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FORMER MAYOR LIVIO MANCINO PASSES AT 92

Livio Dominic Mancino, born on January 19, 1933, a local business owner, politician, and veteran, died a peaceful death surrounded by his children on October 7, 2025, as they recited the Rosary. Mr. Mancino, 92, was pre-deceased by his wife of 56 years, Maureen Rose Mancino.

Mr. Mancino's story began in Torella del Sannio, Italy. At three sailed on the Italian Ocean liner SS Conte di Savoia heading to America. He grew up in Jersey City where he attended Ferris High School. After high school, he was drafted during the Korean War and was stationed in Vilseck, Germany.

The Army gave Mr. Mancino his first opportunity to explore Europe. On leave in 1954, he traveled to Paris, Rome, Florence and then ventured to his birthplace to find family left behind almost two decades earlier.

He enrolled in St. Peter's College and graduated with a degree in accounting.

Mr. Mancino and Maureen married in 1960 and purchased a home in Kenilworth. He opened A/L Mancino Travel & Insurance agencies, in two locations, first, in Jersey City and then in Kenilworth.

He ran the Kenilworth Carnival and was a parishioner at St. Theresa's Church where he volunteered as usher and lector. He was a member of the Rotary Club, Knights of Columbus, Kenilworth Manufacturers Association & UNICO. He was the face of the Democratic Party in Kenilworth for years. He was 'Man of Year' more than once.

One of the most impactful roles of his life, was serving as Kenilworth's mayor. He had a deep love and devotion to the community forged through years steeped in the politics and personalities that defined small town life. He cared for the well being of those who lived in Kenilworth and made it his mission to invest his time and talent in the community.

As mayor, he was instrumental in improving traffic patterns for entrance to the parkway. He was savvy about keeping taxes low and he knew that every community needed to invest in its youth and made that a priority. After finishing his 3rd term as mayor in 1988, Mr. Mancino became a baseball umpire, a basketball referee and baseball coach and college softball coach.

He rarely missed a town council meeting, keeping an eye on the workings of municipal government as a citizen, rather than elected official.

In 2003, he threw his hat into the race for the Kenilworth Board of Education. He served as a board member through 2012. He stepped down from the board as increasing issues with his vision began to affect his ability to participate as effectively as he would have liked. But he still did not slow down.

He joined a book club at the local library. He joined the senior citizens. He traveled with his wife and friends. He attended countless sporting events to watch his grandchildren take part in football, baseball, basketball, cheerleading and theatre events or chorus events.

Until a week before his passing, he was meeting every Thursday with friends at the Kenilworth Diner for breakfast. He was enjoying his nightly



(above) Livio Mancino,
January 19, 1933 ~ October 7, 2025

glass of wine as he watched television. He was avidly listening to audiobooks.

Mr. Mancino is survived by his son, Michael Mancino and his wife Christina of Warren; his five daughters and four son-in-laws, Ann DiGiore, Toms River, Susan Dougherty and husband Kieran, Kenilworth, Cathleen Hryniewicz and husband Darek of Somerset, Colleen Lang and husband John, Point Pleasant, Selina Scalise and husband Greg, Kenilworth. He is also survived by his grandchildren Brianne and husband Kyle Sandberg, Tara and husband Joseph Thurman, Amber and husband Conor Brennan, John and Cassidy Lang, Vitas and wife Athena, Koby Hryniewicz, Ciaran and Brogan Dougherty, Christopher, Matthew and Gregory Scalise; Michael, Alexandra and Nicholas Mancino. He is survived by great-grandchildren: Carter and Carson Sandberg, Joelle, Gianna, and Olivia Thurman; Cameron and Avery Brennan. He is survived by a brother, Mario Mancino and wife Susan, Secaucus, sister, Florence DeMayo of Manchester and sister in law, Maryfran Mancino, of Florida. Livio was predeceased by his brother, Pasquale "Patrick".

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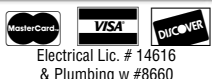
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Cost of \$110 includes comfortable motor coach transportation and guided tours of the historic Smithville Mansion and Underground Railroad Museum in Eastampton Township, N.J.; participation in Smithville Park's popular Winterfest activities; and an enchanting drive-through of a spectacular Holiday Light Show staged by Shady Brook Farm in Yardley, Pa. The beautiful 312-acre Smithville Park is the centerpiece of the Burlington County Parks System. Smithville village, which grew from a small mill operation on Rancocas Creek to a major industrial plant in the 1860s to 1920s, is

listed in the National and N.J. Registers of Historic Places. Smithville Park's Winterfest, which participants will have time to explore on their own, features crafters, ice carvers, carolers and many other holiday events/activities. Shady Brook Farm's spectacular Holiday Light Show features more than 3 million lights, whimsical displays and familiar characters. There will be a 50/50 and complimentary door prize drawing on the bus.

