For directions and online condolences visit moriartyfh.com.



Obituary: George H. Miller Jr.



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George H. Miller Jr. of Montclair died on Oct. 15, 2017. He was 84.

A funeral Mass will take place on Thursday, Oct. 19, at 10 a.m., at St. Cassian Church, 187 Bellevue Ave., Montclair.

Mr. Miller was born in Newark on Aug. 21, 1933, to George Sr. and Anne Twyman. He was the brother of Joan Leister and David K. Miller.

“Big George,” as he was known to his many friends, was a graduate of Delbarton Prep School and was one of the “fighting Irish,” having attended Notre Dame University.

He was very involved in his faith and served as a Eucharistic minister and commentator at Immaculate Conception Church. Most recently, he was attending St. Cassian Church.

Mr. Miller served as Grand Knight of the Order of the Knights of Columbus at Immaculate, where he had served the group for over 40 years. He was a contributing member of the Mercier Club, the Ancient Order of the Hibernians and several other civic groups, and had been recognized as Irishman of the Year and Knight of the Year. He also received the Gill Gibbs Memorial award and many other honors.

In business, he ran the George Miller Insurance Company in Montclair for many years and still worked with Merwin & Paolazzi Insurance Inc.

George was well known for his clever wit and gregarious nature and was often found behind the podium as a MC for numerous charitable events and business functions.

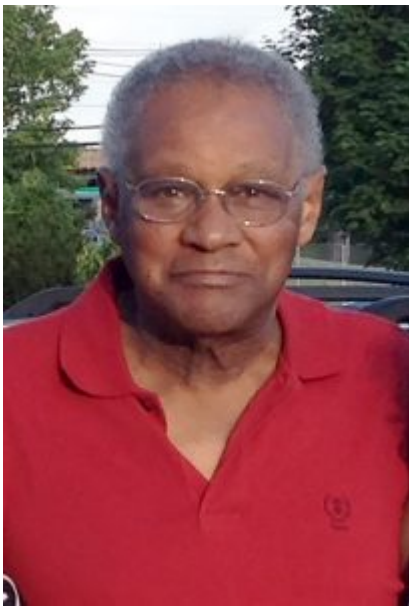
He was preceded in death by his son George H. III. He is survived by his children Marilyn, Lizbeth, Gregory, David, Mary Gay, Colleen, Kerry, Michael, Suzanne, Charles (CJ), Erika, and Kaitlin.

He also leaves behind 28 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. Miller was his children's greatest fan and their various sporting and cultural activities, and served in various capacities ranging from early President of the Montclair Lacrosse Club and has received numerous awards for his contributions to the community.

George above all loved his family and was a man of great faith who will be remembered for endless humor and not a man of few words.

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Obituary: Jesse Carlton Spain



Jesse Carlton Spain

Jesse Carlton Spain, 80, a resident of Manhattan, died on Oct. 11, 2017.

A wake will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 18, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Caggiano Memorial, 62 Grove St., Montclair.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, Oct. 19, at 11 a.m. at St. Peter Claver Roman Catholic Church, 56 Elmwood Ave., Montclair, with interment to follow at Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Montclair.

Born in Montclair to James and Dorothy Spain, he was the youngest of seven siblings.

He attended Seton Hall University for two years. Realizing that his true passion was the emerging field of television broadcasting, he transferred to the R.C.A. Institute. Upon graduation, he began a career in television broadcasting that spanned over 50 years. This career included becoming a technical director for the New York Public Broadcasting Service. Later in his career, he was a broadcast engineer for CBS Corporation, where he retired after 35 years of distinguished service.

Mr. Spain was a real renaissance man. His interests included photography, jazz music, art, gourmet food, and wine. Over his lifetime, he built an extensive library with upward of 5,000 books, including rare and collectible books.

He leaves his wife, Joan (Parkinson) Spain; his daughter, Michelle Spain-Allen, and son-in-law, Dennis Allen; his grandson, Martin Allen; and two siblings, Barbara Turner and Dorothy Imogene Jenkins, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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Obituary: Vincent La Selva



Vincent La Selva

Distinguished American conductor Vincent La Selva, longtime Montclair resident, died on Oct. 9, 2017 at the age of 88 in Cleveland, Ohio. The cause was complications from dementia.

Viewing will be held 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16 at Hugh M. Moriarty Funeral Home. A funeral mass will be held Tuesday, Oct. 17 at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York.

