

# Joseph J. Alfano, 56, owned WREB radio

HOLYOKE — Joseph J. Alfano, 56, of 163 Huron Ave., former owner of radio station WREB-AM, died yesterday at his home after a long illness.

Born in Lowell, he attended its schools. He graduated from Suffolk University, Boston.

He began his media career working at weekly newspapers and advertising agencies in Boston. He later worked at radio stations WLLH and WSSH in Boston.

He was part owner of WREB in 1965 and became full owner in 1974 when he purchased the remaining stock from Algonquin Broadcasting Corp.

He had served in the corporation since 1968 and became president in 1970. It was during his leadership that the Massachusetts Broadcasters Association voted WREB the "Station of the Year" in 1983.

He sold the station to DuMont Holding Corp. of Chester, N.J., in October 1986. At the time, sources cited his health as the reason behind the sale.

He was active in many civic and business associations, including membership on the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Bicentennial Commission, past president of the Rotary Club, member of the Massachusetts Broadcasters Association, the Advertising Club of Western Massachusetts and the advisory committee of Shawmut First Bank and Trust Co.

Upon hearing of Alfano's death, Mayor Ernest E. Proulx said: "Joe Alfano adopted Holyoke as his home and treated us all as his family. His passing is a great loss to all of us."

Alfano received numerous awards in the community, including the Holyoke Boys' Club Service Award in 1977 and the Grid-iron Club Award in 1979. He was



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one of the organizers of the Men of the 200 which provided funds for the Cardinal Cushing charities and he was also involved in the Hundred Club.

He was a Navy veteran of the Korean War.

He was a communicant of Blessed Sacrament Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Mary Judson; a son, James of Chicopee; a daughter, Judith Alfano of Springfield; his mother, Hester McCutcheon of Lowell; a brother, Arthur of Tewkesbury; two sisters, Joan Berys of Chelmsford and Rita Smith in Arizona.

The funeral will be tomorrow morning at James P. Hobert and Sons Funeral Home and in the church with burial in St. Jerome's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation of America, in care of Boston University School of Medicine, K503, 71 East Concord St., Boston, 02118.

### Marie Rose Couture

WARE — Marie Rose (Berthiaume) Couture, 88, of 61 Church St. died Wednesday in Mary Lane Hospital. A lifelong resident of Ware, she was a communicant of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and a member of its Ladies of St. Anne Society. Her husband, Raymond E. Couture, died in 1976. She leaves a son, Paul E. of Ware; three daughters, Jeanette Griffin of Plainville and Lucille Szlosek and Elaine Bernier, both of Ware; a sister, Clara Georges of Ware; 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. The funeral will be tomorrow morning at Charbonneau Funeral Home and in the church with burial in the parish cemetery.

### Catherine M. Shaw

ENFIELD — Catherine M. (Humphrey) Shaw, 24, of 36 Oxford Drive, a cook at Denay's Restaurant, died Wednesday in Enfield of injuries suffered in a one-car accident on Shaker Road. Born in Manchester, Conn., she had lived in Enfield 20 years and attended Enrico Fermi High School. She leaves her parents, Dennis and Cheryl (Symonds) Humphrey of Enfield; a brother, William of the Navy, stationed in Mississippi; a sister, Sandra Hartman of Enfield, and several nieces and nephews. The funeral will be Saturday morning at Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapel and in St. Martha's Church. Burial arrangements are incomplete. Memorial contributions may be made to the church improvement fund, Brainard Road, Enfield, 06082.

### Lester J. Keyes Jr.

NORTHAMPTON — Lester J. Keyes Jr., 59, of Takoma Park, Md., a retired U.S. Maritime Service veteran, died Monday at his home after a long illness. He retired in 1981. Born in Northampton, he attended St. Michael's Elementary School and graduated from Northampton High School. He was an Army veteran, serving during 1950s. He leaves a brother, Patrick of Takoma Park, and a sister, Mary Riley of Portland, Maine. A graveside service will be tomorrow in St. Mary's Cemetery on North Elm Street, Northampton. The John F. O'Connell Funeral Home in Northampton is in charge of arrangements.

