

Kathy Shaw, Reporter Who Investigated Sex Abuse by Clergymen, Dies at 72

By SAM ROBERTS

Kathy Shaw, a journalist who doggedly investigated allegations of sexual abuse by clergymen and compiled a national register of misconduct accusations so that the public could grasp the dimensions of the crisis, died on Sunday in a hospital in Worcester, Mass. She was 72.

The cause was complications of pneumonia, her niece Renee Whitenett said.

By surveying thousands of cases and posting them on a blog called Abuse Tracker, Ms. Shaw played a meaningful if largely unheralded role in helping fellow journalists and victims of abuse.

"She connected people who were suffering in isolation and blaming themselves and assuming they were the only ones," David Clohessy, former national director of the Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests, said in a telephone interview. "She helped them understand that, in fact, they were part of a system of corruption that could only really be addressed with a personal response like disclosure, therapy and calling the police, and a collective response like pushing for

broad change."

As a religion reporter for The Telegram & Gazette of Worcester, Ms. Shaw was credited in 2003 with bringing into view a confidential 1962 Vatican document that mandated complete secrecy by church leaders in dealing with cases of sexual abuse by priests and bishops.

Advocates for victims of abuse said that the edict had shielded clergy members from prosecution and contributed to cover-ups.

A number of canon lawyers pointed out, though, that the edict's provisions had been revised in 2001 and that the Vatican document would not in any case have prevented a bishop from referring crimes by priests to the civil authorities.

Ms. Shaw and another reporter, George Griffin, tracked down a local priest who had fled to Canada in the late 1970s after the Worcester police issued a warrant accusing him of molesting boys at a youth home he operated.

The priest was extradited and convicted in 1995 of sexually abusing a teenage boy. The conviction was later overturned on the grounds of defects in the jury de-



Kathy Shaw cast light on a confidential Vatican edict.

liberations and improprieties by the prosecutor in his closing argument.

The Abuse Tracker (originally the Clergy Abuse Tracker) was the inspiration of Bill Mitchell of the Poynter Institute for Media Studies, a nonprofit research organization in St. Petersburg, Fla. It was started not long after The Boston Globe published a series of articles in 2002 by its Spotlight in-

vestigative team revealing that the Archdiocese of Boston had covered up sexual abuse by priests. Mr. Mitchell enlisted Ms. Shaw to help.

"If journalism is the first draft of history," Mr. Mitchell said in an email, "Kathy Shaw spent more than 15 years compiling the essential index of one of church history's most important and painful chapters: sexual abuse by clergy and the cover-up by many of their bosses — the bishops and cardinals who valued the church's reputation above the well-being of victims and survivors."

After a year at Poynter, Abuse Tracker continued for a time under the auspices of the independent newspaper The National Catholic Reporter.

"It gives a different dimension to the issue because we can clearly see the issue of clergy abuse is affecting the entire Catholic Church from the top on down to the tiniest parishes in the smallest towns," Ms. Shaw told the newspaper in 2002.

Abuse Tracker has been hosted by Bishop-Accountability.org in Waltham, Mass., since 2006, and the website said on Monday that it

would continue to operate the blog.

"In the 16 years since 2002, Kathy posted tens of thousands of articles in Abuse Tracker, transforming the news blog into an indispensable resource and record, used by everyone who works on the clergy abuse crisis or cares about it," Terence McKiernan and

She compiled a national register of molestation cases.

Anne Barrett Doyle, who directs Bishop-Accountability.org, said in an email. "Thanks to Kathy and Abuse Tracker, every local development in the abuse crisis could be followed by people everywhere."

Kathleen Ann Shaw was born on Aug. 1, 1945, in Gardner, Mass., to Alexander Shaw Jr., a foreman in a drill factory, and Evelyn (Burwood) Shaw. Her closest survivor is her sister, Jean Shaw. She began working for a local

radio station when she was 17 and graduated from Becker College and Assumption College, both in Worcester. While working as a reporter, she was also a mental health crisis counselor and clinician in the Worcester area.

