

Obituaries

Marguerite V. Beekman, extensively involved in community

Marguerite V. Beekman, 90, of Bristol, widow of Henry E. Beekman, died Thursday, Jan. 21 at Atria Hamilton Heights, West Hartford.

She was born Feb. 10, 1919 in Milan, N.Y. and was a daughter of the late Frank E. and Aurelia J. (Rebsamer) Miller. She was a 1937 graduate of Rhinebeck High School and attended Wood Purinton Secretarial School in 1941-42. Prior to her retirement in 1977, she was employed by the Salvation Army as an office manager. A Bristol resident since 1965, she was a member of the First Congregational Church. Her civic involvement included serving as a 4H leader, a Cub Scout leader, a R.S.V.P. and Bristol

Hospital volunteer. She was a member of the New York City Women's Club, Quota Club, and a 64 year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, holding dual membership in Iroquois Chapter # 562 - Essex, New York and Olivet Chapter # 29 - Bristol, CT.

She is survived by a son, Robert H. W. Beekman of Katy, TX; two daughters, Pamela B. Hickey of Farmington and Martha M. Schutte of Katy, TX; three grandchildren, Neil Hickey of West Hartford and Jared and Eric Schutte, both of Katy, TX; and several nieces and nephews.



Beekman

She was predeceased by a brother, Robert F. Miller and a grandson: Mason Schutte.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, Jan. 26 at the First Congregational Church, 31 Maple St., Bristol.

Burial in Willsboro Memorial Cemetery, Willsboro, N.Y. will be at the convenience of the family.

Memorial donations may be made to the Order of the Eastern Star, Olivet Chapter, #29 O.E.S., C/O Karen Dayton, Secretary, 39 Eagle Street, Terryville, CT 06786, or to the American Heart Association, 1 Union Street, Suite 301, Robinsville, NJ 08691-4183.

www.FunkFuneralHome.com

Daniel Floryan Levesque, third grader at Ivy Drive School

Daniel Floryan Levesque, 8, of Bristol, son of William J. Levesque and the late Karen (Kaplinski) Pilbin, died on Friday, Jan. 22 at Bristol Hospital.

He was born in Bristol on March 18, 2001 and was in the third grade at Ivy Drive School.

In addition to his father, he is survived by a brother, Erik Levesque of Bristol; a sister, Melissa Pilbin and her father, William Pilbin of Torrington; his paternal grandparents, E. Joseph Levesque of Bristol and Margaret Levesque and

Larry Burns of Bristol; two uncles and an aunt, Mark Levesque of Bristol, and Fred and Beth Levesque of Groton; great aunts, Rose Strasburg of Bristol, Katherine Halla of Queenstown, MD, and Fran Milford of Greensboro, NC; several cousins; his lifelong caregiver, Donna Caputo, longtime caregivers, Reanna Spyros and Donna Lozinski, and various caregivers, Elza,



Levesque

Andrew, Marlene, Vilmery, Isaac, and Sherri.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Jan. 25 from Funk Funeral Home, 35 Bellevue Ave., Bristol, to St. Gregory Church, Bristol, for a Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial followed in St. Joseph Cemetery, Bristol.

Memorial donations may be made to Connecticut Children's Medical Center, 282 Washington St., Hartford, CT 06106.

www.FunkFuneralHome.com

Catherine Salmoiraghi, worked in Bristol school cafeterias

Catherine (Taylor) Salmoiraghi, 75, of Bristol, wife of the late Edward Salmoiraghi, died on Tuesday, Jan. 26 at home.

She was born March 25, 1934 in Rutland, VT, and was a daughter of the late Harry and Delilah Taylor. She was a long-time resident of Bristol, and was a member of the Assembly of God Church, Bristol. Prior to her retirement she was employed in the cafeteria department of the Bristol School System for 10 years.

She is survived by two sons and a step-son: Eugene Salmoiraghi of Bristol, David Salmoiraghi of Plainville, and Sammy Salmoiraghi of Charlestown, RI; a daughter and two step-daughters, Diane Salmoiraghi of Bristol, Olivia Bechard of Bristol and Donna Therriault of Bristol; many grandchil-



Salmoiraghi

dren; several great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held on Friday, Jan. 29 at West Cemetery, Bristol.

Funk Funeral Home, 35 Bellevue Ave., Bristol is in care of the arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to Vitas Innovative Hospice Care, 1579 Straits Turnpike, Suite C, Middlebury, CT 06762.

www.FunkFuneralHome.com

Walter G. Meusel, Bristol High School class of 1943

Walter G. Meusel, 85, husband of Ruth (Freimuth) Meusel, died on Wednesday, Jan. 27 at The Pines of Bristol.

He was born in Bristol on June 24, 1924 and was a son of the late Adam L. and Bertha (Stockman) Meusel. He was a graduate of the Bristol High School class of 1943 and attended Hillyer College (University of

Hartford). He worked at Superior Electric for 43 years, holding various positions, the last being that of quality control engineer. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bristol.

