



Rotary International – District 7300 2015-2016 Obituaries

Curtis David Copeland, Sr.

1930 – 2016

Bridgeville-South Fayette Rotary Club



Age 86, of Bridgeville, on May 15, 2016. Beloved husband of Betty (Johnson) Copeland; loving father of Curtis David Copeland, Jr., Lorraine (Jude) Copeland Kearney and Antoinette Copeland; cherished grandfather of Jude David Kearney and Kathryn Elizabeth Kearney; son of the late Maryland and Lula (Alston) Copeland; brother of the late Maybelle Anderson, Roy Copeland, Rochelle Harris and Thelma Kennedy.

A veteran of the Korean War, serving with the U.S. Navy. Mr. Copeland was the Bridgeville Postmaster for many years, retiring in 1987 and a lifetime member of the First Baptist Church of Bridgeville, where he served as a Deacon. He was elected as a Councilman for the Bridgeville Borough, and was appointed as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board and Bridgeville Parking Authority.

He was a member of the Bridgeville - South Fayette Rotary Club and the former Bridgeville Area Chamber of Commerce. He also was a Governor's appointee to the Mayview State Hospital Board of Trustees.

Friends received Thursday, 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-9:00 PM in the Warchole Funeral Home, 3060 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017 – 412 221-3333. Additional visitation on Friday, 10:00-11:00 AM in Bethany Presbyterian Church, 740 Washington Avenue, Bridgeville, where a Funeral Service will be held on Friday at 11:00 AM. Everyone please meet at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Bridgeville Building Fund, 665 Bower Hill Rd, Bridgeville, PA 15017, or the Parkinson Foundation Western Pennsylvania, 3468 Babcock Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237. View and add condolences at: www.warcholfuneralhome.com.

Teah Nicole Robinson

1979 — 2016

Parkway West & New Brighton Rotary Clubs – April 19, 2016 – Daughter of Bob & Diane Dornenburg



Teah was born on April 9, 1979 and passed away on Tuesday, April 19, 2016. Our beautiful Teah is now with Our Lord and her beloved grandfather, Richard Ieraci. Teah brought a radiant glow to every room she entered, always made everyone laugh and was a warm comfort to so many people.

She will be so missed by her parents, Diane and Bob Dornenburg, her twin sister, Tahnee and Craig Zernich; her sister, Cami and Ray Himme; and of course her Grandma Helen Ieraci. Her greatest loves were her nephew, Cole Zernich and her niece, Sophia Himme. Also sadly missing Teah is her stepbrother, Rob; and stepsister, Erin Dornenburg. Teah's father was Charles Robinson who passed away in 1979. Hugs and kisses from Uncle Rich, Aunt Paula, Matt and Jill Ieraci, Uncle Dan, Kaishia and Aavielle Ierace and Aunt Val, Uncle Paul, Richard and Pauley Vennare. Prayers and love from special cousins, Colleen, Randy, Danny and Jessica Gardner and Mary and Alex Weibel.

We sincerely want to thank everyone in the Critical Care Unit at Heritage Valley Sewickley and everyone at Heritage Valley Beaver Good Samaritan Hospice who treated us like family every day and took such good care of Teah. Teah had an incredible zest for life. She long battled a fight against addiction, a fight that she boldly fought. To her very last day she was a happy, beautiful young lady always caring about others. We are all sure that she is in Heaven helping take care of the children whose Moms are not there yet. There are no words to express how heartbroken we are.

Friends were received in the Thomas Little Funeral Home, Imperial, PA. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at in Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Robinson. Condolence messages: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/postgazette/obituary.aspx?n=teah-nicole-robinson&pid=179696022&fhid=26373#sthash.HzjnSztJ.dpuf>

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Arthur "Art" Tarquinio

1924– 2016

Moon Rotary Club – April 9, 2016



Arthur D. Tarquinio, 91, of Moon Township. On April 9, 2016 the angels of Our Lord came to take him home to sing for our God and fill the heavens with laughter. He was born in McKees Rocks, PA on November 27, 1924. His soulmate in life, Rose preceded him in death.

