

Obituaries

Elizabeth McDermott Meagher, 94

Elizabeth McDermott Meagher, 94, of Jamestown, formerly of Worcester, Mass., died at Newport Hospital on Nov. 10, 2006.



Mrs. Meagher was born and raised in Worcester, the fourth of five children and youngest daughter of James A. McDermott and Katherine (Lavin) McDermott. She attended Worcester Normal School, an experimental grammar school run by Worcester State Teachers College. She also attended Classical High School, where for her last three years, she was a class officer and played varsity field hockey and basketball, winning All City Honors and statewide accolades for her efforts.

Elizabeth went to Rosemont College, but the constraints imposed by the Great Depression prevented her from completing her studies.

She went to work at Filenes in Worcester and Hyannis, and, in the late 1930s, with her sisters Louise and Katherine, opened a women's clothing store, McDermott and Co., in Worcester. In 1936, she married Jack Meagher, then a young attorney in Worcester.

Together, they raised a family of six children. She was a devoted mother and a constant presence in her children's lives. In her late 50s, with her youngest child in high school and her days as den mother and Girl Scout leader over, she was able to focus on art and making things. She began by sewing, making quilts and other

fabric pieces in which traditional patterns were transformed by her bold juxtapositions of color. Over the years, she worked in different ways and various media, including hand-painted postcards, mobiles, and three-dimensional puzzles. The walls of her apartment, her kitchen table, glass jars and coffee cans were all transformed by her painterly hand into objects that are both useful and beautiful. Her work was exhibited and sold at the Society of Arts and Crafts in Boston. She had a one-person show at the Worcester Craft Center and just last year exhibited recent work at the Jamestown Philomenian Library.

An avid reader, her tastes ranged from Henry James and Balzac to John Le Carre and Martha Grimes. She remained athletic and physically fit throughout her life, playing tennis, golf, figure skating, and swimming. She was a fan of the Red Sox and Celtics. Into her 90s, she remained attuned to current affairs, and throughout her life, she was a member of civic organizations, including the St. Agnes Guild of St. Vincent's Hospital in Worcester, the Worcester Art Museum, the Worcester Historical Society, and the Conanicut Island Art Association. For several years, she volunteered for the School Volunteers of Worcester, helping children learn to read. She donated a commemorative quilt depicting the history of Worcester to the Worcester Craft Center, which was used as a fund-raiser. She donated quilts and potholders to the Provincetown Aids Support Group, Helping Our Women of Provincetown, and the Jamestown Community Band.

She is survived by her children Mary of Jamestown, John H. of Rumford, Dermot of Boston, Mass., Andrew of Shrewsbury, Mass., Padric of Warwick, Timothy of Washington, D.C., and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held Monday from Callahan & Fay Brothers Funeral Home, 61 Myrtle St. in Worcester. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery, Worcester.

There will be a memorial service in Jamestown to be arranged at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. For the online condolence book, visit www.callahanfay.com.

John J. Largess, 58

John J. Largess, 58, of East Greenwich died Nov. 6, 2006. He was the husband of Karen (Sosnowy) Largess.

He was the second of eight children of Clifton R. Largess Jr. and Mary (Curran) Largess. Born in Wakefield, he spent his formative years in Jamestown, which always remained a special place for him.

He grew up loving water sports. A graduate of Holy Cross College, he served as a U.S. Navy officer in Vietnam, and then worked in banking in Providence before becoming a stockbroker. He was an avid reader. For many years, he was part of the "JBA," a weekly pickup basketball game among friends, jokingly called the Jamestown Basketball Association, and took an annual Western snow skiing trip with one of his closest friends.

Lois F. Lemke

Lois F. (Lockwood) Lemke, of East Greenwich, formerly of Melbourne Beach, Fla. and Nantucket passed away peacefully Nov. 14, 2006 at the home of her eldest son and his wife, surrounded by her loving family. She was the beloved wife of the late Arthur Lemke, Sr.