For further information and reservations, please call 908-709-0434. Reservations by November 21 are recommended to ensure availability. Gift certificates are available.

Proceeds will benefit the Kenilworth Historical Society's historic Oswald J. Nitschke House (c. 1880) by helping defray operating expenses, including the cost of an elevator that makes the restored "living history" museum and cultural arts center fully accessible to everyone.

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VETERAN'S WIDOW CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

This article helps to honor Veterans Day in a special way with a special woman – Marie DeStefano Moldenhauer. A long-time resident, she is the widow of WWII Seaman 1st

Class Robert Moldenhauer (1927-2021). Marie celebrated her 100th birthday with family this past September at her Kenilworth home of 76 years. As such, Marie may be the oldest widow of a WWII veteran now living in Kenilworth. Older residents recall her late husband “Bob.” He was a long-time local special police officer and served as commander of VFW Post 2230. He saw action at the battles of Okinawa and Iwo Jima and told of witnessing the raising of the American flag at Mt. Suribachi.

Marie, born in Newark, enjoys telling the story of how she and Bob first met in 1947. It was at her parents’ jewelry manufacturing business in Manhattan. She said, “We both happened to work in the same building in New York City. One day we collided at the elevator. Sometime after Bob thought he was going to lose me. He saw me in a black dress walking with two nuns. He thought I was a novice. It was a coincidence that my dress was black.” She noted that they ended up happily married for 72 years.

Marie told how she got the family’s “approval” to marry Bob. “With Bob living in New York and me with my parents in NJ, it was quite a trip for him to visit. So, he would rent a room at a nearby YMCA. When my grandmother met him, she liked him very much. She told him to forget the YMCA and he could stay with her. So, he did. Everything went smoothly thereafter.”

Marie continued, “We married on June 5, 1949 and bought a new home that same year on

So. 20th St. for \$9,000 and moved in on New Years Eve, 1949. All three of our children were born after we moved in. They are Robert, Linda and Brian. Brian passed away two years ago.”

Daughter Linda noted, “While raising our family, our mother held some part-time evening jobs such as phone sales for Sears and as a

medical librarian. When we were older, she worked in town for 25 years as an executive secretary for the Ullrich Copper Co. She has many talents. She drafted diagrams for a renovation of our home. An architect made his drawings from them. She took sewing and tailoring classes that led to her making clothes for herself and me.”

Son Rob commented, “Our mother was a Cub Scout den mother. At different times Brian and me were in her den.” When asked about that Marie responded, “They were all good boys.”

Rob continued, “She was active in the VFW with our dad. She earned the moniker ‘Annie Oakley’ for her excellent marksmanship with a rifle at an outdoor sports resort they often visited in Pennsylvania. She was proud to assist our dad when he served as secretary/treasurer of the USS Hyman DD-732 Association.

In a 2005 interview, Marie spoke of a theater

trip business she created and managed from home in the 1950s and 1960s. She detailed, “To give you an idea of when I was doing theater parties, you could buy a ticket to a top Broadway show matinee performance for \$12.00. For under \$20.00 per person, I would take a busload to New York that included the price of ticket, luncheon at a nice restaurant, bus transportation, gratuities and my commission. Now [2005] tickets run \$100 or more, so I doubt we will see those days again.”

Happy 100th birthday, Marie, and good wishes and endless thank yous to all Veterans.

Research provided by Walter E. Boright, Ed. D., historian; Historic Signs, Inc. and via interviews with Marie and family. Persons with inquiries about this or other aspects of Kenilworth history may contact Dr. Boright at drbori@aol.com or 908-256-5200.