Once she began reporting on the sexual abuse allegations in the early 1990s, Mr. Clohessy said, "Kathy was blown away by how extensive this horror is and, with deep empathy, she understood how devastating this is to people in a life-altering and a life-threatening way."

She retired as a reporter in 2006 but continued to post articles for Abuse Tracker.

"Part of her legacy is that we fly higher and the view gets wider — closer to the Vatican's own view," Mr. McKiernan said. "Abuse Tracker includes other countries now, and other abuse besides clergy abuse."

"As a result, solidarity increases across regions and countries," he added. "Abused Olympic gymnasts and abused altar boys have common cause, especially in changing the laws."

"Kathy opened our minds," he said.

Deaths

- Brakarsh, Jack
- Engel, John
- Lindenbaum, Marcel
- Naiman, Robert
- Spivack, Morton
- Vogliano, Ernest
- Wood, Stephen

BRAKARSH—Jack, died at his home in Madison, Wis. on June 22, 2018, at age 98, with his wife Sylvia and son Daniel present. He is survived by his loving wife, Sylvia, his two sons, Daniel and Jonathan, their wives, Dianne and Barbara, and his two grandchildren, Hannah and Sam. Thanks go to the caring and sensitive Agrace Hospice Care staff. He was a true Biberikerer and a gentleman in all meanings of the word. www.cressfuneralservice.com

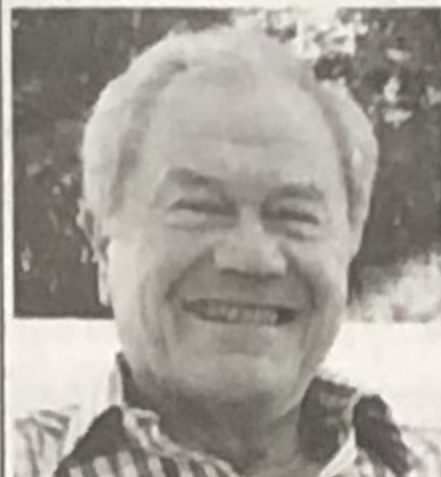
ENGEL—John Jacob, 82, of St. Petersburg, Fla., formerly of New York City, passed away June 24, 2018. John was born in the Bronx to Stewart and Beatrice Engel (nee Schapiro). He received his Bachelor's degree from Adelphi University in Garden City, N.Y. and Master's degree from Boston University. John began his career as a program director at WLAD AM in Danbury, Ct. and later held account executive positions at WBRY AM in Waterbury, Ct. and WHNC AM in New Haven, Ct. The majority of his career was at the North America Precis Syndicate, first as an account executive, and later as executive vice president, principal, and member of their board of directors. John was a member of the Public Relations Society of America, Publicity Club of New York (board of directors), and B'nai B'rith. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Miriam; children by previous marriage, Susan Lisa and Mark Alan; stepchildren, Alan Brett and Amy Ruth; and grandchildren, Rachel, Max, David, Indigo, Noah, Beatrice, and Ella. A graveside service will be held today, Wednesday, June 27 at the Jewish Memorial Gardens of Tampa, Fla. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in John's memory to Menorah House of St. Petersburg, Fla. Guestbook at davidcross.com. David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 727-381-4911

LINDENBAUM—Marcel. The Board of Governors and members of Beach Point Club note with deep sorrow the passing of their fellow member, Marcel Lindenbaum and extend sincere condolences to his family. Amy Lemle, President

