

Jane Dens McManigal, 88, Beloved Wife, Mother and Grandmother

Jane Dens McManigal, 88, went to be with her Lord on Thursday, September 24, while surrounded by her family at her home at Williamsburg Landing in Williamsburg, Va. She was born on July 31, 1927 in Brooklyn, N.Y., the daughter of Jacob and Helen Dens.



Jane Dens McManigal

Jane, also known as "Ga Ga" by her grandchildren, was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She loved her friends. She really loved her family. She never tired of telling someone that she loved them or hearing that she is loved. Consequently, she was most happy when surrounded by one or all of the members of her family. She was their biggest fan and logged an infinite number of hours on the sidelines or court-side watching one of their many sporting events. She was an incredibly gracious host and loved the holidays, particularly Thanksgiving, when for years, her extended family gathered at her home in Westfield to celebrate the holiday.

Jane grew up in Westfield, graduated from Westfield High School in 1945, and the University of Richmond in 1949, where she was later elected to the Athletic Hall of Fame. This honor was earned due to her overall contribution to the university as class president, cheerleader, and three sport athlete. She was awarded "all Virginia" honors in field hockey, was captain of the basketball team, and set a school record for the 50 yard

dash at 5.9 seconds...a record that stands today...partially aided by the fact that they stopped running the event a few years later, but, nevertheless, the record still stands. No one at her retirement home would question that she holds that record when witnessing her race down the halls of Woodhaven Manor. In fact, she was nicknamed "speedy" by the residents, who were often seen clearing the hallway or sitting against the walls when they saw her coming.

She is survived by her sons, Robert McManigal III (Cynthia) of Scotch Plains, N.J., John McManigal (Holliday) of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Jeff McManigal of Williamsburg, and her daughter, Elizabeth Duncan (Greg), also of Williamsburg; her grandchildren, Thom, Kate, John (Kendyll), Michael (Courtney), Ryan, Tyler, Connor, and William McManigal, Lauren Fields (Heath) and Jake and Michael Duncan, and great-grandchildren, Beckett, Gigi, Lachlan, Kahlan, and Keela McManigal. Jane was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Robert McManigal, Jr., and her sisters, Jean Mitchell and Helyne Fox.

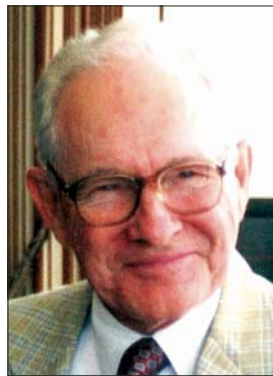
A memorial service will be held at Williamsburg Community Chapel on Sunday, October 4, at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Heritage Humane Society, 430 Waller Mill Road, Williamsburg, Va. 23185.

October 1, 2015

Obituaries

Charles Perko, Jr., 93, Army Veteran; Retired Merck Engineer and Executive

Charles Perko, Jr. passed away on Friday, September 25, 2015, at Bridgeway Senior Care and Rehab Center in Bridgewater, N.J. He was 93 years old.



Charles Perko, Jr.

Mr. Perko was born and raised in New York City — a first generation American. He graduated from New York University with a professional degree in chemical engineering. A World War II Army veteran, Charles served with the 302nd Infantry in the Ardennes, Northern France and Rhineland with distinction. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star medals. After the war, Charles was employed at Merck, where he built a fine career spanning over 35 years. Although based in Rahway, N.J., Charles traveled throughout the world supervising major overseas projects. He retired from Merck in 1987 as Director of Engineering.

In 1950 Charles married the love of his life, Doris Voullaire, who predeceased him in 1977. They moved to Union, N.J. from New York and raised two daughters there. In 1971 they moved to Mountainside. In 2005, Charles relocated to Westfield, N.J. with his sister, Dorothy.

Charles was a passionate investor, and a long-standing member of the Echo Lake Country Club, where he enjoyed duplicate bridge, countless rounds of golf and hosted many special occasions. He was an Overlook

Foundation member. He loved a great game of chess, was a master crossword puzzler, enjoyed a round of poker with the fellows and the odd billiards game. Most of all, however, he was a generous, compassionate man who always put family and friends first, a man of the highest integrity and kindness.