(above) Navy man Bob, 1945



(above) Marie at 100 years with Rob and Linda

All photo sources: Family



(above) Marie and Bob, June 5, 1949



(above) 50th Wedding Anniversary, 1999



(above) Christmas 1960: Linda, Brian, Marie, and Rob

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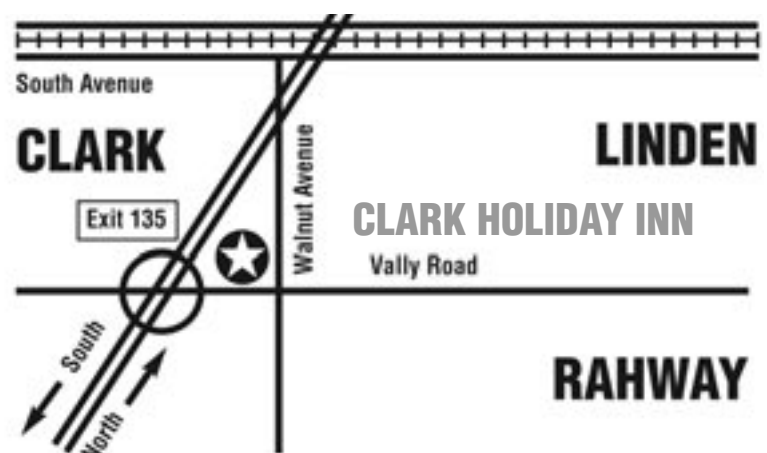
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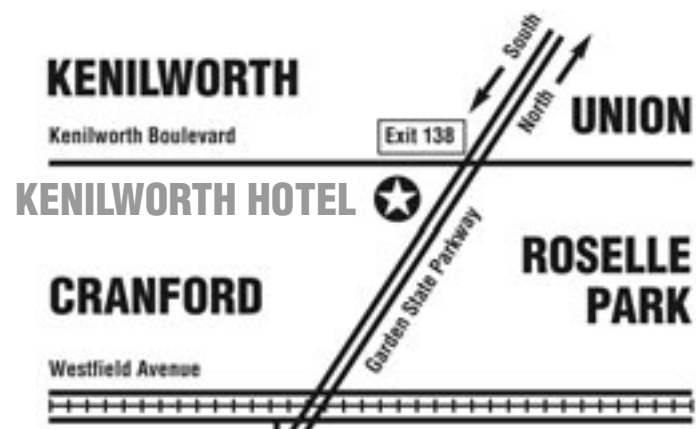


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CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

Weekly programs:

Bingo For Children

Mondays at 6:30pm – 7:00pm

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Lap Sit: Tuesday

10:30am – 10:50am

Interactive stories and songs for ages 0 – 2 years old November 4,

Saturday Lap Sit

Saturday at 10:30am – 11:00am

Interactive stories and songs for ages 0 – 2 years old. November 15

PJ Story Time: Tuesdays at 6:30pm – 7:00pm

Children are welcome to attend this story time program dressed in their pajamas and bring along a favorite stuffed animal for ages 3 & up.

November 4, 18 & 25

Toddler Time: Wednesday at 10:30am – 10:50am

Interactive stories and activities for ages 2 – 3 November 5 & 26

Saturday Toddler Time:

Saturday at 10:30am – 11:00am

Interactive stories and activities for ages 2 – 3 November 8

Fun Friday Crafts: Fridays at 3:30pm – 4:00pm

Ages: 4 – 9. November 7 & 21

Registration is required for each individual craft one week prior to each craft.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Registration is required for all special events.

**Lego At The Library: 3:30pm – 4:00pm
on Thursdays, November 6 & 20**

Ages: 4 – 12

Build with Lego bricks and design your own creations. Registration is not required.

**BOOGIE WOOGIE BABIES: 10:30am – 11:00am on
Tuesday, November 18**

Interactive musical program will be presented by Tiffany Taylor for ages: 0 - 4
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

**YOGA STORY TIME: 10:30am – 11:00am
on Wednesday, November 12**

Join us for stories and yoga poses for the youngest listeners and their caregiver.

This program will be presented by certified yoga instructor Heather Valente for ages: 2 - 5.

**DINOSAURS ARISE: 4:00pm – 4:45pm
on Thursday, November 13.**

Join us for a fun and educational afternoon with the experts from Dinosaurs Arise!

Learn about dinosaurs and dig for fossils. Meet Terry the giant T-Rex, Ruby the Raptor, Triceratops Triplets and more. You won’t want to miss this amazing event! Ages: 2 - 8
Registration is required.

**Read To A Dog: 4:00pm – 5:00pm
on Tuesday, November 18**

For early beginning readers and those who are learning to read. Young, reluctant, or struggling readers are encouraged to register for this program and read aloud for 15 minutes with a certified therapy dog, Savor.