Maestro La Selva was the founder of New York Grand Opera in 1973, which for 39 years offered fully-staged opera productions free to the public, most of the productions in Central Park. Since the opening performance of *La bohème* on May 23, 1973, Maestro La Selva led 55 operas in upwards of 350 performances. Over the years, these performances were attended by more than three million people. In 2001 Mr. La Selva finished an unprecedented eight-year cycle of the complete Verdi operas — all 28 of them — performed in chronological order with a special performance of Verdi's *Requiem* at Carnegie Hall. He continued to perform Verdi and Puccini operas in Central Park until 2012 and symphonic concerts at Carnegie Hall and at the Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew in New York City.

The New York Grand Opera's presentations ranged from such standards as *Aida*, *Rigoletto*, *Tosca*, to rarities such as Leoncavallo's *La Bohème* and Verdi's *Stiffelio* in their U.S. premieres. New York Grand Opera gave the first fully staged performance in the United States of Verdi's *Giovanna D'Arco*. The company also gave the first staged performances in New York of Verdi's *Aroldo* and *Jérusalem*, the first New York staged performance in 127 years of his *I Masnadieri*, the first New York performance with orchestra of his earliest opera, *Oberto*; the first fully-staged performance of Verdi's eighth opera *Alzira*; and the first company to perform both *La Bohème* operas in a single season. Venturing indoors, The New York Grand Opera³ played such diverse venues as Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall, the Beacon Theatre, and the Brooklyn Academy of Music. It also gave free performances at Co-op City, Eisenhower Park (Long Island), Marine Park (Brooklyn), and the Bronx Botanical Gardens.

In addition to his opera performances, Maestro La Selva earned special renown for conducting symphonic scores with directness, lyricism, and great passion. The noted critic B.H. Haggin praised La Selva in the following manner: "It is clear that he has what Bernard Shaw has called the highest faculty of a conductor, the magnetic influence under which an orchestra becomes as amenable to the baton as a pianoforte to the fingers... and not only in orchestra but singers." He led acclaimed performances with the New Jersey Symphony, the Juilliard Symphony, the Brno State Philharmonic in the Czech Republic, the Bern Symphony in Switzerland, the Symphony of the Air (formerly the NBC Symphony,) and he was music director of the Greater Trenton Symphony Orchestra. Among his collaborators were such soloists as Leonard Rose, Ruggiero Ricci, Zinka Milanov, Rudolf Firkusny, Murray Perahia, Renata Tebaldi, Franco Corelli and Peter Serkin.

He is survived by three children, Lisa La Selva Zayac, Maria La Selva Vogt, and John La Selva, a brother Roger La Selva, a sister Mary Kruzel, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild, as well as Akemi Baba, a companion since the death in 2011 of his wife Helen "Danny" Lovell La Selva, a prominent Montclair retailer, to whom he was married for 51 years.

Mr. La Selva was born Sept. 17, 1929 in Cleveland, Ohio, and began performing as a trumpeter at the age of eight and by the age of 12, he was conducting student performances. He received his bachelor's degree from the Juilliard School. He studied conducting with Jean Paul Morel, music composition Peter Mennin, Vittorio Giannini, and Vincent Persichetti, and trumpet with William Vacchiano, The composer Robert Ward taught him orchestration.

After his graduation from Juilliard, he served in the United States Army and conducted the First Army Band at Fort Jay on Governor's Island. It was in 1954 that he founded the Xavier Symphony Society, made up of volunteer performers, which formed the kernel of his idea for presenting free productions. One of his early successes was Gian-Carlo Menotti's *The Saint of Bleecker Street*, which the composer urged Maestro La Selva to bring to New York City Opera. La Selva's successful production of the Menotti masterpiece led to his being hired to conduct the City Opera's orchestra full-time. In 1969 Maestro La Selva joined the faculty of the Juilliard School where he taught, until 2010, much sought-after conducting classes and opera workshops. For many years, until their demolition, Maestro La Selva gave private lessons at the legendary Carnegie Hall Studios.

In 1995 the president of Italy knighted Mr. La Selva as a "Cavaliere" in the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic for his distinguished service to Italian music. Mr. La Selva's contribution to the cultural life of New York was commended by President Bill Clinton, New York Governor George E. Pataki, and former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, an avid opera lover, who awarded La Selva the coveted Handel Medallion, New York City's highest distinction for achievement in culture and the arts.



Obituaries: Claire M. Vaughan



File Photo

Claire M. (Werner) Vaughan, 94, of Montclair died Oct. 9, 2017.

