

## Rev. Charles J. Hudson, 61 Co-Founded Hospice Center

The Reverend Charles J. Hudson, 61, whose work bringing comfort to terminally ill patients through the Center for Hope Hospice in Linden inspired many parishioners at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield to follow his lead, died on Tuesday, January 21, at his home in Roselle.

Reverend Hudson co-founded the center in 1983 with Mrs. Margaret Coloney, a registered nurse, and served as its Vice President. The center, which began in a house in Roselle, is now headquartered in Linden and operates a bereavement counseling service in Scotch Plains as well as an additional facility in Elizabeth.



The Reverend Charles J. Hudson

In addition to his hospice work, Reverend Hudson also gave lectures on topics related to adolescence, family relationships, death and dying, and the grief and bereavement process. He also was remembered for the way in which his homilies gave people the strength to cope with difficult life experiences.

"He was just so deeply loved," Ms. Ryan remarked. "His homilies just touched people at the most critical times of their lives. They could always take something home, something to comfort them."

The day that he died, Reverend Hudson was named as the recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award for his compassionate efforts and his skills as a lecturer.

Reverend Hudson was Chairman of the Advisory Board of Hospice for Union County. He was a former member of the New Jersey Hospice Organization, was on its Board of Managers and served as Treasurer and Vice President. He also taught courses in crisis intervention technique at the Institute for Religion and Mental Health in New York City.

Visitation will take place at St. Helen's Church today, Thursday, January 23, from 2 to 4 p.m., with a vigil Mass to be held tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow, Friday, January 24, at 10 a.m. at St. Helen's Church. Interment will take place at Holy Cross Cemetery in North Arlington. Arrangements are being handled by the Messinger and Pappas Funeral Home, 1000

Mrs. Thelma Murberg Sayko, 82, of Sayreville died Saturday, January 18, at the Care Center at Brakely Park in Philippsburg.

Born in Norwood, she had lived in Westfield and in Palm Harbor, Florida, before moving to Sayreville two years ago.

Mrs. Sayko was an accomplished ballet dancer and harpist for many years.

She was one of the original founders of Camp Fire Girls in New Jersey and was a Girl Scout and Brownie troop leader in Westfield for many years.

Mrs. Sayko had also been active with the Westfield Parent-Teacher Association and was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Catholic Daughters of America.

She also was a member of Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church in South Amboy.

Two brothers, Stanley and Norman Murberg, preceded her in death.

Surviving are her husband, Andrew F. Sayko; two sons, Andrew F. Sayko, Jr. of Little Silver and Carl Sayko of Texas; five daughters, Miss Lillian Sayko of Vineland State School, Mrs. Barbara Heimall of Sayreville, Mrs. Beth Lucas and Mrs. Bonnie Adamowicz, both of California, and Mrs. Mary Springer of Stewartville; 13 grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 22, from the Carmen F. Spezza Funeral Home in

### Lewis Notaro, Jr., 49

Lewis Notaro, Jr., 49, of Jacksonville, Florida, formerly of Westfield, died on Wednesday, January 15, at home.

Mr. Notaro was Vice President and General Manager of Land Operations at Crowley American Transport in Jacksonville, Florida, since April 1994. He began his career with the company in Cranford in 1987 as Director of Operations for American Transport Lines, a former Crowley business unit. He was promoted later that year to Vice President of the South America Region in Rio de Janeiro.

In 1989, he became Vice President of Operations for American Transport Lines in Cranford and in 1990 was named Vice President of South America Services for Crowley in Jacksonville.

A memorial service was held on

## Obituaries

### Mrs. Thelma Sayko, 82, Accomplished Ballet Dancer; Westfield PTA Member

the Parlin section of Sayreville, followed by a Mass at Saint Mary's Church.

Memorial contributions in Mrs. Sayko's memory may be made to the Vineland State School, East Campus, Lee Cottage, Vineland, 08360.

### Mrs. Clara Sinibaldi, 83

Mrs. Clara Sinibaldi, 83, of Bound Brook died Tuesday, January 14, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Naples, Italy, she had lived in Bound Brook since 1933.

Mrs. Sinibaldi had been a packer for Ortho Pharmaceutical Corporation in Karlston, retiring in 1978. She was a member of the Bound Brook Senior Citizens Club and St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Bound Brook.

Her husband, Nicholas Sinibaldi, died in 1975.

Surviving are two sons, Anthony Sinibaldi of Tucson, Arizona and Salvatore Sinibaldi of Bound Brook; a daughter, Mrs. Rose Marie Burke DeRossa of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Frank DeRossa of Middlesex and John DeRossa of Whitehouse; three sisters, Mrs. Louise DiLeo of Bound Brook; Mrs. Josephine Specht of Billings, Montana and Mrs. Philomena Stragiaglia of Somerville; seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 18, at the Conroy Funeral Home in Bound Brook, followed by a Mass at St. Mary's Church.