Children will learn to associate reading with a furry, non-judgmental listener and begin to view reading in a positive way. Over time, the child’s reading ability and confidence can improve because they are practicing their skills. Registration is required.

Readers may register for a 15-minute visit.

**GOOD TYME STRING BAND: 10:30am – 11:00am
on Wednesday, November 19**

Children are welcome to wear their Halloween costumes to this event.

All ages are welcome to attend and enjoy foot tapping knee slapping banjo music.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Paper Pals.

Monday, November 10 at 6:00 – 7:30pm
for our card making group “Paper Pals.” You don’t need any paper crafting experience to join the fun.

Yarnies

Thursdays, November 6, 13 & 20 at 2-4pm.
You don't need any crafting experience to enjoy these creative explorations. Feel free to bring a project to work on. Watch demonstrations of knitting, crocheting and weaving.

**Watercolor Fall Wreath Workshop For Adults:
Monday, November 17 at 6:00pm – 7:30pm.**

In this workshop, participants will begin by understanding the basics of watercolor painting. They will learn to effectively use a limited color palette that captures the vibrant tones of Fall. The session will include techniques for painting key seasonal elements such as pumpkins and leaves. By the end of the workshop, participants will apply these techniques to create their own Fall wreath, combining all they have learned into a beautiful seasonal project. No experience necessary. All materials will be provided! The program is geared for adults ages 18 and up. Space is limited. Registration begins one week prior to the event. Please call the library to register for the program.

“Spin - A - Yarn”

Tuesday, November 25 at 5:00pm – 7:30pm.
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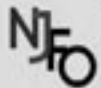
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"A Little Taste of Kenilworth" will be presented by the Kenilworth Historical Society on Sat., November 8, at 1 p.m., in celebration of Kenilworth's reputation as a favorite place for dining. The event, to be held at the Kenilworth Veterans Center (33 S. 21st Street), will offer attendees a taste of culinary specialties from more than a dozen popular participating establishments. There will be musical entertainment as well as a 50/50 raffle and a small gift auction.

Admission is \$30. Advance reservations (by October 25) are requested, as seating is limited.

For information/reservations, please call 908-709-0434.

Proceeds from the November 8 event will benefit the Oswald J. Nitschke House "living history" museum and cultural arts center by helping defray operating and building expenses, including the cost of an elevator that makes the site fully accessible.

Any local restaurant/culinary business owner who is interested in participating in "A Little Taste of Kenilworth" but who has not yet committed to doing so is encouraged to call the Kenilworth Historical Society at 908-709-0434.

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Theresa's Social Concerns Food Pantry is gearing up for their Thanksgiving food basket distribution once again! Last year they distributed approximately 300 baskets, including a \$10 supermarket gift card and turkeys. They anticipate a bigger need than any year before. Nonperishable food items can be dropped off in the foyer of the Church or any day of the week between 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

There is a special need for Bags of Instant Mashed Potatoes, Corn Muffin Mix, Spaghetti & Pasta Sauce, Rice - 1 lb. bags, canned corn and green beans, canned gravy (no glass), stuffing, cranberry sauce, and canned yams as well as boxed cake or brownie mixes and frostings, and cookies. Frozen turkeys can be dropped off at these dates and times ONLY please: Monday – Thurs. (not weekends), November 17th –

November 20th, 9 a.m. – 3 pm. at the Rectory office.

Gift cards to any supermarket in a \$10.00 denomination are also needed. Gifts cards and checks payable to St. Theresa's Social Concern can be mailed to The Church of St. Theresa, 541 Washington Ave., Kenilworth, NJ 07033. Baskets will be distributed the Saturday before Thanksgiving (November 22nd). No baskets will be given without a reservation.

If you are a resident of Union County and need a basket, please call the Rectory to reserve one (908) 272-4444 Monday thru Friday between 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Requests MUST be given by November 10th. Identification and proof of Union County residence will be required to pick up the basket on Saturday, November 22nd between 9 a.m. - noon.

SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

November 5th will be our last club meeting of this year. Voting of new officers will be on the agenda.