NAIMAN—Robert "Bob", age 95, died on Sunday, Bob was filled with optimism, energy, wit, charm, and love for life. He took delight in, and delighted, everyone he met. He was an avid cyclist, biking the equivalent of twice around the world in Central Park. He loved film, opera, and wonderful meals with friends and family; he particularly loved the Washington Senators and dessert. Bob was a member of the American Psychiatric Association and had an active private practice until his death, seeing individuals, couples, and groups, and specializing in hypnosis. He often said he never met a patient he didn't like. Bob was born in Washington, D.C., the son of Ada and Harry Naiman, and the brother of three wonderful sisters, Irma, Lillian, and Norma Lee. He graduated from George Washington University with a degree in medicine. He served in the Navy in World War II. He traveled to Paris on the GI Bill where he met his wife of 59 years, Lee Helfport, who died in 2010. He and Lee had three children by birth, Eric, Cara, and Tom; three by marriage, Anne Nesbitt, Clark Suga, and Marguerite Holloway, and eight grandchildren, Kate, Thera, Caroline, Eleanor, Ada, Sarah, Auden, and Julian. Bob is also survived by his beloved partner, Roptene Saal. There will be a memorial service on Wednesday, June 27, at 2:00pm at Playwrights Horizons, 416 West 42 Street, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his honor to Global Kids, 137 East 25 Street, New York, NY 10010.

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VOGLIANO—Ernest L. Sr.



Of New York City and Westhampton Beach, N.Y. Died peacefully of heart failure at age 88 with his family at his side. Son of the late Ernesto Vogliano and Mary Fortuni, Ernest was proud 1951 graduate of Stevens Institute of Technology, where he received a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. He worked at Sarnesboro, Gibbs & Cox, and Mobil Oil Corporation, before changing careers and becoming a successful restaurateur as owner of the legendary Il Vagabondo restaurant for 50 years. He will be remembered for his great sense of humor and genuine caring and compassion for others, as well as his unwavering love of family. His passion for science and history was shared with his children and grandchildren alike, as was his love of planning, restoring and building. Survivors include his beloved wife of 58 years, Dolores, with whom he traveled the world; three devoted children: Marie (Tom), Ernest Jr. (Lisa) and Robert (Jennifer); six adoring grandchildren: Remy, Matthew, Blaze, Summer, Maxwell and Lorenzo; his loving brother, George (Rita); and his caring brother-in-law, Dennis (Andrezza) (Cathy). A wake will be held on Wednesday, June 27 (2-4 and 7-9pm) at Frank E. Campbell, The Funeral Chapel, 1076 Madison Ave., N.Y. NY; a funeral mass will be held on Thursday, June 28 (10:30am) at the Church of St. Thomas More, 65 E. 89th St., N.Y. NY. The family would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to the staff of Brookhaven Hospital, especially nurses Jamie Lynn Ferro and Elvira Hurd. Contributions may be made to the New York Public Library, where Dolores worked for 45 years, with attention to Children's Programs & Services, 3rd floor, 445 5th Avenue, N.Y. NY 10016 (www.nypl.org/support/membership/friends-library).

WOOD—Stephen P.



A resident of Hastings-on-Hudson, passed away unexpectedly at the age of 51 on June 5th, 2018. He was born on September 7th, 1966 in Appleton, Wisconsin to Paul S. Wood and Margaret D. Aliphall Wood. Steve consistently demonstrated unparalleled vibrancy and love for life; many regarded him as among their closest friends. He embodied what it means to be an unconditionally loving father, husband, and son. During his 13 years as Chief Market Strategist for Russell Investments he had profound influence and impact. Steve is survived by his wife, Maria Eugenio Wood, his daughter, Kasey Leigh Wood, and his son, Jacob Stephen Wood. He is also survived by his parents, his brother, Andrew Wood, and his sister-in-law, Jeanne Wood. Donations to the Green Bay Packers Foundation are encouraged in lieu of flowers. Such donations should be made in the form of a check payable to the Green Bay Packers Foundation and sent to the attention of Bobbi Eisenreich of 1265 Lombardi Ave., Green Bay, WI 54304.

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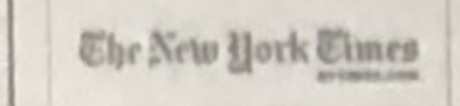
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Chuck Vinci, 85, Driven Weight Lifter Who Won Gold Medals in 2 Olympics

By RICHARD SANDOMIR

Chuck Vinci, a former shoe-shine boy from Cleveland whose gold medals in weight lifting at the 1956 and 1960 Summer Olympics were the last to be won by an American man, died on June 13 in Westlake, Ohio. He was 85.

His son Curt said the cause was congestive heart failure.