He is survived by his devoted daughters, Patricia Dersh and Valerie Jackson, and his sons-in-law, David Dersh and Michael Turrisi; former son-in-law, Bruce Jackson; his cherished grandchildren, Corey, Whitney, Devin and Justin; his two sisters, Dorothy Perko and Mim Romano of Palm Desert, Calif., and his nephew, David, and nieces, Anita, Roxann, Alexa and Eunice.

The funeral was conducted yesterday, Wednesday, September 30, 2015, at Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home, 582 Springfield Avenue, Westfield. Interment was private. To send online condolences, please visit their website, www.higginsandbonner.com.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to The Nature Conservancy, www.nature.org, (800) 628-6860, or www.woundedwarriorproject.org, (877) 832-6997, would be appreciated.

October 1, 2015

SAGE to Host Speakers On Long-Term Care Funding

SUMMIT — SAGE Eldercare will host Steve Goldberg, an account executive with Family Investors Company, and Stacey Pilato, Esq., a partner with Lambriello and Pilato, LLC, on Wednesday, October 7, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. They will present a program on "Financial Preparedness for Long Term Care."

They will speak about the various ways to pay for long-term care, from self-pay to Medicaid, and all options in between. The program will be for those who presently are concerned about this issue and those who are planning for the future.

"We are grateful to both professionals for sharing their expertise with us at this program," noted Stephanie Kresch, director of community relations at SAGE Eldercare.

Podiatrist to Speak To A.A.R.P. Monday

WESTFIELD — The A.A.R.P. Westfield Area Chapter 4137 will meet on Monday, October 5, at 1 p.m., at St. John's Baptist Church, located at 2387 Morse Avenue, Scotch Plains.

The program will feature Dr. Yeon Shim, a podiatrist who has her practice with the Roselle Podiatrist Group. She treats all of the many common foot problems as well as diabetic foot management.

The business meeting will follow Dr. Shim's talk. Dues of \$10 are due at this meeting. Additionally, chapter members are asked to bring a non-perishable food item that will be donated to the Westfield Food Pantry. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the business meeting.

Weather Phenomena To Be Sierra Topic

AREA — The Sierra Club Loantaka Group will present Kean University Professor Paul Croft at its meeting on Wednesday, October 14. Free and open to the public, the meeting will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Library of the Chatham, located at 214 Main Street, Chatham.

Professor Croft will discuss the "breaking news" on the "what" and "how" of the phenomena of El Nino and Global Warming and their relationship to one another. That understanding is used to plan for weather and climate scenarios and emergency and environmental management operations.

For more information, call (908) 233-2414, go to newjersey.sierraclub.org/loantaka or e-mail loantakasc@gmail.com.

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Difficulties In Relationships

Difficult issues or disagreements surface in every relationship. How we resolve them is important. Some people use anger, blame, criticism, guilt to win an argument. Using such tactics usually fails. Turning a difficult relationship into a healthy one requires a new vision.

Hoping for that difficult person in your life will start doing things differently to make you happy, you may be disappointed. Basically people do not change. The hope is that they will mature and behave humanly.

When minds disagree, true love is what can hold hearts together.

Dr. Peter M. Kalellis, a licensed therapist and author of ten self-help books and two novels, offers Individual, Marriage and Family Therapy at his office, 232 St. Paul Street in Westfield, N.J.

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"It will be extremely beneficial to our attendees to have two different perspectives on long-term care, from both the financial and legal sides of this important topic."

SAGE is located at 290 Broad Street, Summit. To register for this program, which is free and open to the public, call (908) 598-5548 or e-mail education@sageeldercare.org. For more information, call (908) 273-5550 or visit sageeldercare.org.

Church Thrift Shop Open Wednesdays

FANWOOD — The thrift shop at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Wednesday. Run by volunteers, the shop is located at the rear of the church complex on McDermott Place.

The shop has merchandise for Halloween costumes, as well as a selection of Christmas needlework kits to make or give. All proceeds from the sale of the gently used clothing and household items are returned to the community through non-profit groups. Donations are welcome on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The shop cannot accept electronics or toys.

For further information and directions to the church, call the church office at (908) 889-8891 or e-mail admin@fanwoodpc.org.

Holy Trinity Seniors To Gather Monday

WESTFIELD — The Holy Trinity Senior Social Club will meet on Monday, October 5, at 1:30 p.m., in the parish center. The parish center is adjacent to the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, located at 315 First Street, Westfield.