Our Anniversary Celebration will be held on Thursday December 11 at 12 noon at Angelos Steakhouse, 104 North 10th St., Kenilworth. The cost for members is \$28. For other guests \$55. Will include pasta, salad, dinner, dessert, coffee, tea, soda and two glasses of wine. We will also have music, a 50/50, and prizes. Come and help us celebrate our club and make new friends. The deadline to pay and reserve your spot will be November 28.

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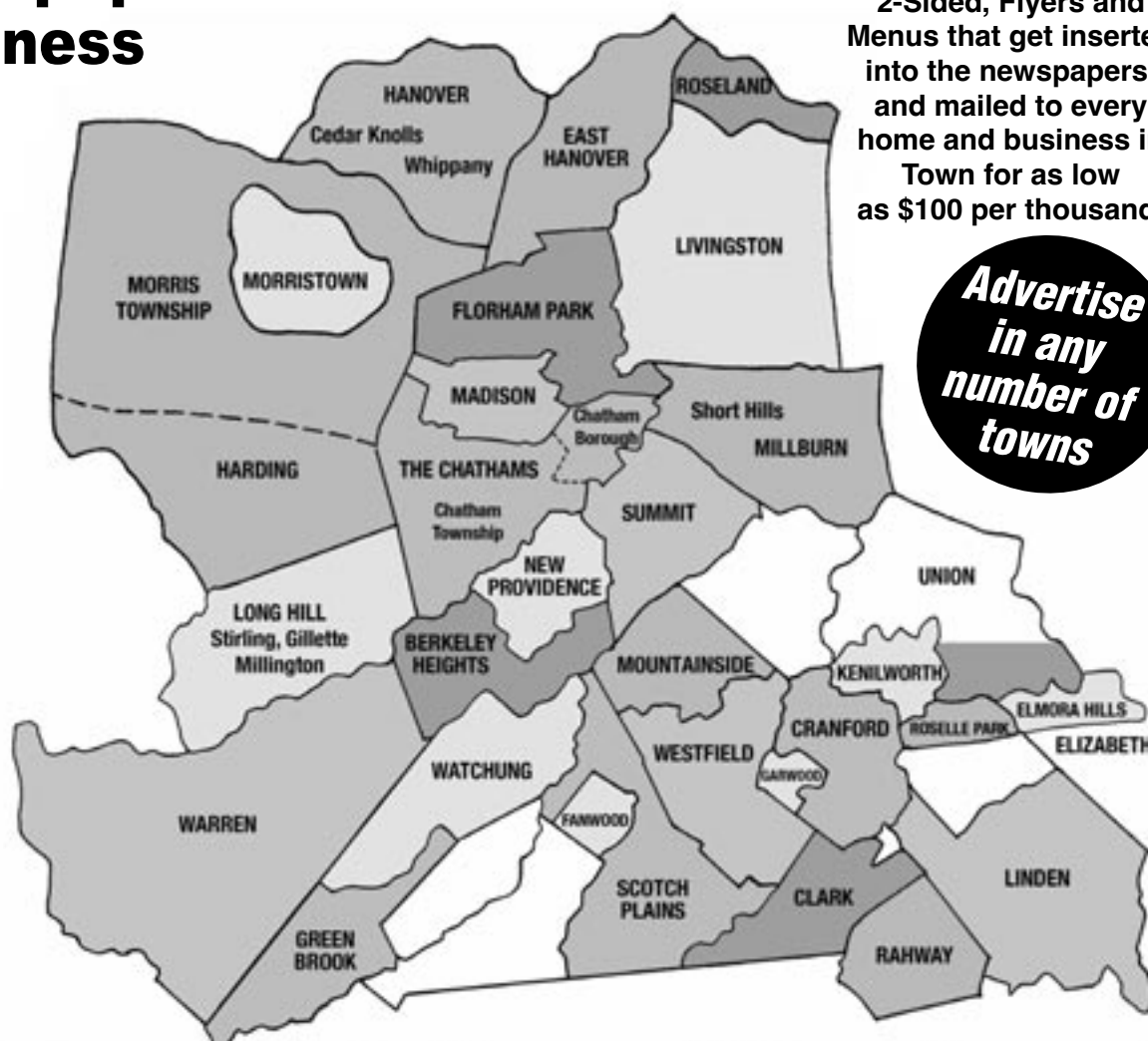
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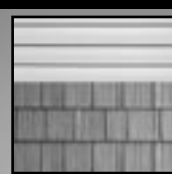
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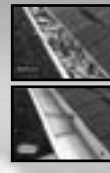
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