

OBITUARIES

Deaths

COURSEN, NICHOLAS MICHAEL, 24, of Wantage, died Tuesday, July 6, 2010. Visitation: Friday, 4 to 8 p.m., followed by an 8 p.m. funeral, Ferguson Funeral Home, Sussex.

DeWITTE, CAROLINE, 90, of Newton, died Sunday, July 4, 2010. Visitation: Friday, 12:30 to 2 p.m., followed by a 2 p.m. funeral service, Smith-McCracken Funeral Home, Newton. Interment will follow in Newton Cemetery.

KOZDEBA, JUANITA, 79, of Sparta, died Saturday, July 3, 2010. Visitation: Thursday, 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., Iliff-Ruggiero Funeral Home, Newton. Mass of Christian Burial: Friday, 10:30 a.m., Blessed Kateri R.C. Church, Sparta, followed by interment in North Hardyston Cemetery.

PAYNE, ERIN O'BRIEN, 50, of Vernon, died Monday, July 5, 2010. Visitation: Friday, 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., F. John Ramsey Funeral Home, Franklin. Funeral: Saturday, 9:30 a.m., from the funeral home, to Immaculate Conception R.C. Church, Franklin. Interment will follow at Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Franklin.

QUINN, LUCY, 81, of Hardyston, died Monday, July 5, 2010. Visitation: Thursday, 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m., F. John Ramsey Funeral Home, Franklin. Funeral: Friday, 8:45 a.m., at the funeral home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Immaculate Conception R.C. Church, Franklin, at 9:30 a.m. Interment will follow at St. Josephs Cemetery, Lyndhurst.

Services

DESTEFANO, MICHAEL F.: Service: Saturday, 10 a.m., Our Lady Queen of Peace R.C. Church, Branchville.

FULLER, ELIZABETH B.: Service: Today, 11 a.m., Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Bangor, Pa.

HENDERSHOT, LEONA: Visitation: Thursday, 7 to 9 p.m., Smith-McCracken Funeral Home, Newton. Funeral: Friday, 11 a.m., at the funeral home. Interment in Johnsonburg Cemetery.

LAVIN, JOSEPH MICHAEL: Visitation: Thursday, 7 to 9 p.m., Ferguson-Vernon Funeral Home, Vernon. Mass of Christian Burial: Friday, 10 a.m., Our Lady Queen of Peace R.C. Church, Branchville. Interment at Glenwood Cemetery.

LIEGNER, FRANK F.: Visitation: Wednesday, July 14, from 6 to 9 p.m., Smith-McCracken Funeral Home, Newton.

NESMITH, NORMAN JOHN: Funeral: Today, 11 a.m., Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, Fort Myers, Fla. Entombment in Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

O'BRIEN, TIMOTHY: Visitation: Today, 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., F. John Ramsey Funeral Home, Franklin. Mass of Christian Burial: Thursday, 10 a.m., St. Jude The Apostle R.C. Church, Hamburg. Interment at Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Franklin.

WALSH, MILO "MIKE": Service: Today, 11 a.m., Pinkel Funeral Home, Sussex, with interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery, Wantage.

WELDON, ERIC D.: Visitation: Today, 6 to 8:30 p.m., Smith-McCracken Funeral Home, Newton, with family and friends eulogizing at 8:30 p.m.

WOOD, DONALD F.: Funeral: Today, 11 a.m., Goble Funeral Home, Sparta, followed by interment in Sparta Cemetery.

Nicholas Michael Coursen

WANTAGE — Nicholas Michael Coursen, 24, died unexpectedly at home Tuesday, July 6, 2010. Born to Paul and Bonny Coursen in Newton, he had been a resident of Wantage all his life.

Nicholas was a 2005 graduate of High Point Regional High School and had been working as a laborer for Ayers Sanitation in Layton for the last few months. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Nicholas is survived by his parents, Paul E. and Bonny Coursen, of Wantage. He was the devoted brother of Paul E. Coursen Jr. and David J. Coursen, of Wantage; dear uncle of Austin Coursen; and was cherished by many aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family will receive their friends at Ferguson Funeral Home, 27 Third St., Sussex, Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. A funeral service will follow at the funeral home at 8 p.m. Cremation will be private.

Juanita Kozdeba

SPARTA — Juanita Kozdeba, 79, died peacefully at home on Saturday, July 3, 2010, with her loving family by her side. Born in Montville, she grew up there and lived there for many years before moving to Mine Hill. After 10 years in Mine Hill, she moved to Sparta, where she had lived for the past 50 years.