Arthur was in the US Navy during WW II. After the war, he married Rose and together had six children and established a real estate business, Arthur D. Tarquinio Real Estate in 1954 in Coraopolis, PA, which grew successfully to include their children and extended family. Arthur was preceded in death by his parents, Angelo and Elena Tarquinio. He was one of 12 children. He was preceded in death by Gerarda, Armand, Steve, Gilda, Ann & Nelda. He is greatly remembered by his remaining siblings, Anthony (Ann), Gino (Eileen), Gloria (Robert) Selzer, Victor and Geri Blodgett. His children wish him a blessed journey to join his wife, parents and extended family. They are, Joseph (Mary Ann), Anita (Sam) Marcocci, Richard (JoAnn), Ron (Jennifer), Rosemary, Edward (Debbie). Grandchildren, Brian, Mary Jo (Josh), John (Alexis), Dominic, Vincent, Mia & Olivia, and his great grandchildren, Jackson & Caroline Rose. Arthur has blessings flowing from his sisters-in-law, Caroline Venneri, Sister Mary Anthony Venneri, Suzanne Venneri, his loving group of nieces & nephews, family from Italy, Argentina and Canada, his business associates, Rotarians & members of Montour Heights Country Club.

Family & friends will be received on Tuesday, April 12 from 2:00-4:00 & 6:00-8:00 PM in the Huntsman Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Moon Township, 1522 Coraopolis Heights Road, 15108. Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Wednesday at 10:00 AM in St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Coraopolis (everyone please meet at church) with committal and military honors to follow at Resurrection Cemetery in Moon.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that all donations be made to: St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, 1304 4th Avenue, Coraopolis, PA 15108 or Villa St. Joseph, 1030 W. State Street. Baden, PA 15005. The family thanks all for their love and devotions and may you all hear him sing from the heavens.

Wayne Howard King

1939– 2016

Monroeville Rotary Club – April 3, 2016



Wayne Howard King, 76, of White Oak, Pennsylvania, and Melbourne Beach, Florida, passed away on Sunday, April 3, 2016. He was born December 8, 1939 to Howard and Thelma (Drieling) King in White Oak, PA. Wayne is survived by his loving wife Norma Johnson King of Melbourne Beach, FL; three children: Brandon, Warren and Kristen; two stepchildren: Bob and Ron; five grandchildren; and one brother, Hartley King.

A Memorial Service for Wayne will be held at a later date.

Arrangements under the care of Fisk Funeral Home, 1107 Massachusetts Avenue, Saint Cloud, Florida 34769 407 892-2155.

Online condolences can be given at fiskfh.com.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Wayne Howard King please visit our Sympathy Store: http://www.fiskfh.com/store/funeral-service?icn=desktop_memorial_obituary_link#

Foster P. Rutter

1928– 2016

Pleasant Hills Rotary Club – March 8, 2016 Honorary Member



Dr. Foster P. Rutter, age 88, previously of Pleasant Hills, passed away on March 8, 2016, at Baptist Homes. Survived by his wife, Mary Theresa (Terri); daughters, Linda Rutter, Karen Rutter, Susan Rutter Knapp; granddaughter, Sarah Knapp; stepchildren, Terri Lyn Ferguson Wylie, Robert and Maria Ferguson, John and Amy Ferguson; step-grandchildren, Patrick, Erin and Sean Wylie and Lindsey and Amanda Ferguson.

Dr. Rutter retired as superintendent of West Jefferson Hills School after 23 years of service. He relocated to Palm Harbor, Florida then Ponte Verda Beach, Florida about 30 years ago. He then returned to the Pittsburgh Area about two and a half years ago.

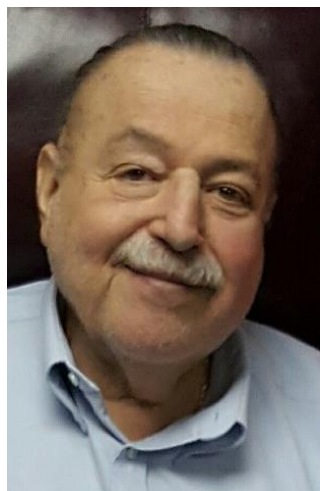
Friends will be received on Friday, March 11, 2016, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM at the Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, 301 Curry Hollow Rd., Pleasant Hills, PA 15236 followed by a funeral service in the chapel at 1:00 PM. www.jeffersonmemorial.biz

In lieu of flowers, family requests donations to Baptist Homes, 489 Castle Shannon Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15234 Attention: Bernard Erb, Administrator.

Leonard Shaw

1942– 2016

Parkway West Rotary Club – February 27, 2016



Leonard Shaw, 74, of Weirton, WV passed away on Saturday February 27, 2016 at his home. Born November 24, 1941 in Youngstown, OH, Leonard was a son of the late Alexander and Dora Zuccone Shaw. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Ronald Shaw.