Relatives and friends will gather at the Church of the Immaculate Conception-St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, 30

North Fullerton Ave., Montclair, on Friday, Oct. 13, at 9:30 a.m. A Mass of Christian burial will take place at 10:30 a.m. Burial arrangements are private.

Mrs. Vaughan was born in Newark. She was a longtime communicant of Immaculate Conception Church and worked as the building manager for 188 Claremont Ave., where she made many lifelong friends.

Mrs. Vaughan was predeceased by her parents, Peter and Alice Werner, by her seven siblings, and by her children Michael James, Alice and Mary Ellen.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, James; by her sons Christopher Vaughan and his wife, Julie, of North Easton, Massachusetts; Martin Vaughan of Montclair, and Robert Vaughan and his wife, Ramona, of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania; by her grandchildren, Catherine Eriksen, Timothy Vaughan, Elizabeth Vaughan, Anna Vaughan, Judith Genneken, Michael Kornytchuk, Stephen Palmatier, Sal Palmatier, Rebecca Vaughan and Robert Vaughan; and by four great-grandchildren, Alyssa, Steven, Luca and Owen.

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Obituary: Doris Ann Sozek



File photo

Doris Ann Sozek of Montclair died on Oct. 1, 2017.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 4, at Hugh M. Moriarty Funeral Home, 76 Park St. A funeral will be held at Moriarty Funeral Home on Thursday, Oct. 5, at 9 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Cassian Church, 187 Bellevue Ave. Interment will be at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in East Hanover.

Ms. Sozek was born on May 12, 1929, in Jersey City, to Raymond Freeh and Marie Walsh.

She graduated from Lincoln High School in 1947 and received an associate's degree from The Pace School in 1951.

She married George Edward Sozek in 1955.

After her children finished college she went back to school and in 1990, she earned a bachelor's degree in geography and women's studies at Montclair State University.

Ms. Sozek was involved in the College Women's Club of Montclair and Nar-Anon of NJ and was a longtime member and former president of the Verona Garden Club.

She is survived by three children, Greg Sozek of New Jersey; Michael Sozek and his wife, Maryann Morris, of Vermont; and Kevin Sozek of Florida; by her sister Audrey Krommenhoek of New York and by her nephew Rod Krommenhoek.

Memorial donations may be made to the Montclair Public Library, 50 South Fullerton Ave. Montclair, NJ 07042. To leave online condolences visit moriartyfh.com.



Obituary: Antonio Fiornascente



File photo

Antonio Fiornascente, formerly of Montclair, died on Sept. 19, 2017.

Visitation will take place on Monday, Oct. 2, from 4 to 8 p.m., at Caggiano Memorial, 62 Grove St., Montclair.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 10:30 a.m., at Immaculate Conception Church, Montclair, with interment at East Ridgelawn Cemetery, Clifton.

Mr. Fiornascente was predeceased by his wife, Grazia, and by his son Joseph.

He is survived by his children Claudio and his wife, Doris; Maria Urban and her husband, Thomas; and Grace; by his brothers, Nicola Fiornascente and Rocco and Michael Giannetti; and by six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Obituary: Shirley Williams Dodd



File Photo

Shirley Williams Dodd, longtime resident of Montclair, died peacefully on Sept. 1.

Ms. Dodd, also known as Peg, was born to parents Robert and Louise Williams in 1924, and raised in New York City.

A Syracuse University graduate, she met her future husband, William Dodd, while he was serving in the Air Force. They married and settled in Montclair, where they raised three children, daughter, Gay and sons, Craig and James.

In addition to being active members of the Montclair Golf Club, Ms. Dodd was a longtime member of the Junior League, a very successful real estate agent for Stanton & Company, a prolific bridge player and president of the Garden Club of Montclair.

Ms. Dodd is survived by her sons Craig and James; their wives Anne and Lesley; two grandchildren, Whitney and Ross; and one great grandson.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, Oct. 21 at 11 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair, 53 Norwood Ave. For online condolences visit moriartyfh.com.



Obituary: Nicole Dautruche



Nicole Dautruche

Nicole Dautruche, 79, of Montclair, died on Sept. 21, 2017.

Visiting hours will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 11 a.m. to noon, with a service beginning at noon, at Martin's Home for Service, Inc, 48 Elm St., Montclair.

Mrs. Dautruche was born in Haiti and made her home in Montclair, where she raised her six children.

Mrs. Dautruche was predeceased by her son Vladimir. She is survived by her children Mike, Van, Jacques, Fabiola, and Nicole Dautruche; her former husband, Bernard Dautruche; four grandchildren, a sister, and a host of other relatives and friends.