Daughter of the late Michael and Mary (Repishak) Forgash, Juanita was a graduate of Dover High School, class of 1949. She worked for many years as a clerk for the Metropolitan Insurance Co. of Morristown before becoming the bookkeeper for the family business Kozdeba and Sons Sand and Gravel in Sparta, where she worked until her retirement in 2006. Recently Mrs. Kozdeba and her husband, John, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with all their family and many friends.

Juanita was predeceased by her sister, Edith Forgash, in 1970, and is survived by her beloved husband, John; her children, Rose Kozdeba of Sarasota, Fla., Kathleen and husband, Keith Peterson, of Tampa, Fla., and Michael and his wife, Jeanie Kozdeba, of Sparta. Also surviving are her six grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Blessed Kateri R.C. Church, 427 Stanhope Road, Sparta. Interment will follow in North Hardyston Cemetery, Hardyston. Visitation will be held Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., at Iliff-Ruggiero Funeral Home, 156 Main St. (Route 206), Newton.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265 (www.komen.org). Online condolences may be offered through www.iliff-ruggierofuneralhome.com.

Doctor who coined 'ageism' dies

NEW YORK (AP) — Dr. Robert Butler, a Pulitzer Prize-winning expert on aging who coined the phrase "ageism," has died in New York City, his daughter said Tuesday. He was 83.

He died Sunday of leukemia at Mount Sinai Medical Center, Christine Butler said.

Butler, a gerontologist and psychiatrist, was the founding director of the National Institute on Aging, one of the National Institutes of Health. He wrote several books on aging, including the 1976 Pulitzer-winning "Why Survive: Being Old in America."

Butler coined the term "ageism," or age discrimination, in 1968, and led a task force that analyzed the impact of age prejudice in a 2006 report, "Ageism in America." It addressed age discrimination in the work-

Lucy Quinn

HARDYSTON — Lucy (DiCamillo) Quinn, 81, was called by God to come to his care, because her job here on earth was done, on Monday, July 5, 2010. Born to Antonio and Antoniette Di Camillo in Lyndhurst, she lived in Wantage and Vernon before moving to Hardyston in 1982.

Mrs. Quinn was a doting mother and grandmother as well as a self-employed actress.

Mrs. Quinn was the beloved wife of 62 years of William J. Quinn. She was the proud mother of her accomplished children, Diane Quinn, William and Tricia Quinn and Karen and Pieter Uptegrove. She was equally proud of her grandchildren, Michael Gibbiser, Kristen and Eric Hanusek, Catherine Quinn and William R. Quinn. She is survived by her loving sisters, Mary Goodwin and Ellen DiCamillo, and her cherished sisters-in-law, Margaret Krakowski and Dorothy Quinn. Lucy was also the loving aunt of her godson, James Goodwin and his wife, Sandra Goodwin, and Antoinette Goodwin. Lucy also loved her numerous nieces, nephews and great-grandchildren.

The family will receive their friends at F. John Ramsey Funeral Home, 1 Main St., Franklin, Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. A service will be held from the funeral home Friday at 8:45 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Immaculate Conception R.C. Church, Franklin, at 9:30 a.m. Interment will follow at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Lyndhurst.

Memorial gifts to SCARC, 11 U.S. Route 206, Suite 100, Augusta, NJ 07822-2024, would be appreciated.

Caroline DeWitte

NEWTON — Caroline DeWitte, 90, died Sunday, July 4, 2010, at Newton Memorial Hospital.

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. DeWitte lived in Wayne before moving to Lafayette in 1980. She lived in Lafayette for many years before moving to Bristol Glen in Newton. Mrs. DeWitte was a member of the Lafayette Senior Citizens.

The daughter of the late Adolph and Susannah Seif Mayer, Mrs. DeWitte was also predeceased by her husband, Russell J. DeWitte, on April 4, 1982, and two grandchildren. She is survived by two sons, Russell J. DeWitte Jr., of Sussex, and Bruce DeWitte, of Franklin, Mass.; three daughters, Kathleen Taggart, of Morris Plains, Carol Brubaker, of Towanda, Pa., and Susan O'Donnell, of Randolph; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m., at the Smith-McCracken Funeral Home, 63 High St., Newton. Interment will follow at Newton Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to Bristol Glen Fellowship Fund, 200 Bristol Glen Drive, Newton, NJ 07860. Online condolences may be made at www.smithmccrackenfuneralhome.com.