In 1971, a veteran of the United States Coast Guard, Lenny joined his father Al, in the family business, "AL Shaw's Jewelers", located in downtown Weirton. In 1989 Lenny moved his operations to Robinson Township renaming his store LS Jewelers, where it still operates today. He was a former co- owner of PS Marketing in Weirton.

Lenny was a member of the former Beth Israel Synagogue in Weirton and the former Temple Beth Israel, in Steubenville. Instrumental in forming the Big Brothers Big Sisters/ Boys and Girls Club in Weirton, Lenny also served on their board ; he was a member of Weirton and Park Way West Rotary Clubs. His generous heart also lead him to his involvement with Partners For Quality and Citizen Care in McKeesport, PA.

He is survived by his wife, Judith A. Petrucci Shaw, whom he married in 1972; a son, Dr. Ronald David Shaw and his son's fiancé, Dr. Lauren French; his daughter, Alexis and her children, Paul and Allison; numerous cousins and many friends he made along his way.

Private funeral services will be conducted. Cantor Rena Shapiro will preside. Interment will be in B'Nai Israel Cemetery in Steubenville. Funeral arrangements are under the care of the Greco Hertnick Funeral Home, 3219 Main Street, Weirton, WV 26062.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hancock County Animal Shelter, 715 Gas Valley Road, New Cumberland, WV 26047, HCAF.org, or to Partners For Quality Citizens Care, 250 Clever Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136 www.pfq.org. Share tributes and memories at www.grecohertnick.com

Richard E. "Dick" Kmit

1934 – 2016

Ambridge Rotary Club – February 18, 2016 Honorary Member



Richard E. "Dick" Kmit, 81, of Rochester, died Thursday, February 18, 2016, in Friendship Ridge.

Born May 29, 1934, in Rochester, son of the late Edward and Catherine Krokono Kmit, he was retired from Armco Steel and was one of the founders of the Armco Credit Union. He was a member of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Church, a member of the Ambridge Rotary Club and was an avid racquetball player.

Surviving are his wife, Deborah Furr Kmit; one son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Debra Kmit, Ambridge; two daughters and sons-in-law, Cindy and Lance

Short, Economy Borough, and Leslie Kmit, Ambridge; one stepson, Chad and his wife, Renee Furr, Latrobe; one brother and sister-in-law, Ed and Linda Kmit, Michigan; two sisters, Betty Thom, Colorado and Shirley Grag, Hopewell Twp.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Dolores Horst.

Friends will be received Sunday from 1:00 PM until time of service at 4:30 PM. in the Bohn-Matich Funeral Home, Inc., 1099 Maplewood Avenue, Ambridge, PA 15003. Translation of the body to follow to St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Church, where a service will be held Monday at 10:00 AM with the Very Reverend Father Michael Kochis officiating. Interment will follow in Sylvania Hills Memorial Park

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Church Endowment Fund or Beaver County Humane Society, 3394 Brodhead Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001.

The family would like to thank Friendship Ridge and Vitas Healthcare for their care they gave our husband and father in his time of need.

Kathleen Flaherty Sashin

1938 – 2016

Oakland Rotary Club – February 17, 2016 Spouse of Don Sashin



Peacefully on February 17, 2016, age 78, of Pittsburgh, PA, at home with her family at her side in Indiana Twp.

Daughter of the late Mary and Joseph Flaherty; sister of the late Theresa Fox and the late Patrick "Jackie" Flaherty; beloved wife of Donald Sashin; beloved mother of Deirdre Hall and Courtenay Sashin; grandmother of Shelby, Monique, Patrick, Olivia and Donovan; also her cat, Harrigan; and her dog, Muldoon "Doonie".

Visitation Sunday 12-3 p.m./5-7 p.m. at STEPHEN M. BRADY FUNERAL HOME, 920 Cedar Ave. (across from A.G.H.) Funeral Mass St. Peter's Church Monday 9:30 a.m. Published in Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on Feb. 21, 2016

John Damiani

1943 – 2015



Pleasant Hills Rotary Club – December 22, 2015

Age 72, of Jefferson Hills, passed away on Tuesday, December 22, 2015, at the Jefferson Regional Medical Center. Born November 9, 1943, in Pittsburgh, PA, he was the son of the late Modest and Antoinette (Colella) Damiani. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Isabella Marie Damiani. John is survived by his wife, Ginger Damiani; a daughter, Lisa (Jack) Marshall of Oak Creek, WI; two sons, Adam (Katie) Damiani, Thomas (Candice) Damiani, both of Pittsburgh; seven grandchildren, Sean, Sara, Enzo, and Erin Marshall, Alexis, Emma, Hannah Damiani; and a sister, Marie

Valente of Pittsburgh, PA.

