Obituaries

Mrs. Thelma Saykob, 82, Accomplished Ballet Dancer; Westfield PTA Member

Mrs. Thelma Murberk Saykob, 82, of Westfield died Saturday, January 18, at the Care Center at Brickley Park in Phillipsburg. 

Born in Norwood, she had lived in ELVANON WELLEDUDE New York for over 18 years before moving to Sayreville two years ago.

Mrs. Saykob was an accomplished ballet dancer and harpist for many years. She was one of the original founders of Camp Fire Girls in New Jersey and served as a leader in the Kitakami City, Japan. Mrs. Saykob was a member of the New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs and a member of the American Association of Retired Persons. She was also a member of the Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church in South Amboy.

In addition to his hospice work, Reverend Hudson also gave lectures on topics related to adolescence, family relationships, death and dying, and the grief and bereavement process. He was also remembered for the way in which his homilies gave people the strength to cope with difficult life experiences.

"He was just too deeply loved," Ms. Ryan said. "His homilies just touched people at the most critical times of their lives. They could always take something home, something to comfort them."

The day that he died, Reverend Hudson was named as the recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award for his compassionate efforts and his skills as a teacher.

Reverend Hudson was a member of the New Jersey Hospice Organization, was on its Board of Directors and served as Treasurer and Vice President. He also taught courses in crisis intervention techniques at the Institute for Religion and Mental Health in New York City.

Visitation will take place at St. Helen's Church, tomorrow, Thursday, January 23, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the church.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, January 22, from the Carmen P. Spezzi Funeral Home in Westfield, New Jersey, at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Marietta Callahan, 78

Mrs. Marietta S. Callahan, 78, of Westfield died on Sunday, January 15, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Mrs. Callahan was born in Fairfield, Connecticut, and moved to Westfield in 1955. She was a 1939 graduate of St. John's Dean in Peabody, Massachusetts, with a degree in physical education and from Cornell Medical School in New York City in 1941 with a degree in physical education.

Mrs. Callahan retired in 1985 as head of the Outpatient Department at Children's Specialized Hospital in New Brunswick. She was a member of the American Red Cross, the Red Cross Auxiliary, the Field Club of New York, and the Westfield Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Callahan died on January 22 in the hospital. She was 82 years old.

Mrs. Mary M. Mandy, 80, Active Poll Worker for Election Board

Mrs. Mary M. Mandy, 80, died Thursday, January 16, at the Westfield Women's Center at Holy Cross Hospital in Westfield.

She was born in Vandergrift, Pennsylvania, and moved to Scotch Plains in 1939.

She was a member of the Allstate Insurance Company in Murray Hill for 26 years, retiring in 1987.

Mrs. Mandy was a member of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Scotch Plains and a member of the Rosary Altar Society.

She was also a member of the Men's Senior Citizens of Scotch Plains and a voting poll volunteer for the election committee board.

She was preceded by her husband, Alexander Mandy, in 1990.

Surviving are two sons, A. Edward Mandy, Jr., and Philip Mandy, and two daughters, seps Mandy and Mary Mandy.

W. A. Franklin, Sr. 64

William A. "Boogie" Franklin, Sr., 64, died Saturday, January 11, at his home in Roselle Park.

Born in Scotch Plains, Mr. Franklin had lived in Memphis for nine years.

He was a saxophone soloist in the high school band and orchestra and later in the Memphis Symphony.

He was a member of the Memphis Symphony and a member of the Teamsters Union.

In Memphis, he operated a landscaping business.

Mr. Franklin was a member of the New Covenant Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Memphis.

Also a deacon and a deacon in the church, he was a member of the Memphis Symphony and a member of the Teamsters Union.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Elise Giordano, 97, of Westfield, who died Saturday, January 18, at the Jersey Shore Medical Center in Scotch Plains.

She was born in New York City and had lived in Union for 40 years before moving to Westfield.

Mrs. Giordano was a Sales Manager for the Macy's Furniture Store in Union for 10 years before retiring 22 years ago.

She was a Past President and a 50-year member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Union Regional Society for Women in 1990.

In 1989, she became Vice President of the Operations for American Transport Lines in Cranford and in 1990, she was named Vice-President of South American Services for Crowley in Jersey City.

A memorial service was held on January 23, 1987.