### William J. Schwarz

ANDOVER — William J. Schwarz, 71, of Andover, a 40-year chief in the quality assurance department of Western Electric Corp., North Andover, died Monday in Longmeadow. He retired in 1982. Born in Roselle, N.J., he graduated from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., and had lived in Andover 35 years. He was a member of South Congregational Church, Cochichewick Lodge of Masons of North Andover and the Telephone Pioneers of America. His wife, Elise B. Schwarz, died in 1977. He leaves a son, Robert J. of Longmeadow, and a sister, Myrtle Lutgens of Hollywood, Fla. The funeral will be this morning in South Congregational Church with burial in Spring Grove Cemetery. Dewhurst Funeral Home, Methuen, is in charge. Memorial contributions may be made to the Merrimac Chapter of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

### Bernard W. Hart

WESTFIELD — Bernard W. Hart, 57, of 302 Mattix Run, Absecon, N.J., a food-service worker at the Claridge Hotel and Trump Plaza, both in Atlantic City, died Wednesday in Mainland Hospital, Atlantic City. He previously worked at Monsanto Chemical Co., Indian Orchard. Born in Blandford, he had lived in Florida before moving to New Jersey 12 years ago. He leaves his wife, the former Diane Sharkey; nine children; his mother, Henrietta Hart Mason of Westfield, and nine grandchildren. A graveside service will be Tuesday in Hills Cemetery, Blandford. The Healey-Pease Funeral Home, Westfield, is in charge. Memorial contributions may be made to the Blandford Congregational Church.

### Roxanne Gainey

Roxanne Gainey, 24, of 409 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, died Wednesday in Baystate Medical Center. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she had lived in Springfield 12 years. She leaves a son, David Jahmall Gainey, at home; her parents, Kay (Milan) Gainey and Randy York of Springfield; seven brothers; Buster of New York City, David, Lamont, Jonathan, Randy, Maurice and Kevin Gainey, all of Springfield; three sisters, Vanessa Watts of Newport News, Va., and Celeste and Melissa Gainey, both of Springfield; her grandmother, Minnie Milan of Springfield, and great-grandmother, Lillie Mae Hightower of Athens, Ga. The funeral will be Monday morning at Henderson Funeral Home with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery.

### Gilberte S. Lompze

PITTSFIELD — Gilberte S. (Douvenot) Lompze, 83, formerly of Columbus Arms, died yesterday in a Lee nursing home. Born in France, she attended schools there and came to Pittsfield in 1947. She was a member of the Berkshire Hills Baptist Church, Lee. Her husband, Henri E. Lompze, died in 1974. She leaves a son, Henri of Enfield, Conn.; a son-in-law, Aldo V. Pascucci of Tolland; a brother, Raymonde of Livry-Gargon, France; five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. The funeral will be Monday morning at Wellington Funeral Home with burial in Pittsfield Cemetery.

### Richard E. Stacy

Richard E. Stacy, 45, of 140 Chestnut St., Springfield, a jewelry salesman for the Dave Downey Co. of Indianapolis, died Wednesday in University Hospital, Baltimore, of wounds suffered in a mugging-stabbing in Baltimore earlier in the month. He had previously worked for 25 years as a salesman for the Lou Dramin clothing store. Born in Palmer, he had lived in Hampden before moving to Springfield 25 years ago. He was an Air Force veteran. He leaves his mother, Wilhelmina (Thompson) Stacy of Belchertown; five brothers, Leroy E. of Ware, Robert of New York City, Kenneth of Quincy, Ernest of West Springfield and David of New Jersey; two sisters, Nancy Lunden of Belchertown and Lisa Koss of Palmer. The funeral will be Monday morning in First Unitarian Universalist Church, 245 Porter Lake Drive, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery. Hafey Forest Park Chapels is in charge.

### Joaquim F. Cruz

Joaquim F. Cruz, 11, of 35 Decatur St., Indian Orchard section of Springfield, died Thursday in Baystate Medical Center. Born in Springfield, he was a fifth-grade student at Bowles School. He leaves his parents, Elidio and Maria (Costa) Cruz; a brother, Nelson at home, and his grandparents, Fernando and Maria Correia of Ludlow and Joaquim da Cruz of Portugal. The funeral will be Saturday morning at Ludlow Funeral Home and in Our Lady of Fatima Church, with burial in St. Aloysius Cemetery.

### Alcadio Bermudes

HOLYOKE — Alcadio Bermudes, 62, of 200 East Dwight St., a maintenance man for the Holyoke Housing Authority, died yesterday in Holyoke Hospital. Born in Comerio, Puerto Rico, he had lived here 18 years. He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church. He was the husband of the late Margarita (Rivera) Bermudes. He leaves two sons, Fernando of Holyoke and Felix in California; two daughters, Luz Valentin of Springfield and Norma Merced of Holyoke; three sisters, Josefa Torres of Hartford, Jesusa Torres in Puerto Rico and Celia Torres of New York City, and 16 grandchildren. The funeral will be tomorrow morning at the Broderick House and in Sacred Heart Church with burial in St. Jerome's Cemetery. Arthur J. Brunelle Funeral Home, Chicopee, is in charge.