John was the President of J. Damiani Enterprises, Inc. and a partner in the A.J. Colella Company. He was a member of St. Thomas A'Becket Church. He was a member of the Pleasant Hills Guthrie Lodge #509, York Rite, Scottish Rite - Valley of Pittsburgh, and the Syria Shrine. John was also a member of the Pleasant Hills Rotary Club where he was a Paul Harris Fellow, he was a lifetime member of the AACA (Antique Automobile Club of America).

Family and friends will gather for visitation on Sunday and Monday, from 2:00-4:00 and 7:00-9:00 PM

at the Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, 301 Curry Hollow Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15236. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Tuesday, at 10:00 AM at St. Thomas A'Becket Church. Burial will be private in Mt. Lebanon Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in John's name may be made to Jefferson Hills Area Ambulance Association. To express condolences or view the obituary online, please visit: www.jeffersonmemorial.biz

Samuel James “Sam” Oriskovich

1945 – 2015

Quaker Valley Rotary Club – December 8, 2015



Sam Oriskovich, of Loudon, TN, passed away from pancreatic cancer, on Tuesday, December 8, 2015. He was born July 19, 1945, in Coraopolis, PA, living the greater part of his life in Sewickley, PA. He was a hardworking, supportive and proud husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend.

He was a technical engineer at Pullman Standard and ESCO Corporation before running his own private technical consulting firm until his retirement. He was a member of St. James Parish in Sewickley, PA, was a longtime member of the Rotary Club of Quaker Valley, and the Knights of Columbus, achieving Grand Knight status in the latter.

He is survived by his second wife, Josephine Ward; daughter, Tracy Halmi with husband, Steven and grandchildren, Nicholas and Elena, of Edinboro, PA; son, Daniel with wife, Katie and grandchildren, James and Madison of Santa Barbara, CA; brother, Michael; and sisters, Toni Jean Warneld and Kathleen Fleet with husband, Roy; and many loving nieces and nephews. He was preceded in 2012 by wife, Diane Melle of Sewickley, PA.

Mass of Christian Burial at St. James Church, Sewickley, PA on Saturday at 11:30 AM. Burial in St. James Cemetery. Arrangements by Szafranski-Eberlein Funeral Home, Inc.

Donations in Sam's memory may be made to the National Pancreas Foundation, P.O. Box 935, Wexford, PA 15090.

Donald "Don" Reed

1940 – 2015

Lawrenceville Rotary Club – November 22, 2015



Donald Charles "Don" Reed. Born November 19, 1940, Don served as Missile Combat Crew Commander in the Titan II program and reached the rank of Captain in the Air Force. After working for years in the community development department of a local bank, Don opened a furniture restoration and woodworking business.

An early member of the Lawrenceville Urban Pioneers, Don was a longtime resident and supporter of the neighborhood. In 2001, he moved his business from his basement on 43rd Street to the Slaughterhouse Gallery & Studios on Butler Street.

An active model railroader, martial artist, bicyclist and Rotarian, Don passed away after a nine year battle with cancer. He is survived by his daughter, Madeline of New York; his sister, Nancy of Florida; and a plethora of friends and extended family members who will always remember him.

Friends are invited to attend a memorial celebration of Don's life on December 12, 2015, at the Goodwill of Southwestern PA, 118 52nd Street, Pittsburgh (opens at 10:00 AM, program at 10:30 AM). Professional Services by D'Alessandro Funeral Home, Ltd, Lawrenceville. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS: www.broadwaycares.org

Arthur A. Swartz

1932 – 2015

Elizabeth Rotary Club – August 3, 2015



Arthur A. "Art" Swartz, 83, of Elizabeth Twp, died Monday, August 3, 2015. He was born March 18, 1932 in McKeesport and was the son of the late Arthur A. Swartz, Sr. and the late Melva G. Karnes Swartz.

Art was proprietor of several area businesses over the years and was a US Army Veteran serving during the Korean War. He was a member and past-president of the Elizabeth Rotary Club, and was also a Mason.

Later in life, Art became an avid photographer of wildlife. He is survived by his daughter and caregiver, Debra J. London of White Oak, daughters, Brenda (Dennis) Daily of Louisville, OH, and Karen Spurgeon of Coral Springs, FL, grandchildren, Lauren Oberlin, Jason London, Kimberly Rhoades, Aimee London, also a caregiver, and Luke and Liam Jennings, and great grandchildren, Natalie and Cameron Oberlin. He was special to Dorree and many others who knew him.

