

Obituaries

Nancy P. Baker, 54

Nancy P. (Flynn) Baker, 54, of Walcott Avenue died Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at Newport Hospital. She was the beloved wife of Timothy E. Baker for 31 years.



Born in Norwalk, Conn., she was a daughter of the late William H. and Dorothy-Ann (Riley) Flynn. Mrs. Baker was a graduate of Central Catholic Memorial High School in Norwalk and the University of Rhode Island, Class of 1974.

With her husband, she was the co-owner of Baker's Pharmacy in Jamestown and had worked as a respiratory therapist and medical assistant. A devoted volunteer, she worked with VNS Hospice and served as an assistant on many medical trips to Nicaragua. She also enjoyed sailing and became an active member of the Newport Museum of Yachting. Mrs. Baker was a communicant of St. Mark Church.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Ryan T. Baker; a daughter-in-law, Reagan D. Baker of Grovetown, Ga.; a son, Kevin F. Baker of Jamestown; a grandson, Cameron Sei Joong Baker. She was the sister of the late Sheila A. Flynn.

A Mass of Christian Burial was

celebrated Monday at St. Mark Church, Jamestown. Burial was in St. Mark Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Jamestown Medical Fund, P.O. Box 236, Jamestown, RI 02835 or NEVOSH, Nicaragua Medical Trip, C/O Dr. Carl Sakovits, 191 America Way, Jamestown, RI 02835.

Dorothy May Hall, 91

Dorothy May (Cadorette) Hall, 91, of Pemberton Avenue died Sunday, March 12, 2006 at Heatherwood Nursing Home, Newport. She was the wife of the late John J. Hall.

Born in Central Falls, a daughter of the late Ludger and Harriet (Parfitt) Cadorette, she lived in Jamestown for 25 years. Mrs. Hall was a jewelry machine operator for J. W. Cobbs before retiring in 1976.

She was a member of the Jamestown Senior Citizens' Association and a communicant of St. Mark Church.

She leaves several nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews. She was the sister of the late Ethel Teixeira, Ida Cox, Walter George, and Edward Cadorette.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, March 18, at 10 a.m. in St. Mark Church in Jamestown. Burial will follow in St. Mark Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to



Odyssey Hospice, 100 Quaker Lane, Warwick, RI 02886 or Paws & Claws, 23 Narragansett Ave., Jamestown, RI 02835, will be appreciated.

John W. Gravdahl, 82

John W. Gravdahl, 82, died Friday, March 10, at Newport Hospital after a series of illnesses. He was the devoted husband of Eleanor C. (Johnson) Gravdahl for 57 years.

Born in Bronx, N.Y., and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., he was the son of Johannes and Dagny Gravdahl, both Norwegian immigrants.

He was a graduate of Brooklyn Technical High School. After graduation, he was employed by Gibbs and Cox, Naval Architects, who designed the S.S. America and S.S. United States.

He then attended and graduated the Merchant Marine Academy at King's Point, graduating in 1944. During his service as an engineer in the Merchant Marines, he traveled world wide.

Later, he attended Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute graduating with a degree in mechanical engineering. Upon graduating, he was re-employed by Gibbs and Cox as a surveyor and repair supervisor. He then was employed at Todd Shipyard as the Chief Estimator and Draftsman followed by employment at City Investing as President of Wilson Shipyard in Wilmington, Del. He purchased, owned and operated A. Moe and Co. Inc., a ship and engine repair firm in Philadelphia, Pa. and served as President and CEO, retiring in 1986.

John lived in Livingston, N.J., Wynnewood, Pa., and Gladwyne,

Pa before retiring to Jamestown in 1990, to in his beloved home "Birdview" with his wife. During the last three years of his life he was a resident at the St. Clare Home in Newport.

John was the former Treasurer and President of the Mary J. Drexel Home in Bala Cynwyd, Pa., a member of the Society of Naval Architects, the Conanicut Yacht Club, and the Dumplings Association. He was active in the Bethany Lutheran Church while in New York and at St. Paul's Evangelical Church while in Pennsylvania.

He loved to play bridge, garden, enjoyed woodworking, cooking, and entertaining.

Besides his wife, Mr. Gravdahl is survived by his son, Jeffrey W. Gravdahl of Villanova, Pa.; his daughters, Nancy L. Sall of Bryn Mawr, Pa., and Barbara Lee Trout of Jamestown, as well as his cousin Susan Parsons, of Darien, Conn. whom he considered his daughter.

In addition, he is survived by sons-in-law, Michael Sall and Robert Trout; daughter-in-law Christina Gravdahl; his grandchildren, Jennifer Sall, Elizabeth Sall, Kathryn Sall, Anja Brannstrom, Kirsten Gravdahl, and Joshua Trout, as well as many cousins in the United States and Norway.

Funeral services will be private. Mr. Gravdahl requested that he be cremated and his ashes be scattered at sea. A memorial service will be held this spring.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the St. Clare Home, 309 Spring St., Newport, RI 02840, or the Jamestown Emergency Medical Services, 11 Knowles Court, Jamestown, RI 02835.


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