"I used to dream of just having state records," Vinci told The Associated Press in 1988. "The will of the Lord came through."

Vinci (pronounced VIN-see) achieved far more than glory in Ohio. He is considered one of the greatest weight lifters of all time. He was also one of the smallest: At just under five feet, he competed in the 123-pound class. One of his nicknames was the Mighty Mite.

He developed his extraordinary chest and bicep muscles through long workouts at a Y.M.C.A. in Cleveland after World War II and later, as the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne, Australia, drew near, at a weight-lifting club in York, Pa., sponsored by a barbell manufacturer.

"He was a high-energy guy who trained all day, with no pauses," said Art Drechsler, a former weight lifter and chairman of USA Weightlifting, the governing body of the sport in the United States. "He trained on everything to build himself up."

By the time he arrived in Melbourne for the Summer Games, Vinci had won the United States national championship three times and the silver medal at the world championships a year earlier. But before the Olympic competition began, he faced a problem: He was seven ounces overweight.

He ran and did jumping jacks, to no avail. Finally, a haircut lopped off enough of his long, thick hair for him to make weight.

At the Royal Exhibition Building, Vinci faced Vladimir Stogov of the Soviet Union, who had defeated him for the world championship in 1955. But this time Vinci lifted 342.5 kilograms (about 755 pounds) on three lifts (the clean and jerk, snatch and press). Stogov lifted 337.5 kilograms (744 pounds). Vinci won the gold medal.

"I was there to win for my country — no messing around — no running around," Vinci told The Plain Dealer of Cleveland in 2012. "Go to bed early. Get up early to train. Went to church."

At the Olympics in Rome four years later, Vinci was the favorite, and he delivered. Lifting 345 kilograms (760 pounds) — a new Olympic record for a bantamweight that also tied a world record — he won the gold medal, defeating Yoshinobu Miyake of Japan and Ismail Elm Khah of Iran.

His hope of winning a third consecutive gold medal, at the 1964 Summer Games in Tokyo, ended that January when he injured a ligament in his back.

He continued to lift nearly until the end of his life, but he rarely competed.



Chuck Vinci at a Manhattan health club in 1958. He was the last American man to win a gold medal in weight lifting.

Charles Thomas Vinci Jr. was born on Feb. 28, 1933, in Cleveland. His father was a janitor, and his mother, Marie, was a homemaker.

For several years he shined shoes in Cleveland, battling others for turf on street corners. He followed one of his older brothers, Billy, into weight lifting, and by 15 he was training at the Central Y.M.C.A. in Cleveland. He did not stay in school beyond the eighth grade.

In 1953, he won a northeastern Ohio Athletic Union champ-

practice when there was no work to perform.

"Anything to do with strength," she said. "His whole life was lifting. In Catholic school, he shoveled coal into the furnace."

He vowed to keep lifting weights after heart surgery in 2012 — "I'm going to do it for the rest of my life," he told The Plain Dealer — and was doing push-ups and squats in his hospital room as recently as four months ago.

"He couldn't let up," his son Curt said in a phone interview.

In addition to Curt, Vinci is survived by two other sons, Carl and Chris; four daughters, Doreen and Sarah Vinci, Jennifer Sheldon and Dawn Cook; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; his sisters, Felicia Monday, Margie Taylor, Josie Pompigmano, Betty Williams and Mary Deranek; and his brothers, Victor and Angelo. His second wife, Edna, died in 2016.

Vinci's Olympic performances came at the end of a dominating era for American weight lifters. American men won four gold medals apiece in the 1948, 1952 and 1956 Summer Games. In 1960, he was the only gold medalist among American weight lifters.

Since then, the most successful lifters have been from the Soviet Union and Eastern bloc countries, Asia and the Middle East, among them Naim Suleymanoglu, the 4-foot-10 ethnic Turk who won three consecutive gold medals from 1988 to 1996 and was known as the Pocket Hercules. (He died last year.)

It would take 40 years for another American to win a gold in weight lifting.

Tara Nott, a flyweight, won at the 2000 Sydney Games — the first Olympics in which women competed in weight lifting.

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