In addition to his wife of 59 years, he is survived by three daughters, Karen Smith of Burlington, Lori Eschner of Bristol, and Nancy Martone of Cheshire;

his grandson, Aaron Desjardins of Wallingford; and granddaughters, Alyssa Desjardins of Cheshire and Alison Eschner of Bristol, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by three brothers, Adam, Henry, and Reinhardt Meusel, and two sisters, Edna Schwab and Bertha Bunnell.

Robert Vicino, former state Deputy speaker of the House

Robert Vicino of Bristol passed away Jan. 8.

Born on Sept. 7, 1930, he founded the R.J. Vicino Agency in 1962 and operated the insurance and real estate agency for 36 years. He was honored by the Professional Insurance Agents (PIA) as Professional Agent of the Year in 1977. He served 12 years in the House of Representatives in the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, serving six years in leadership positions as deputy majority leader and deputy speaker of the house. He was president of the Bristol Young

Democratic Club, elected two times to the Board of Selectmen, served 25 years on the Democratic Town

Committee. He also held the position of Justice of the Peace for 30 years, marrying hundreds of couples in the City of Bristol. He was a founder and former president of the Bristol Board of Realtors. He was a former member of the Chippabee Golf Club, the Bristol Lodge of Elks and a lifelong mem-



Vicino

ber of the Bristol Boys Club and St. Anthony Church. He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the US Air Force. He won numerous awards and recognitions' in his long career.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years Nancy and his grandson, Christopher.

A Memorial Mass was held on Monday, Feb. 1 at St. Anthony Church, Bristol.

Burial with Military Honors followed in St. Joseph Cemetery, Bristol.

www.FunkFuneralHome.com

Josephine Bradigo Mettica, member of St. Anthony Church

Josephine (Felice) Bradigo Mettica, 96, of Bristol, widow of Carl Bradigo and Samuel Mettica, died on Sunday, Jan. 24 at Sheriden Woods Health Care.

She was born in Newington on Feb. 13, 1913 and was a daughter of the late Antonio and Maria (Ciccio) Felice. She was a longtime Bristol resident and former Meriden resident and was a member of St. Anthony Church, Bristol.

She leaves two sons,

Domenic Bradigo of Bristol and George Bradigo of Wolcott; two brothers, Anthony and Joseph Felice of Bristol; four sisters, Rose Krystofolski, Teresa Felice, Lucy Petke, and Molly Sobota, all of Bristol; five grandchildren, Linda Jodoin, Brenda and Michael Bradigo, Alison Capristo, and Andrew Jeffrey; six great grandchildren, Krysten, Garrett, Nicholas, Jenna, Alyssa, and Brianna; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by

a sister, Angie Reklaitis.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Jan. 26 from Funk Funeral Home, 35 Bellevue Ave., Bristol, to St. Anthony Church, Bristol, for a Mass of Christian Burial. Burial followed in St. Joseph Cemetery, Bristol.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 1004, Meriden, CT 06450-1004.

www.FunkFuneralHome.com

Cecilia Benson Pease, active in Asbury United Methodist Church

Cecilia "Dolly" Benson Pease, born Nov. 22, 1911, died Nov. 19, 2009 - three days short of her 98th birthday at her residence at Middlewoods Assisted Living Facility in Farmington, CT.

Born in Naugatuck, she was educated in Bristol schools and was married to the late Oscar W. Pease. They made their home in Forestville and later moved to Chippens Hill in Bristol. She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Forestville where she was active in the Help Club, Asbury Couples Club, the Miriam Circle and served as Youth Fellowship leader in the 1950s. A former member of Frederica Chapter of the Eastern Star,

she also volunteered as a Girl Scout leader and served the Connecticut Yankee Girl Scout Council. She was always willing to work on various fund raising drives in Bristol, transported patients for the Red Cross and did blood pick-ups from Hartford to Bristol. She spent many years serving the Bristol Women's Club in various capacities and often knitted and sewed items donated by the club to various veteran hospitals. She received the Intraservice Club Award for Dedicated Service and in 1976 was selected to receive the Bristol Quota Club Woman of Achievement Award

based on her many committed years of volunteering.

She is survived by her children, Beryl P. Josephson, now of Canyon Lake, TX; Alan Pease of East Lyme, and Paul Pease of Santa Fe, NM; her grandchildren, Keith Josephson of Greenlawn, NY; Jennifer Tillison of Bellaire, TX, Karen and Sarah Josephson of Concord, CA, Christina Carver of Seattle, WA; and Valerie Sarkis of Hampton Bays, NY; and five great grandsons and one great granddaughter.

Interment will be in East Longmeadow, MA at the convenience of her family.

DROWNING IN DEBT?

PERSONAL BANKRUPTCY
Free Initial Consultation • Reasonable Fees

ATTORNEY DIANE S. SUMMERS
1001 Farmington Avenue (Route 6)
(860) 585-9888
Over 15 Years of Bankruptcy Experience.
www.dianesummerslaw.com

We are a debt relief agency. We help people file for bankruptcy under the bankruptcy code.