

OBITUARIES

Esther Pearson

Esther (Mullen) Pearson passed away on Nov. 28, at the age of 88. Mrs. Pearson was born in Yorktown Heights to Mr. and Mrs. H. Percy Mullen. She graduated from Yorktown High School in 1948 as valedictorian of her class. Mrs. Pearson promptly began her 15-year career as an administrative assistant to the legendary Mildred E. Strang, former superintendent of Yorktown schools.

In 1961, she married Ralph Pearson and together they had three children. Esther decided to take a 15-year hiatus to raise her family. She then returned to the Mildred E. Strang Middle School as an administrative assistant in the guidance department for another 15 years, until her retirement at age 72. At that time, she began her most rewarding endeavor, helping to raise

her grandchildren. During that same time period, Esther was a parishioner of Calvary Bible Church, where she served as church organist for over 50 years.

Mrs. Pearson will be remembered most for her wonderful sense of humor, dignity and grace.

She is survived by her brother, Howard Mullen (wife Joan) of Pennsylvania; brother Paul Mullen (wife Mary) of Oregon; sister Lillian (Mullen) Topping of New Jersey; her three children: Anna-Lisa (Pearson) Tedeschi (husband Frank); R. Eric Pearson (wife Melinda); Krista (Pearson) Bernat (husband Pat Mokry); and her seven grandchildren: Frank, Raymond, Keara, Ricky, Felicia, Selina and Juliet.

The funeral was held at the Yorktown United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (act.alz.org).

John Alejandro

John Alejandro of Mohegan Lake passed away on Saturday, Nov. 24. He was 65 years old. John was born in New York City on Sept. 7, 1953, to the late Juan and Anna Delia Alejandro. John was a proud NYPD officer and retired as a detective in 2001. He served two years in the New York Guard proudly after Sept. 11, 2001. He was a very proud American, very patriotic.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Blanche Alejandro; loving son, John Paul Alejandro; caring sisters, Arlene Ramery, Anna Delia Alejandro, Norma Gonzalez and Mirta Vasquez. He is also survived by many family members and friends and will be deeply missed by those who knew him. He was predeceased by his brother, Louie Delvalle.

The funeral was held at Edward F. Carter Funeral Home in Montrose. Burial followed at Hillside Cemetery in Cortlandt Manor. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in John's name can be made to the charity of your choice.

FARMHOUSE

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front door, the original "boarding rock" still remains, providing a convenient step down to the ground for passengers in horse drawn carriages. A sensitive renovation in the early 2000s brought the home into the 21st century with updated systems and central air-conditioning, but carefully preserved the home's wide-board floors, exposed hand hewn beams, and four original fireplaces with carved surrounds.

As an architect, David Graham immediately appreciated the history of his home and the purity with which it had been maintained. He admits that old houses require care and vigilance, but, even the significant expense of a much-needed and soon-to-be-added new roof for the venerable "Flowerdale" has not dimmed his enthusiasm for living in a piece of Yorktown's history.

The Yorktown Landmarks Preservation Commission (YLPC) is always seeking applicants for traditional Landmarking or the Homes of Historic Distinction Program. To qualify, homes must have historical significance based on age, architectural style, past ownership, or association with a person or event important to Yorktown's history. Through the program, plaques designating the basic facts about each house's history are fabricated and installed on or around the home. YLPC will work with each homeowner on appropriate wording for the plaque and will assist in research. The cost for the application and the plaque is \$100. Applications are available online at yorktownny.org/planning or by emailing nmilanes@yorktownny.org.

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