Erin O'Brien Payne

VERNON — Erin O'Brien Payne, 50, died Monday, July 5, 2010, at Saint Clare's Hospital in Sussex. Mrs. Payne, the daughter of Charles D. and Rose (Gaba) O'Brien, was born in Newton March 12, 1960. She grew up in Franklin and had resided in Vernon for the past 30 years.

Mrs. Payne formerly served as food and beverage manager at Hidden Valley Ski Area. She also worked as a cook at Crystal Springs Resort and Vernon Township High School and was well known for her catering.

Mrs. Payne was predeceased by her father, Charles D. O'Brien, in 1986, and two brothers, Charles D. O'Brien III in 2008 and her twin, Timothy O'Brien, on July 3, 2010.

She is survived by her husband and granddaughter, with whom she resided, Mark E. Payne and Diana Rose Rocco, of Vernon; her daughter, Khailey Rocco, and son, Edward Morris, both of Stockholm; her mother, Rose O'Brien of Franklin; her sister, Roseanne Aikens and her husband, Shawn, of Wantage; her brother, Kelly O'Brien and his wife, Jackie, of Virginia Beach, Va.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 9:30 a.m. from F. John Ramsey Funeral Home, 1 Main St., Franklin, to Immaculate Conception R.C. Church for a 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial. Interment will follow at Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Franklin. Friends may call at the funeral home Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

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Former opera singer Cesare Siepi dies

ATLANTA (AP) — Singer Cesare Siepi, who performed hundreds of times at the Metropolitan Opera and was well known for the role of Don Giovanni, has died at the age of 87.

Siepi, a native of Milan, Italy, died at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta on Monday after suffering a stroke more than a week earlier, his family said. Roswell Funeral Home says it will handle arrangements.

Surprise at Byrd's burial

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Sen. Robert C. Byrd was being laid to rest after a week of memorials, a niece eulogized him Tuesday as a person who suffered from dyslexia. The revelation surprised others in Byrd's family, who later said they had no knowledge that the West Virginia senator suffered from the learning disability.

The 92-year-old senator, who served in Congress longer than anyone else, received a 21-gun salute as he was buried in a suburban Washington cemetery near his wife of nearly 69 years, Erma.

The final farewell focused on the man away from the institution he revered — the son of coal miners, the widowed husband, grandfather and great-grandfather who earned a college degree at 77 and learned to swim at 90.

"This is the Byrd we didn't know," said West Virginia Wesleyan Professor Robert Rupp. "He really was very private in his life and that would be unusual (among senators) now. He became powerful but not rich, powerful but not a celebrity."

Byrd's niece, Jassowyn "Jackie" Sale Hurd, told mourners gathered at Memorial Baptist Church that he once counseled her on her own dyslexia.

"He shared with me something that's probably going to surprise you all," she said. "He's dyslexic, too."

Brief interviews with more than a dozen current and former Senate staffers turned up none who saw any indication that Byrd, the author of five books and a master of the complex appropriations process, ever struggled with his ability to read.

Baseball

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ly be released in August, Gary Cieradkowski said, though he continues to post a player each week to the blog. There is no set number of cards — as the title of the project implies — but only 1,000 sets of each 20 card-set are made and sold. As long as there is interest, he said, he will continue adding to the blog, in a way, picking up where he and his father left off.

"In a way, it's a tribute to my father and the conversations we used to have," he said.

Ultimate

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of the off-beat sport spread to amateur leagues and associations in the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, New Zealand and Australia.

During his senior year, Karakos' cancer had spread and, shortly after graduating fourth in his class in June 2009, he died.

Karakos was diagnosed with cancer in the sixth grade. All donated money from the ultimate match will go to the New Jersey-based child cancer group, the Embrace Kids Foundation.

"It is something constructive," said one of Karakos' high school friends, Lee Panecki. "We are raising money for cancer research."

The American Cancer Society expects 48,100 new cancers to be diagnosed this year in people of all ages in New Jersey, and 1,529,560 in the country. About 78 percent of cancers are diagnosed in people 55 or older, according to a 2010 American Cancer Society report.

The match will take place Saturday, starting at 10 a.m. The Embrace Kids Foundation will be collecting donations there until 6 p.m.

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