### Mrs. Elsie Giordano, 97

Mrs. Elsie M. Giordano, 97, of Westfield died Saturday, January 18, in the Ashbrook Nursing Home in Scotch Plains.

Born in Newark, she had lived in Union for 40 years before moving to Westfield 18 years ago.

Mrs. Giordano had been a Sales Manager for the Mac-Moon Cloth Store in Union for 10 years before retiring 22 years ago.

She was a Past President and a 50-year member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Connecticut Farms American Legion Post No. 35 of Union and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 44 of Irvington.

Surviving are a son, Hubert Giordano; a daughter, Mrs. Barbara

## Mrs. Mary M. Mandy, 80, Active Poll Worker for Election Board

Mrs. Mary M. Mandy, 80, died Thursday, January 16, at the Westfield Center, Genesis ElderCare Network in Westfield.

Born in Nuedegrift, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Mandy moved to Scotch Plains in 1939.

She had been a claims adjuster for Allstate Insurance Company in Murray Hill for 26 years, retiring in 1987.

Mrs. Mandy was a member of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains and a member of the Rosary Altar Society.

She also was a member of the Meridian Seniors of Scotch Plains and a voting poll volunteer for the election committee board.

She was predeceased by her husband, Alexander Mandy, in 1990.

Surviving are three sons, A. Edward Mandy, John Mandy and Joseph Mandy; a brother, John Kocis; eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

### W. A. Franklin Sr., 64

William A. "Bookie" Franklin, Sr., 64, died Saturday, January 11, at his home in Memphis, Tennessee.

Born in Scotch Plains, Mr. Franklin had lived in Memphis for nine years. He graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

He was a saxophone soloist in the high school band and orchestra and later with the Moonglowers.

He had been a truck driver for J.P. Townsend in Westfield, CMR Trucking in Bound Brook and North American Van Lines, and a member of the Teamsters Union.

In Memphis, he operated a landscaping business.

Mr. Franklin was a member of the New Covenant Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Memphis. He also was a deacon and an usher.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Mrs. Elzora Franklin, in 1984. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Suzetta

Franklin; three daughters, Mrs. Marilyn D. Barlow of Plainfield and the Misses Sheryl and Rhonda Franklin, both of Scotch Plains, two stepdaughters, Mrs. Corinne Miller and Mrs. Brett Calhoun of Memphis; four sons, Duane Franklin of Scotch Plains, Anthony Franklin of

Louisiana, Virginia, William A. Franklin, Jr. of Irvington and David Franklin of Memphis; two sisters, Mrs. Thelma Robinson and Mrs. Barbara Riley of Philadelphia; 16 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Services were held Wednesday, January 23, 1997

Arrangements were handled by the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains.

### Mrs. Rosella B. Clark, 82

Mrs. Rosella B. Clark, 82, of Plainfield died Friday, January 17, at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Rich Square, North Carolina, Mrs. Clark had lived in Plainfield for 53 years.

She had worked for Brown's General Home in Plainfield for many years. She also was a crossing guard at Plainfield Avenue and West Third Street for 13 years.

Mrs. Clark was a member of St. Paul's Baptist Church in Somerville. She was a member of the Senior Citizens of Plainfield.

Her husband, Walter B. Clark, Sr., died in 1966. A son, William Clark, died in 1959.

Surviving are two sons, Raymond Clark of Plainfield and Walter B. "Bayboy" Clark, Jr. of Scotch Plains; four daughters, Mrs. Yvonne Mawonkik of Plainfield, Mrs. J. Hope Young of Fanwood, Mrs. Beverly A. Macon of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Mrs. Sharon L. Powell of Las Vegas; 32 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. today, Thursday, January 23, at the Brown's Funeral Home in Plainfield.

### Harold Ray Sampson

Harold Ray Sampson of Sarasota, Florida, formerly of Scotch Plains, died Thursday, January 9.

Born in Lincoln, Nebraska, he had lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Sarasota nine years ago.

He had been Director and Vice President of Human Resources at National Starch and Chemical Company in Bridgewater Township until his retirement.

He graduated from the University of Nebraska and served in the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

He was a member of Meadlows Country Club in Sarasota and the Plainfield Country Club.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Virginia J. Sampson; two daughters, Mrs. Candace Morgan of Brookfield, Connecticut and Mrs. Wendy Scholt of Evergreen, Colorado; two sons, Peter G. Sampson of Maui, Hawaii and Johnathan H. Sampson of East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, and seven grandchildren.