She was the mother of Arthur Lemke and his wife Karen of Jamestown, Lynne Menson and her husband Richard of Lake Forest, Ill., Richard Lemke and his wife Mary of Saunderstown, Michelle Nelson and her husband David of Peruville, NY and; sister of Lorraine Wehmeyer; grandmother of 6, great-grandmother of 2.

In the last 10 years, he became an avid bicyclist, enjoying riding with others and proudly completing several "century," rides of 100 miles.

He is survived by two daughters, Noel Largess, a senior at Syracuse University, and Alexandra Largess, a freshman at Penn State University, whom he loved dearly.

John is survived by his parents; his brothers, Clifton R. III, Mark, Matt, and Luke; and his sisters, Mary Lee and Cathy Woodward. He was predeceased by his brother Dan.

He also is survived by countless friends.

The funeral was held Saturday. Burial was private. A memorial Mass will be held for him on Friday, Nov. 24, 2006, 11 a.m. at St. Mark Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Largess Children College Fund, 4 Remy Place, East Greenwich, RI 02818 will be appreciated.

After graduating from Irvington High School in Irvington, NJ, she attended secretarial school and worked for the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company. She was a homemaker and loved to read and cook. She and her late husband traveled to many continents.

She touched many lives as wife, mother, sister and friend. She made a difference in everyone's lives through her hard work, persistence and love.

Her Funeral Service will be held today at 11 a.m. in the FAGAN-QUINN Funeral Home, 825 Boston Neck Road, North Kingstown. Burial will be in RI Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Exeter. Visiting hours are this morning, 9 to 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Home & Hospice Care of RI, 169 George St., Pawtucket, RI 02860, will be appreciated.

Fire & EMS runs

Fire runs

11:22 a.m., Nov. 6, Car 1, Ladder 1, Engines 2 and 3 were sent to Seaside Drive for arcing electrical equipment.

1:49 p.m., Nov. 6, Engine 2 went to Neptune Street for a flooded basement.

4:24 p.m., Nov. 9, EMS 1, Cars 2 and 3, Engines 2 and 3 were dispatched to Route 138 eastbound for a car accident.

7:00 p.m., Nov. 9, all units turned out for a training drill at the fire station.

5:25 p.m., Nov. 10, Engine 3 went to North Main Road for a car accident.

5:51 p.m., Nov. 12, Engine 3 was sent to Conanicus Avenue to clean up an antifreeze spill.

EMS runs

1:15 a.m., Nov. 5, EMS 1 went to Tashtussuc Road for a person who was taken to Newport Hospital.

6:04 p.m., Nov. 5, EMS 1 was dispatched to Hull Street on standby for the fire department.

11:22 a.m., Nov. 6, EMS 1 went to Seaside Drive on standby for the fire department.

5:12 p.m., Nov. 6, EMS 1 was sent to High Street for a person with a medical condition.

2:03 p.m., Nov. 8, EMS 1 went to Park Street for a person who was transported to South County Hospital.

6:30 p.m., Nov. 8, EMS 1 was dispatched to Beacon Avenue for a person who was taken to South County Hospital.


4:32 p.m., Nov. 9, EMS 1 went to the Newport Bridge for a vehicle accident.

8:00 p.m., Nov. 9, EMS 1 was dispatched to Fore Royal Court for a person who was taken to Newport Hospital.

2:35 p.m., Nov. 11, EMS 1 went to Seaside Drive for a person who was transported to Newport Hospital.

5:17 p.m., Nov. 11, EMS 1 was sent to North Main Road for a vehicle accident.

6:31 p.m., Nov. 11, EMS 1 was sent to the Newport Hospital to take a patient home.



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Birth

Tanner

A son, Zachary Ty Tanner was born Oct. 7, 2006 at Newport Hospital to Amanda Vietri and Charlie Tanner of Newport.

Grandparents are Dennis and Robin Lathan of Jamestown, Michelle Tanner of Bristol and Russell Tanner of Warren. Great-grandmothers are Donna Vietri and Pauline Lathan, both of Jamestown.

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