Donna Slevin, a stained-glass artist, will be the guest speaker. She has been teaching stained glass classes for 10 years and has created many pieces, having worked with stained glass for 30 years. Ms. Slevin has done historic restoration and has traveled the world to find certain glass and to see shows pertaining to stained glass. She plans to open a store in Kenilworth within the next year.

The Reverend Matt Looney is still accepting reservations for the Christmas show, *A Christmas Story*, at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn. Tickets are \$75 and include dinner at Charlie Brown's restaurant after the show. Club members are invited to ask relatives and friends to join them in attending this event.

Rake and Hoe to Be Part Of Saturday Apple Fest

WESTFIELD — The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield is scheduled to be featured at this year's Apple Fest event, the Westfield Historical Society's annual fall fundraiser. A day of activities for adults and children, it will take place this Saturday, October 3, from noon to 4 p.m. The festivities will be held at the Reeve History and Cultural Resource Center, located at 314 Mountain Avenue, Westfield. The rain date will be Sunday, October 4, also from noon to 4 p.m.

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club has established the Claire Brownell Memorial Garden gracing the sloping backyard of the historical society building. The public is welcome to tour this native plant garden and rest on the benches provided by Scouts.

The club will provide information about its other activities as well, among them support of the pollinators' program. Protecting pollinators, including monarch butterflies, is not only an interest of the local club but an objective both of the New Jersey and National Garden Clubs.

The current theme of Rake and

Hoe is "Sharing with our Community." To that end, the club will request donations for veterans, which benefits programs at Lyons Veterans Hospital and the Music for All Seasons veterans' program, "Voices of Valor." Floral designs, milkweed seeds and handmade gifts will be offered in exchange for donations to help veterans. All donated funds will go directly in support of these programs.

For further information about this event, call Paula Long at (908) 451-0231. For Rake and Hoe membership information, call Pat Wilson at (908) 389-9342.

Caregivers Meeting Is Monday Evening

WESTFIELD — A support group for those who are caring for elderly or chronically ill loved ones will hold its next meeting on Monday, October 5, in the parish center of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield.

These information and sharing sessions are held on the first non-holiday Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 232-1214.

Cranford Scarecrow Stroll Open to Nearby Towns

CRANFORD — The Eighth Annual Scarecrow Stroll will once again take place in downtown Cranford. Residents from nearby towns are invited to join the fun. Participation is free. For details and registration, visit cranford.com/downtown. This year's Scarecrow Stroll will run October 21 through November 1.

This popular annual event features more than 100 scarecrows on display and draws visitors from Union County, North Jersey and even New York City. "Every year, we are amazed at the talent and creativity of participants, which includes families, individuals, business owners, artists, clubs, organizations, schools and teams. It

is the best combination of community and fun," said Downtown Director Kathleen Miller Prunty.

The Scarecrow Stroll is organized by the Downtown Office of Business and Economic Development as a way to bring the community and businesses together. The scarecrows are on display on every downtown street to encourage walking and a chance to discover stores and restaurants.

For more information, call the Downtown Office at (908) 709-7208 or visit dmc@cranfordnj.org. To learn more about what is going on in downtown Cranford, like facebook.com/downtowncranford. For a look at some past scarecrow entries, access facebook.com/scarecrowstroll.

Golf Outing on October 12 To Aid Those With Autism

AREA — "A Round for Autism," a charity golf outing sponsored by the New Jersey Autism Foundation Inc., will be held on Monday, October 12, at Hamilton Farm Golf Course in Gladstone.

The event will raise money for and awareness regarding autism, a complex neurological disorder that inhibits a person's ability to communicate and develop social relationships and often presents behavioral and medical challenges.

Check-in at the outing is slated for 8:30 a.m., followed by breakfast and access to the practice range. The official shotgun start is 10:30 a.m. The cocktail reception will begin at 4 p.m. and will be followed by dinner, clambake style off the 18th green. An awards presentation, a silent auction of golf packages and vacations and a jewelry sale hosted by Braunschweiger Jewelers of Morristown, New Providence and Warren, are among the remaining evening activities.

The goal this year is to raise \$100,000, said Bob Tokash, the Foundation's board president. "Every dollar is donated to autism."

He noted that the Foundation's mission is to provide supplementary resources for students with autism to ensure they are afforded comprehensive, quality educational programming.