### Dorothea Arnold service

ENFIELD — A memorial service for Dorothea (Ragazzi) Arnold of 40 Broad Brook Road will be Aug. 10 in St. Bernard's Church. In addition to other survivors, she leaves a son, Gregory T. Arnold of Enfield. Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels is in charge.

### Jennie T. Lepore

AGAWAM — Jennie (Tribuna) Lepore, 86, of 15 Norris St., Feeding Hills section, died yesterday in Mercy Hospital, Springfield. Born in Boston, she had lived in Feeding Hills 65 years. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church and a member of its Rosary Altar Society. Her husband, Dominick Lepore, died in 1965. She leaves two sons, Albert F. of Feeding Hills and Dominick of Greenfield; a daughter, Edna M. Lepore of Feeding Hills; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The funeral will be tomorrow morning at Curran-Jones Funeral Home, 745 Cooper St., and in the church with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the church.

### Roger Readio, 90, ex-teacher, coach

NORTHAMPTON — Roger Readio, 90, of 7 Trinity Row, a former teacher and coach at the Horace Mann School in New York City, died Tuesday in a local nursing home.

He had previously worked as a stockbroker in New York City.

Born in the Florence section of this city, he graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War I.

He leaves two sisters, Dorothy Binsmore of Portland, Maine, and Marion Barton of Northampton.

The funeral will be private at the convenience of the family with burial in Spring Grove Cemetery, Florence. Pease Funeral Home, Northampton is in charge.

Memorial contributions may be made to Highland Valley Elder Services at 320 Riverside Drive, Northampton, 01060.

### George H. Slattery

WARE — George H. Slattery, 74, of 27 Morse Ave., a retired employee of the Ley Construction Co., Springfield, died yesterday in Mary Lane Hospital. He retired in 1973. Born in the Dorchester section of Boston, he had lived in Ware 51 years. He was a member of the Metropolitan Police Erin's Society, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Ware Council of the Knights of Columbus and the Weir River Social Club. He was a communicant of St. Mary's Church. He leaves his wife, the former Mildred A. Szadek; four sons, George, Charles, John and Dennis; and a daughter, Margaret Delargy, all of Ware, and 14 grandchildren. The funeral will be Monday morning at Cebula Funeral Home and in the church with burial in the parish cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the church restoration fund, South Street, Ware, 01082.

### Francis J. Bellerive

Francis J. Bellerive, 77, of 135 Woodmont St., Springfield, a retired machinist with the former American Bosch Corp., died yesterday in Mercy Hospital. He previously worked at the former Westinghouse Corp. plant, and had retired in 1974. A lifelong resident of Springfield, he had served as vice president of the machinists' union at American Bosch. He was a communicant of Our Lady of Hope Church. He leaves his wife, the former Gladys E. Lazarz; a son, Robert J. of Belchertown; two daughters, Linda F. Abbey of Springfield and Beverly A. Gouvin of Ludlow; his mother, Ernestine (Deschenaux) Bellerive of Andover and Springfield; a brother, Theodore of Springfield; two sisters, Pearl Cignoni of Andover and Albertine Gunther of St. Petersburg, Fla. and six grandchildren. He also leaves six children from a previous marriage. The funeral will be Saturday morning at St. Pierre Funeral Home and in the church with burial in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Chicopee.

# Jackson Raymond Holden, business official, consultant

SOUTH HADLEY — Jackson Raymond Holden, 74, of 59 River Lodge Road, founder and operator of a business consultant practice in East Longmeadow from 1971 to his retirement in 1985, died yesterday in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

A native of Port Allegany, Pa., he was a descendant of Bay State pioneer Richard Holden, who immigrated from England in 1632. His great-great-grandfather, Ebenezer Holden of Granville, served in the Massachusetts "Bloody Eighth" Regiment under Col. Michael Jackson in the American Revolution.

He attended Pennsylvania State University on a scholarship and received his bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering in 1934.

He was enrolled by the U.S. Treasury Department to practice before the Internal Revenue Service.

He was a past member of the Controllers Institute of America and past president of the Springfield unit. He was a charter member of the Financial Council of the National Industrial Conference Association and a member of the Lions Club of East Longmeadow and the Longmeadow Masonic Lodge.

He was secretary, treasurer and controller of American Bosch Corp. in Springfield from 1943 to 1952 and of Package Machinery Co., East Longmeadow, from 1952 to 1955. He served as vice president of finance at Air Products Inc., Allentown, Pa., for two years and joined Pepi Inc., New York City, as assistant treasurer in 1957, remaining with that company until 1971 when he left to establish Holden Associates.



