Obituaries

Gen. Bradley Seriously Ill After Stroke

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Omar N. Bradley, the nation's only remaining five star general, who took his greatest pride as the epitome of the slogging American foot soldier, lay gravely ill today following a stroke.

Bradley, 82, was being treated in the intensive care unit of UCLA Medical Center. His physician termed his condition "very serious."

The soft-spoken but tough Missourian was admitted to the hospital at 1:20 a.m. Monday but news of the stroke was not made known until Wednesday.

UCLA doctors and the Army said he suffered the stroke in the right portion of his brain. A brief statement said he was not paralyzed. However, the guarded reports left little room for optimism about his recovery.

Bradley, who moved to Los Angeles about 10 years ago, underwent emergency surgery for blood clots on his lungs in 1973 but made what his doctors said then was an "exceptional recovery from a critical illness." His physician said there was no connection between the surgery and his present illness.

In the past year Bradley had attended a number of banquets and was seen frequently at the local race tracks betting at the $50 window. Last year he headed the American delegation to the 30th anniversary of the Allied landings at Normandy on D-Day when he commanded U.S. forces.

Jessie Ackerman

SOUTH WINDSOR — Services were to be held today for Jessie Stein Borenstein Ackerman, 74, of 173 Craigemore Circle, Avon, sister of Raymond Stein of South Windsor. She died Wednesday at a local convalescent home.

The funeral was to be held at the Chapel of Weinstein Mortuary, 640 Farmington Ave., Hartford, with burial in Capitol City Lodge Cemetery, Zion Hill, Hartford.

Memorial week will be observed at the home of her son, Donald Borenstein, 173 Craigemore Circle, Avon.

Donations may be made to Israel Emergency Fund, in care of the Hartford Jewish Federation, 333 Bloomfield Ave., West Hartford.

Mildred Schmitt

SOUTH WINDSOR — Services will be held Friday for Mildred Zima Schmitt, 57, of Sarasota, Fla., sister of Joseph J. Zima of South Windsor. She died Monday in Houston, Texas.

The funeral will be at 8:45 a.m. at Talarski Funeral Home, 382 Maple Ave., Hartford, and at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church, Hartford, at 9:30 a.m. Burial will be in Sarasota, Fla.

Calling hours are today from 7 to 9 p.m.

Alfred Gamache

ENFIELD — Services will be held Saturday for Alfred J. Gamache, 61, of 36 S. River St., a lifelong resident and owner of Fred's Welding Shop for many years. He died Wednesday at Hartford Hospital.

He was a lifelong resident, and a member of St. Patrick's Church.

He leaves his widow, Madeline Smith Gamache; a son, Alfred J. Gamache Jr., of Enfield; two daughters, Theresa House of Springfield, Mass., and Mrs. Robert Neal of Enfield; four brothers, Louis A. Gamache of Chicago, Ill., Paul J. Gamache and William Gamache, both of Enfield, and Donald Gamache of Willimantic; four sisters, Alice Caliento of Waterbury, Mrs. John Nasuta of Enfield, Mrs. Harvey Gemme of Agawam, Mass., and Mrs. Arthur Ouimet II of Hampden, Mass., and five grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 8:15 a.m. at Browne Funeral Home, 121 Pearl St., and at St. Patrick's Church at 9 a.m. Burial will be in St. Patrick's King Street Cemetery.

Calling hours are today from 7 to 9 p.m., and Friday, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Ernest Lanz

ELLINGTON — Services will be held Friday for Ernest A. Lanz, 87, of Snipsic Village, Main St., a World War I veteran who died Wednesday at a convalescent home.

He was born in Vernon and moved here from Manchester three years ago. He was formerly a mechanic for the White Motor Co., Hartford. He was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church of Ellington and of the Veterans of World War I, Manchester.

He leaves his widow, Elizabeth Mueller Lanz; a son, Robert E. Lanz of New Britain; a daughter, Mrs. Rudolph Luginbuhl of Ellington; two brothers, Paul Lanz of Ellington and Charles Lanz of Vernon; and four grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. at Apostolic Christian Church, with burial in Ellington Center Cemetery.

Calling hours are today from 7 to 9 p.m. at Ladd Funeral Home, 19 Ellington Ave., Vernon.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Catherine Roberts

ENFIELD — Services will be held Friday for Catherine Hames Roberts, 71, of 17 High St., Deep River, stepmother of Wayne Roberts of Enfield. She died Tuesday in Middletown.

The funeral is at 11 a.m. at Deep River Congregational Church, with burial in Fountain Hill Cemetery, Deep River.

Calling hours are today from 7 to 9 p.m. at Swan Funeral Home, 215 Main St., Deep River.

William Sojka Sr.

VERNON — Services will be held Friday for William Joseph Sojka Sr., 81, of 101 Grand Ave., a resident here since 1906. He died Wednesday at Rockville General Hospital.

He was born in Poland. Before his retirement, he worked as a loom fixer in area woolen mills. He was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church.

He leaves his widow, Anna Grous Sojka; four sons, Edmund S. Sojka of Vernon, William J. Sojka Jr., of South Windsor, Leonard E. Sojka of Jupiter, Fla., and Herbert R. Sojka of Denver, Colo.; four daughters, Mrs. Richard Carpenter and Mrs. Angelo Jaconetta, both of Vernon, and Mrs. John Stepien and Mrs. Francis Benevides, both of Ellington; a sister, Sophie Donaski of East Hartford; 25 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 8:15 a.m. at White-Gibson-Small Funeral Home, 65 Elm St., and at St. Joseph's Church at 9 a.m. Burial will be in St. Bernard's Cemetery.

Calling hours are today from 7 to 9 p.m., with a prayer service at 8 p.m.