"These supplementary resources will enable individuals with autism to reach their maximum potential and become independent, productive members of society," said Mr. Tokash.

To fulfill its goals, the Foundation supports the programming and staff for two developmental learning centers in New Providence and Warren, which are owned by the Morris-Union Jointure Commis-

sion (MUJC). With 29 sending constituents, the MUJC is a regional collaborative public school district that provides services and programs in supportive environments at the Warren and New Providence facilities for individuals 4 to 21 years old with autism or autistic-like behavior.

To register for the golf outing or for more information, visit autismfoundationnj.org/autism-golf-outing.

Cranford Rec. Revises Program Start Dates

CRANFORD — The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department has revised the start dates for the following 2015 Fall classes. All classes listed have openings.

Preschool and Kindergarten Programs — Stretch-N-Grow (start date is Wednesday, October 14); Friday's with My First Friends (new class added, starting Friday, October 2).

Youth Programs — Intro to Dance, ages 3 to 5 or ages 5 to 6 (start date is Wednesday, October 14); Jr. Rock — Intro to Rock (start date is Thursday, October 15); Guitar 101 (start date is Thursday, October 15); Keyboard 101 (start date is Thursday, October 15); Lights! Camera! Kids! Action!, Grades K-2 and 3 to 5 (start date is Friday, October 16); Photography-Teen (start date is Wednesday, October 21); Art Class (start date is Wednesday, October 21); Astronomy Stargazers (start date is Wednesday, October 21); Fun With Physics (start date is Wednesday, October 14) and Cool Chemistry (start date is Friday, October 16).

Adult Programs (all programs are for adults age 18 and older) — Art Class (start date is Wednesday, October 21); Astronomy Stargazers (start date is Wednesday, October 21); Photography (start date is Wednesday, October 21).

Individuals may register at the Cranford Community Center, located at 220 Walnut Avenue, Cranford, or online at register.communitypass.net/cranford. For more details on these programs, visit cranford.com/rec, click on Information and click on the brochure or call the recreation department at (908) 709-7283.

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Prayer to

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(Never known to fail)

Oh most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me! Show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none who can withstand your power. Show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x).

Holy Spirit, You who solve all problems, light all roads so that I may attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life You are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank You as I confirm once again that I never want to be separated from You in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. Amen.

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Great Swamp Grading Card To Be Topic For Old Guard

SUMMIT — Laura Kelm, director of Water Quality Programs, the Great Swamp Watershed Association (GSWA), will speak to the Old Guard of Summit at its Tuesday, October 6 meeting. She will discuss "The Grading of Local Streams with the Great Swamp Watershed Card."

The Great Swamp provides a variety of benefits for its neighbors. These include flood control, groundwater recharge, stormwater filtration, wildlife habitat, active and passive recreation, public education and scientific research.

Ms. Kelm will describe the Great Swamp Report Card. The Report Card synthesizes all the stream monitoring data collected by GSWA during 2014 and grades the five main streams entering the Swamp. She will highlight what the grades mean and the implications for landowners, munic-

palities and counties.

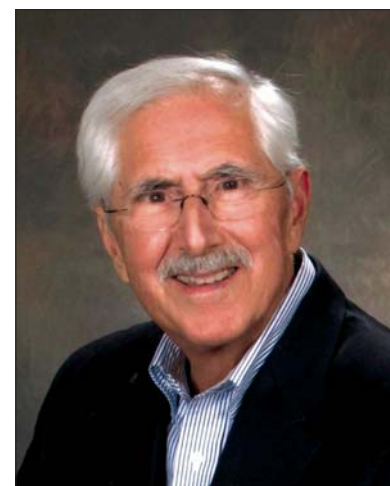
The Card serves as a barometer of watershed health, and informs the public of issues related to water pollution, land use and water protection.

All active men age 50-plus are invited to attend the Tuesday morning meetings of the Summit Area Old Guard. Meetings are held at the New Providence Municipal Center, located at 360 Elkwood Avenue, New Providence. A coffee hour starts at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10 a.m. business meeting brightened by singing and humor. Guest speakers begin their talks at 10:30 a.m.

Old Guard members participate in sports, bridge, hikes, trips, concerts and other cultural events. For more information, call Jim Hewitt at (908) 233-5507 or log onto summitoldguard.org.

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