JACKSON RAYMOND HOLDEN

He leaves his wife, Virginia A. (Hanon) Holden; two sons, Elton J. of Longmeadow and Joel D. of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; a foster son, Eugene Ford of Troutdale, Ore.; five daughters, Sally P. Butler of Landisville, Pa., Mary Holden of South Hadley, Susan L. Drech of Medway, Jacquelyn Zimmerman of Stamford, Conn., and Lynn L. Laino of Springfield; a sister, Maxine "Peggy" Tenglund of Port Allegany and nine grandchildren.

The funeral will be Wednesday at the Switzer Funeral Home, with burial in Fairview Cemetery, both in Port Allegany. The Hafey East Longmeadow Chapels is in charge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, New England Affiliate Inc., 377 Elliot St., Newton Upper Falls, 02164.

## Deaths

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### CRUZ

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### DUBUC

Of South Orleans, July 29, Armand M. Dubuc, 84, of 24 Lowell Rd., died yesterday at his home after a long illness. He was 84 years old. He was a member of the Metropolitan Police Erin's Society. Burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, South Orleans, Friday 2:45-7:30 p.m.

### GAINEY

In Springfield, July 29, Roxanne Gainey, 24, of 409 Wilbraham Rd., died Wednesday in Baystate Medical Center. She was 24 years old. She was a communicant of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Burial in St. Jerome's Cemetery, Holyoke, Friday 2:45-7:30 p.m.

### GARONE

Of Springfield, July 28, Catherine T. Garone, 57, of 24 Orange St., died Tuesday at her home after a long illness. She was 57 years old. She was a communicant of Our Lady of Hope Church. Burial in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Chicopee, Friday 2:45-7:30 p.m.

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### KELLY

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a memorial service Saturday, Aug. 1, 1987 at 11 a.m. in St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Telegraph Avenue, Fairview, for the late Mrs. Phyllis T. Kelly. Burial in St. Michael's Cemetery. Calling hours Thursday 2-4, 7-9.

### LAVIGNE

In Ludlow, July 28, 1987, Mr. Henry A. Lavigne, 80, of 37 Beaufort St., died yesterday at his home after a long illness. He was 80 years old. He was a communicant of Our Lady of Hope Church. Burial in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Chicopee, Friday 2:45-7:30 p.m.

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### LYON

Of Springfield, July 28, Mitchell A. Lyon, 60, of 154 Russell St., died yesterday at his home after a long illness. He was 60 years old. He was a communicant of Our Lady of Hope Church. Burial in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Chicopee, Friday 2:45-7:30 p.m.

### MYERS

In Springfield, July 28, Charles D. Myers, 60, of 7 Newport St., died yesterday at his home after a long illness. He was 60 years old. He was a communicant of Our Lady of Hope Church. Burial in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Chicopee, Friday 2:45-7:30 p.m.

### NOYES

Raymond P. Noyes age 96 of 469 Barton Rd., Greenfield, died yesterday at his home after a long illness. He was 96 years old. He was a communicant of Our Lady of Hope Church. Burial in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Chicopee, Friday 2:45-7:30 p.m.

### OLIVER

Of Agawam, July 28, William H. Oliver, 67, of 129 South St., died yesterday at his home after a long illness. He was 67 years old. He was a communicant of Our Lady of Hope Church. Burial in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Chicopee, Friday 2:45-7:30 p.m.

### RICHARD

In West Springfield, Roland H. Richard, 58, of 920 Piper Road, died yesterday at his home after a long illness. He was 58 years old. He was a communicant of Our Lady of Hope Church. Burial in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Chicopee, Friday 2:45-7:30 p.m.

### STACY

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### WYLIK

In Holyoke, July 28, Jane M. (Wick) Wylik, 67, of Enfield St., died yesterday at her home after a long illness. She was 67 years old. She was a communicant of Our Lady of Hope Church. Burial in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Chicopee, Friday 2:45-7:30 p.m.

THANK YOU LORD, ANGELS and SAINTS for prayers answered. Publication promised. L.A.S.

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE Thank you for prayers answered. Publication promised. C.I.L.

A MEMORIAL MASS FOR JOHN S. WELCH will be held at SOUTHWICK CEMETERY on MONDAY, AUGUST 3 at 1:00 pm. Friends and relatives are welcome.

Just when his days seemed brightest, just when his hopes seemed best, just when he was among us, he called him from amongst us to his eternal rest. Sadly missed, but God knows best. Sadley missed by Mom and Dad.

In loving memory of William Joseph (Buster) Bedore who passed away July 31, 1977. Just when his days seemed brightest, just when his hopes seemed best, just when he was among us, he called him from amongst us to his eternal rest. Sadly missed, but God knows best. Sadley missed by Mom and Dad.

In loving memory of JOHN BILODEAU on his birthday, July 31. The years may wipe out many things, but they'll wipe out never the memory of those happy days which we have spent together. Sadly missed and loved by his wife, Belle.

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