Obituary

Mary L. Merritt, 94

Mary L. (Lopes) Merritt, 94, of Titusville, Fla., and formerly of Jamestown, died Aug. 21, 2007 at the Titusville Rehab and Nursing center. She was the wife of the late Louis B. Merritt.

Born in Middletown, she was a daughter of the late Manuel P. and Julia (Martin) Merritt.

She was the mother of Elizabeth J. Mills of Florida, Joseph R. Brazil of Wisconsin, Benjamin Merritt of Texas. She was the sister of Joseph P. Lopes and Rose Amaral of Florida, the grandmother of eleven and the great-grandmother of eleven. She was the mother of the late Mary S. Mischeli.

Relatives and friends are invited to a graveside service to be held, Friday, Nov. 2, at 10 a.m. in St. Mark Cemetery, in Jamestown.

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Fire and EMS Runs

Fire runs

1:44 p.m., Oct. 23, Engine 2 was sent to Post Road in North Kingstown for a mutual aid call.

7 p.m., Oct. 25, All units responded to a training drill at the fire station on Narragansett Avenue.

EMS runs

3:15 p.m., Oct 21, EMS 1 drove a patient to Newport Hospital from Knowles Court barn who was brought in by a medical professional.

9:35 a.m., Oct. 23, EMS 1 was dispatched to North Main Road for a medical emergency and drove a patient to Newport Hospital.

4 p.m., Oct. 24, EMS 1 went to East Shore Road at the Route 138 on-ramp in response to a trauma call. The patient refused service.

8:21 p.m., Oct. 26, EMS 1 was sent to Pemberton Avenue for a trauma call and transported a patient to Newport Hospital.

9:57 a.m., Oct. 26, EMS 1 answered a trauma call on East Shore Road and drove a person to Newport Hospital.

11:25 a.m., Oct. 26, EMS 1 drove a patient from Newport Hospital to Pemberton Avenue.

9:50 p.m., Oct. 26, EMS 1 responded to a medical emergency call on Narragansett Avenue. Patient refused service.

6:48 a.m., Oct. 27, EMS 1 was dispatched to Buoy Street for a medical emergency and drove a patient to Newport Hospital.

10:28 a.m., Oct. 27, EMS 1 went to Coulter Street for a medical emergency and transported a person to Newport Hospital.

4:30 p.m., Oct. 27, EMS 1 responded to a medical emergency on North Main Road and drove a patient to Newport Hospital.

Police Log

Drunk driving charged

James M. Gilbane, 49, of Rumford, was charged Oct. 25 with first offense drunk driving after a toll plaza employee reported a man sleeping behind the wheel at in one of the toll lanes, police said.

Gilmore was held overnight at the police station and taken to Newport District Court the following morning for arraignment, police said.

David W. Terry, 46, of 801 East Shore Rd., was charged Oct. 26, with first offense drunk driving after being stopped for erratic driving on East Shore Road, police said.

Terry was held overnight at the police station and taken to Newport District Court the following morning where he was arraigned, police said.

Bench warrant violations

Corbin L. Buckey, 22, of North Kingstown, was charged Oct. 26 with bench warrant violations from both Sixth and Third District Courts. Buckey was picked up during a domestic assault investigation, where he was present but not a suspect, police said.

Buckey was taken to the ACI where he is being held pending further action from the courts, police said.

Suspended license charged

Helen A. Davis, 60, of 82 Mount Hope Ave., was charged Oct. 27 with driving with a suspended license after she was stopped on East Shore Road for driving a vehicle with no front plate, police said.

Davis was held at the police station and released after being arraigned by a Justice of the Peace. A Nov. 2 pre-trial hearing was scheduled at Newport District Court, police said.

Clancy special use permit denied

By Sam Bari

Zoning Board Chairman Thomas Ginnerty made a motion to deny the request of David M. and Jennifer R. Clancy to reconsider a special use permit to sell home craft products manufactured on the premises of their studio at 382 North Main Rd. The motion, made at the Oct. 23 meeting of the Zoning Board of Review, was not seconded.

A motion was then made by board member Richard Boren and seconded by board member Joseph Logan to grant the application. The board debated the issue at length before voting.

The request was denied with a vote of 3-2. A vote of 4-1 is necessary for zoning board approval. Ginnerty and board member David Nardolillo voted to deny the request. Ginnerty said the board had reached an impasse.

In other business, a motion was made by Ginnerty and seconded by Boren to grant the request of Joseph and Furhana DiBiase for a one-year extension of a special use permit granted on Nov. 28, 2006. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

A motion was made by Nardolillo and seconded by Ginnerty to grant the request of Peter Johnstone, whose property is located at 40 Clarke St. for a variance to construct a front porch 6.3-feet from the front property line, where 15-feet is required, and to exceed the allowable lot coverage by 217 square feet.

The board determined that the application satisfied the requirements for approval and voted to grant the request with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

A request by Patricia Ouimette to construct a three bedroom, single-family home at 783 North Main Rd., was unanimously denied by the board with a vote of 5-0.

The board voted unanimously to grant the request of Christina Moorehead to construct a room in an existing garage for use as an alterations boutique and to install a sign for said business. The property is located at 7 Watson Ave.

The application by Allan and Nancy Randall and the Martha Harris request were granted continuances until the November meeting of the board.

Grief support groups meets

A group for bereavement support is forming at the United Congregational Church in Middletown. Jointly sponsored by Memorial Funeral Home and Hospice at Visiting Nurse Services, the group will discuss issues and emotions surrounding the loss of loved ones. They will meet on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6 p.m., beginning Nov. 28.

Side by Side, a group for those who have lost a child, began meeting Oct. 29, on Mondays from 4:30 to 6 p.m., at the same location. For more information, call 682-2100, ext. 485.

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