Joseph Cormier

SOMERS — Services will be held Friday for Joseph J. Cormier, 84, of 123 Main St., former owner of A. H. Phillips Store for more than 35 years. He died Tuesday at a local nursing home.

He was born in East Longmeadow, Mass., and lived here most of his life. He was a member of All Saints Church and of the Knights of Columbus of Somersville.

He leaves his widow, Jane M. Auffrey Cormier; two sons, Joseph J. Cormier, Jr., and Raymond Cormier, both of Somers; a daughter, Lorraine Urquhart of Ellington, and three grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 8:15 p.m. at Somers Funeral Home, 354 Main St., and at All Saints Church at 9 a.m. Burial will be in St. Bernard's Cemetery, Enfield.

Calling hours are today from 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations can be made to the Somers Ambulance Fund.

Richard Ponchak

EAST WINDSOR — Services will be held Friday for Richard F. Ponchak, 56, of 186 Grenn Rd., Manchester, brother of Mrs. Harry Bacon of East Windsor. He died Tuesday at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

The funeral is at 8 a.m. at Holmes Funeral Home, 400 Main St., Manchester, with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Bridget's Church, Manchester at 9 a.m. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, East Hartford.

Calling hours are today from 7 to 9 p.m.

Joseph Bernat Sr.

STAFFORD — Services will be held Friday for Joseph Bernat Sr., 61, of 62 Center St., lifelong area resident and route salesman for Stafford Cleaners. He died Tuesday at Johnson Memorial Hospital.

He was born in West Stafford section of Ashford. He was a route salesman for 14 years. Previously, he was general manager of the former Pacific Pearl Button Corp., West Stafford, and a part-owner of the Arizona Restaurant, Stafford Springs. He was a communicant of St. Edward's Church and a member of the Italian Benefit Society.

He leaves his widow, Adelia Chrostosky Bernat; a son, Joseph Bernat Jr. of Rutland, Vt.; three brothers, Stanley Bernat and George Bernat, both of Willimantic, and Frank Bernat of Stafford; a sister, Mrs. Anthony Kovacik of Stafford Springs, and two grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 8:15 a.m. at Introvigne-Plante Funeral Home, 95 East Main St., and at St. Edward's Church at 9 a.m. Burial will be in St. Edward's Cemetery.

Calling hours are today from 7 to 9 p.m.

Henry Crombie Sr.

ENFIELD — Services will be held Saturday for Henry D. Crombie Sr., 65, of 306 Allen St., East Longmeadow, Mass., formerly of Enfield, who died Wednesday at Wesson Memorial Hospital, Springfield, Mass.

He was the father of James G. Crombie and the brother of Ann Horton, both of Enfield.

He was a member of the Society for the Detection of Thieves and Robbers, the Rev. William P. Kilcoyne Assembly, Fourth Degree, the Washington Irving Council, 50, Third Degree, of the Knights of Columbus of Enfield. He also was an honorary member of AmVets 18, Enfield.

The funeral will be at 9:15 a.m. at Leete Funeral Home, 125 Pearl St., and at St. Patrick's Church, Springfield, at 10 a.m. Burial will be in St. Patrick's King Street Cemetery.

Calling hours are today from 7 to 9 p.m. and Friday, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Peter Canny

BLOOMFIELD — Services will be held Friday for Peter Paul Canny, 55, of 457 Woodland Ave., Bloomfield, father of Brian Canny of Ellington, and brother of Kathleen Dickson of South Windsor. He died Wednesday at home.

The funeral is at 9:30 a.m. at Taylor and Modeen Funeral Home, 12 Seneca Rd., Bloomfield, with a Mass of the Resurrection at Sacred Heart Church, Bloomfield, at 10 a.m. Burial will be in Mount St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield.

Calling hours are today from 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or Sacred Heart School, Bloomfield.

Ernest Botelho

ELLINGTON — Services will be held Saturday for Ernest Botelho, 47, of 70 Ellington Ave., who died Wednesday at home.

He was born in Deighton, Mass., and moved here from Springfield, Mass., four years ago. He was employed by Pinkerton Security Service, Hartford, until his retirement two years ago. He was a World War II Army veteran.

He leaves his widow, Gloria Moreau Horn Botelho; two sons, Ernest Botelho and Edward Botelho, both of Washington, D.C.; a stepson, Kenneth Horn, at home; a daughter, Susan Botelho of Washington, D.C.; a stepdaughter, Jeaniene Horn at home; four brothers and two sisters, all of Massachusetts, and six grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 9 a.m. at St. Michael's Church, Fall River, Mass.

Local arrangements are being handled by Ladd Funeral Home, 19 Ellington Ave., Vernon. Calling hours will be held at Rogers Funeral Home, Fall River, Mass.

Anna Mazur

WINDSOR LOCKS — Services will be held Saturay for Anna Dyrda Mazur, 82, formerly of 52 Whiton St., widow of John Mazur. She died Wednesday at an Enfield nursing home.

She was born in Poland, and lived here most of her life. She was formerly employed by the Montgomery Co. She was a member of St. Mary's Church.

She leaves two daughters, Helen Podosek of Suffield and Julia Terzi of Hampden, Mass.; eight grandchildren and 12 greatgrandchildren.

The funeral will be at 8:15 a.m. at Windsor Locks Funeral Home, 441 Spring St., and at St. Mary's Church at 9 a.m. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Calling hours are Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Funeral Home Directory

J.M. Bassinger Funeral Home
37 Gardner, Whse Pt.
623-4292

Tocchetti Funeral Home
200 W. Main St., Staff. Spr.
684-2302

Introvigne-Plante Funeral Home
95 E. Main, Staff. Spr.
684-2538

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