There is no visitation. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Elizabeth Rotary Club c/o Mary Walos at 209 Dennis Street, Elizabeth PA 15037. Arrangements are by the Gilbert Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 6028 Smithfield Street, Boston, Elizabeth Township.

Condolences may be made at gilbertfuneralhomeandcrematory.com

Thomas S. Diffendal, Sr

1933 – 2015

Parkway West Rotary Club – July 17, 2015



Age 82, of Robinson Twp., on Friday, July 17, 2015. Beloved husband of Mary Louise (Miller); dear father of Thomas, Jr., Don (Linda), Rick (Rene) and David (Laura) Diffendal; loving grandfather of Thomas III, Sherine, Anjelica, Ethan, Theresa, Eric, Rachel and Benjamin; brother of the late Gregory, Joseph, Rose, Mary Katherine, James and Sarah Elizabeth; also a beloved cousin to Catherine Williams, Sr. Mary Schmidt, Joe (Betty) Schmidt; and many nieces and nephews.

Tom was the founder and owner of Laurel Foodsystems, a longtime member of Parkway West Rotary (Sergeant of Arms) and will be missed by all his family and friends.

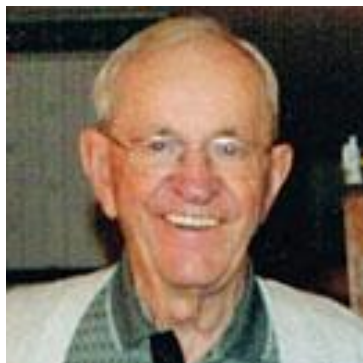
All welcome Monday 6:00-8:00 PM and Tuesday 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00 PM at William Slater II Funeral Home, 1650 Greentree Road, Scott Township, PA 15220. Mass of Christian Burial in Holy Trinity Church Wednesday 10:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Parkway West Rotary Club, c/o 4590 Campbells Run Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205. www.slaterfuneral.com

Paul Solyan

1928 – 2015

Oakland Rotary Club – July 15, 2015



Age 87, of McCandless, on July 15, 2015. Husband of Dorothy Garvin Solyan; father of Linda J. (Robert) Dengler, Deborah L. (Julie Turnley) Solyan, and Steven A. Solyan; son of the late Andrew and Victoria Solyan; grandfather of Zachary P. and Ashley Dengler; brother of Nick Solyan and the late Mary Molovich, Helen Schaffer, Susan Hahn, Margaret Billioni, Anna Danchek, Joseph, John, Charles, Michael, George, and Andrew Solyan.

Mr. Solyan was a member and past president of the former

University Club, a member and past president of the Oakland Rotary Club, AICPA, PICPA, Masonic Blue Lodge, and the Syria Shrine.

Paul was a graduate of Sharon High School and Penn State University. After college, he worked at Price Waterhouse and also at the University of Pittsburgh as Comptroller and Assistant Treasurer until retirement.

Visitation Sunday 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00 PM at Neely Funeral Home, 2208 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw. Service Monday 10:30 AM at the Funeral Home.

Memorials suggested to Rotary International.

Grant J. Limegrover

1920 – 2015

Dormont-Mt. Lebanon-Castle Shannon Club – May 18, 2015 – Honorary Member



Age 95, of Upper St. Clair, on Monday, May 18, 2015. Beloved husband for 57 years to the late Helen (Trescher) Limegrover; loving father of Ruth (Richard) Gagliardi and the late Mark T. Limegrover and Ann Daurora; cherished grandfather of Matthew, Eric, Bradley, Melissa and Katlyn; great-grandfather of Ava Maria, Blake, Emma and Joe.

Grant was a graduate of St. Francis University in Loretto, PA. After many years of loyal service he retired as general manager of Dormont Oldsmobile Company.

Grant was a veteran of [WWII](#) and retired as a Major from the [United States Marine Corps Reserves](#). He was a member of [VFW Post #764](#), [American Legion Post #712](#) and the [Marine Corps League #726](#).

Grant was a longtime member of the Dormont-Mt. Lebanon-Castle Shannon [Rotary Club](#) and enjoyed volunteering at St. Clair Hospital.

Funeral arrangements by Beinhauers Funeral Home,. Friends welcome at Beinhauers Funeral Home, 2828 Washington Road, McMurray, PA 15317, on Thursday from 5:00-8:00 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday at 1:00 PM in St. Thomas More Church. Entombment in Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in his memory may be made to the Friendship Village Employee Appreciation Fund. Please add or view tributes at www.beinhauer.com.

Send condolences post-gazette.com/gb